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SINCE the last issue of the "Victorian" the School has suffered a great loss in the departure of Lt.-Col. G. E. Hall, M.C., on the completion of his tour in the appointment of Commandant. He will long be remembered for his wise guidance of the affairs of the School, for his kindness, his constant concern for the boys' welfare, and his close personal touch with them. The whole School wish Colonel and Mrs Hall every happiness in their new home. Lt.-Col. Hall was succeeded by Lt.-Col. R. F. Nason on his retirement from the Army in January of this year. Lt.-Col. Nason served throughout his service in the Seaforth Highlanders, joining the Regiment in 1919.

Brigadier J. S. Muirhead, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., has been appointed one of His Majesty's Commissioners, replacing Group Captain the Duke of Hamilton. We wish him a very happy tenure of office.

The news of the deaths of such distinguished soldiers as Field Marshal the Earl Wavell and General Sir Robert Whigham was received with great sorrow by the School. Lord Wavell unveiled the 1939-45 War Memorial in the School Chapel in 1948 and is well remembered by many of the boys now at the School. Sir Robert Whigham represented the Duke of York's Royal Military School on the Board of Commissioners for Queen Victoria School for many years. A party of Black Watch boys from the School attended the Memorial Service to Lord Wavell in St. Giles Cathedral. We offer Lady Wavell and Lady Whigham our most sincere sympathy.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr Morrison, who was Master Cook at the School for fifteen years. He never spared himself on behalf of the boys, and the fact that he was one of the first members of the staff to be visited by the Old Boys was ample evidence of his popularity. To Mrs Morrison and her daughter we offer our deepest sympathy.

There have been a number of staff changes since the last issue. The following R.A.E.C. Sergeants have left us for civilian life:—R. R. Bellion, K. J. Dean, L. J. Ibberson, J. F. Smith and J. Wood. Their places have been taken by Captain T. Jordan, 2/Lieuts. J. M. Briggs, D. A. Raeburn and M. S. Watson. This is the first time officers of the R.A.E.C. have served on the School Establishment, apart from the Headmaster.

Of the civilian staff we have had to say good-bye to Mr W. Sinton and Mr W. Meldrum, both of whom have retired on grounds of age. Mr Sinton, who is 69, served the School most faithfully for twenty-nine years as plumber. Mr Meldrum, aged 67, was employed as a pioneer for eleven years. We wish them all prosperity and success in their retirement, and we take this opportunity of thanking them for their many years of devoted service to the School. They have been succeeded by Mr Glass and Mr Hack. Mr Webster is the new Master Cook.

W.O.II. A. G. Roche has added fresh laurels to his already fine athletics record. In the Scottish Command Championships he won the 100 yards and 220 yards and long jump, and crowned his achievements by winning the long jump and coming 2nd in the 100 yards at the Army Championships at Aldershot. We offer Mr Roche our most hearty congratulations on a series of very fine performances.

The School, too, has had a very successful athletics season, the highlight of which was the Inter-Schools Meeting held on the School ground in which nineteen schools took part, the School being credited with six titles and five second places. Our thanks are due to Lieut.-Col. F. Boucher, The Royal Scots, for his kindness in once again allowing his band to perform at our Sports Day.

Our own bands have had a very busy term. On the King's Birthday they beat Retreat on the esplanade of Stirling Castle before a crowd of about 500, and have appeared in Princes Street Gardens, Inverness and Troon among other places. They will be playing at Leicester with the bands of the Coldstream Guards and Royal Scots early in August. The School dancing teams obtained 1st, 3rd and 4th places in the Foursomes Reels at the Perth Musical Festival.

Boxing as usual played a most prominent part in the School activities during the Easter term. We are most fortunate in having the voluntary services as an instructor of Lt.-Col. W. G. Gahan, late I.A. Lt.-Col. Gahan was awarded his boxing blue at Sandhurst and was Army champion at his weight in the Army in India.

The benefits of the scheme by which the older boys of the School continue their higher education at McLaren High School, Callander, seem to be proved by the success of Monitors Smith and McGuirk in obtaining their Scottish Leaving Certificates, our first success in this line for quite a number of years.

On 26th June the whole School attended a matinee performance of the Bertram Mills circus as guests of the management. Such generous hospitality was greatly appreciated, and it is most gratifying to know that the efforts of our boys who took part in the circus before the war should still be remembered.

In conclusion we would appeal to all Old Victorians to send in the names, numbers and addresses of any others who were among the first hundred to enter the School, as it is intended to compile gradually a record of all Old Boys with their present addresses.

In Memoriam

We regret to announce the death in action of Pte. D. McLean, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders (late of "A" Coy.), Burma, 1944. His name will be added to those on the War Memorial in the School Chapel.

Obituary

On 17th February, 1950, the school was shocked to hear of the death of their Master Cook, Mr A. Morrison, after a short illness. Mr Morrison had served the school for just on 15 years, having previously served in The Gordon Highlanders. He was ably assisted in the cookhouse by his daughter, who filled a vacancy in the assistant cooks' establishment. He will be greatly missed by the staff and boys, both past and present, who owed him a great debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts on their behalf. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs and Miss Morrison.

Mr Morrison was buried in the Dunblane Cemetery, the school buglers sounding the Last Post and Reveille, the Lament being played by Pipe Major Sanderson.

It is with great regret that we publish the death of Mr J. Milne, a distinguished past member of the staff. Mr Milne served in the A. & S. Highlanders prior to coming to the school as R.Q.M.S. in July, 1915. He served with the school until September, 1940, when he retired on account of ill health.

We offer our deep sympathy to Mrs Masterson, his daughter, on the loss of her father.

Visiting Commissioners

On 28th March, Lieut.-Col. C. L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E., D.L., W.S., made a most thorough inspection of the school. He was first introduced to the R.A.E.C. personnel, after which he proceeded to the parade ground. He was received with the General Salute, inspected the school on parade and took the salute at the March Past. A thorough inspection of the school occupied the rest of the morning and part of the afternoon. Lieut.-Col. Addison-Smith attended dinners and addressed all the boys.

On 8th June, Admiral Sir Colin Cantlie, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.C., inspected the school. After meeting the R.A.E.C. Masters he was received on the parade ground with the General Salute. After a detailed inspection of the boys on parade the Commandant called for three cheers for His Majesty the King in honour of His Majesty's Birthday. These were given right heartily. Admiral Cantlie took the salute at the March Past and then inspected the school.

After lunch he continued his inspection and combined it with a practice fire alarm. Before leaving, Admiral Cantlie met those boys whose fathers were in the Royal Navy and those who intended making the Navy their career.

Visitors to the School

Mr P. E. Brodie, Chief Constable of Stirling shire.

Mrs F. Brodie.

Lt.-Col. I. C. Harrison, A.Q.M.G., Scottish Command.

Lt.-Col. C. L. Addison-Smith, Visiting Commissioner.

Brig. G. S. Rawstorne, C.B.E., M.C.

Major General R. K. Arbuthnot, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

Sir J. Mackay Thomson, Secretary, Scottish Education Department.

Admiral Sir Colin Cantlie, K.B.E., C.B.E., D.S.O., Visiting Commissioner.

Lt.-Col. C. B. Baxter, War Office Inspector of Army Education.

Mr G. T. Pringle, H.M. Senior Chief Inspector, Scottish Education Department.

Mrs D. Buchanan, Touch, Stirling.

Col. E. P. Buchanan, H.M. Commissioner.

Major J. W. M. Richmond, H.Q., Highland District.

Old Boy Visitors

David R. Notman (2030), H.M.S. Caledonia.

Ewen Coull, 207 Colinton Road, Edinburgh.

J. Scott, H.M.S. Caledonia.

F. Beilby (841), 10 West Preston Street, Edinburgh.

A. R. Williamson (2110), Apprentice Tradesman School, Harrogate.

Frank G. Blake (2089), Ramoyle, Dunblane.

J. H. Slorrance (648), 41 Abbey Road, Stirling.

A. Slorrance (825), R.A.F., Hemswell, Lincs.

A. Isdale (2153), 9th Queen's Royal Lancers.

A. Tweedie (1675), The Manse, Kennoway, Fife.

Dominick Tazare (378), Glasgow.

W. G. McQuarrie (1213), 125 Pearson Street, Glasgow.

J. McL. Nicol (1124), 3-8 North Woodside Road, Glasgow.

J. G. Craig (1117), 69 Albert Avenue, Glasgow.

J. G. Young (1978), 8 Crossgates, Bishopton.

J. Rafferty (1677), 22 Glendale Drive, Auchinson.

J. W. Wilson (83), 35 Broomton Road, Glasgow.

R. Stewart, 40 Hyndland Street, Glasgow.

A. F. Center, Glasgow.

J. S. Young, 9 Harrington Street, Glasgow.

D. Thomson, 1042 London Road, Glasgow.

J. M. McLeod, 62 Cowlares Road, Glasgow.

J. Eddington (2109), Dreghorn Camp.

J. B. Baxter, 49 Balmore Road, Glasgow.

H. J. Harrison (67), 3 Fettes Row, Edinburgh.

J. Myles (1468), Glasgow.

W. D. Barron (1308), Edinburgh.

Ewen Coull (1513), Edinburgh.

D. Hume (1696), Glasgow.

T. Mitchell (2067), Glasgow.

J. Black (804), Glasgow.
 F. Franks, Glasgow.
 T. Mallinson (1311), Glasgow.
 J. L. Brown (1311), Glasgow.
 J. Tripney (2090), 9 Watside Place, Fallin, Stirling.
 J. Hutton (632), Glasgow.
 W. A. McKinnell (336), Edinburgh.
 J. L. Martin (949), Edinburgh.
 G. Melloy (545), Edinburgh.
 J. Mitchell (909), Edinburgh.
 J. M. Barron (1194), Edinburgh.
 F. Kirkpatrick (236), Glasgow.
 M. D. Kenny (1041), Edinburgh.
 T. McKay (1807), Bedlington Street North (M.N.).
 G. Stirrat (43), 40 Lennox Avenue, Glasgow.
 S. W. Fairbairn (2097), Edinburgh.
 M. Anderson (687), Glasgow.
 Roy W. Smith (649), Methil.

Old Boys' Day

On Sunday, 7th May, 1950, I was delighted to be one of a party of 70 old boys and friends who left the Cameron Highlanders' Club, Glasgow, for the Queen Victoria School.

It was a beautiful morning, an excellent company, and after what was a lovely run, we arrived at the school about 11.45 a.m. We watched the boys on parade, then followed them into the chapel. An old school boy, the Rev. A. Tweedie, took the service. How proud he must have felt, and I am sure his comrades were proud of him. The service was started by two old boys, W.O.1 P. Taylor and Mr D. McQueen, placing wreaths on the War Memorial. Then boy trumpeters sounded the "Last Post," followed by "The Flowers of the Forest," played by Pipe Major Sanderson, and this in turn was followed by "Reveille." This was all very impressive, and one had time to think of old chums and what their loss meant. The beautiful sermon will long be remembered by all who were present.

After church the boys, with bands, formed three sides of a square on the school parade ground, and for the first time in the history of the school, an old school boy, who is at present on the school staff, W.O.1 P. B. Taylor, was presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. The new Commandant, Col. R. F. Nason, gave a very excellent talk to the boys before pinning the medal on the W.O.'s breast.

At 2.15 p.m. the old boys from Glasgow and Edinburgh met in the conference room, and for over an hour held a very interesting meeting, Col. R. F. Nason presiding.

After the meeting the annual football match between boys and old boys was held. It was all good fun, and enjoyed by all, including some passing motorists on the Perth road.

We were then entertained by the bands—military, pipe band and bugle band. What a wonderful show these boys gave, and I have

no need to wonder why the bands of this School are in such demand all over the country.

After tea, which was an excellent meal, during which we were entertained by the military band, we made our way to the staff club and gymnasium, where we held a social. At 9 o'clock we embussed, tired but happy, after what had been a glorious Old Boys' Day.

We of Glasgow thank the Commandant, Headmaster, Staff and boys for making Sunday, 7th May, another happy memory.

BROOMIELAW.

Minutes of Meeting — Old Boys' Association

Held in the Conference Room on
 Sunday, 7th May, 1950.

Those present:—The Commandant, Lt.-Col. R. F. Nason; the Headmaster, Major D. G. Washtell; 60 Old Boys were present.

The Commandant extended a hearty welcome to all present, and then opened the meeting.

The Commandant gave a resume of the school activities over the past year.

The Commandant apologised for the absence of the minutes of the previous meeting, and explained that this was unavoidable owing to the absence of the Administrative Officer, who was on leave.

It was proposed by Mr A. Center and seconded by Mr Harrison that Old Boys' Day be solely for old boys. This was carried by a large majority.

The presidents of the two branches were then invited to give an account of their own branch activities. (Reports attached.)

Proposed by Mr D. McQueen and seconded by Mr J. Cosgrove that the song composed and written by Major D. G. Washtell be adopted as the School Song for the future. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Tweedie and seconded by Mr Harrison that the singing of the evening hymn after supper and evening prayers at the bedside be introduced. The Commandant gave assurances that all would be done to bring this about.

Proposed by Mr J. McLeod and seconded by Mr A. Bulloch that copies of the School Magazine be sent to Scottish Regiments in the Far East, e.g., A. & S. Highlanders, Camerons and Seaforth Highlanders, in Hong-Kong and Malaya. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Harrison and seconded by Mr A. Center that a start should be made now in getting in touch with old boys, starting with the first 100.

The meeting was then concluded with the very best wishes and good luck to the Commandant on his new command.

Old Boys' Association

EDINBURGH BRANCH

We of the Edinburgh branch are delighted to be here once again for the A.G.M. and to greet all our friends from the school staff and from our sister branches. It is good to meet on the school premises where we can recall many memories, mostly happy, but one or two extremely painful. We hope our friends are as pleased as we are to see them.

We are happy to have as our chairman for the first time Colonel R. F. Nason, and as one of the old men amongst the old boys I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on his appointment as Commandant of this school and to say: "May his stay here be a long and happy one." I look forward to seeing the boys making fresh progress under his leadership.

As you can see by our presence here with you to-day we are still very much to the fore, small in numbers perhaps, but undaunted in spirit and with a great amount of enthusiasm.

We continue to meet in the Camerons' Club each Tuesday evening throughout the year, and to them we are greatly indebted for the use of their premises and their hospitality, as without them we could not carry on. Having no actual premises of our own we have little to offer to any intending new members except the chance of meeting old friends and renewing old friendships.

During the winter months we have again had a darts team playing in the Naval and Military League, and during the season we visit in turn each of the various Regimental Clubs. By doing this we are keeping the name of the school prominently before the eyes of their members, and it is our constant endeavour at all times to uphold the good name of our school and association.

We held our dance and a Burns Supper during the winter, and socially both were a huge success; not so the financial side. However, we are still solvent.

Our membership hangs around the 16 mark—all the old faithfuls. It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of Jimmy Moir (21), one of the oldest of our old boys and a very popular member of our branch, who passed on in July last after a severe illness. Jimmy was a grand fellow, and his company is sadly missed.

I have news of our oldest boy, Andy Twa (2), who has recently retired on pension from the R.A.A.F. with the rank of Squadron Leader. Andy has had a distinguished service record. Leaving the school in 1910, he joined the Ordnance Corps, then transferred to the Black Watch (his father's regiment) in 1913 and served with them until 1924, when he took his discharge in India and sailed to Australia, where he joined the Air Force. He held in succession every rank from the lowest right up to W.O.1, and then he was granted his commission, and at one period of the war

served in this country as a Group Captain. After nearly 40 years' service we wish him a long and happy retirement.

I think it would be a good thing if through the "Victorian" we could keep in touch with old boys and through its columns pass on any information we could. I would suggest if at all possible we make a start with first 100 boys and carry on gradually up to the present.

GLASGOW BRANCH

Once again we are very happy to be back at our old school, and as a branch, small in numbers, but as enthusiastic as ever, and playing a very important part in helping to tell the public about our grand old school.

Unfortunately, for some very strange reason, the majority of the old boys resident in Glasgow and the West of Scotland are not very interested in the association, and so the struggle is made much harder for that small number of ex-pupils who are members of the branch, and who have the old school very much at heart.

Thanks to the committee of the Camerons' Club, we still are permitted to use their rooms, where we meet on the first Thursday of each month, and where we hold a small social twice monthly. This small social is about the best thing we ever had, for we are joined by a fine crowd of ladies, who help so much to make those nights, socially and, in a small way, financially successful.

Financially, we are quite healthy and clear of all debt. A concert given by Miss Nan Brown, with her excellent dancing team, in the Lyric Theatre last year gave us a very nice financial lift—our little socials have done the rest.

In October last we were delighted to have a party of over 30 from the school staff club to our "annual get together," which was held in the Camerons' Club. It was really a first class evening. In January over 30 of us paid a return visit to the school, where we had the pleasure of meeting the new Commandant—he spoke to every one of us, helping to make our night at Dunblane a very happy one.

It was with great regret that we learned of the death of two grand friends of the old boys. Mr Morrison, staff cook, was loved by all the boys, past and present. He had a wonderful way with him, and no visit to the school was complete without visiting "The Cook"—we shall miss him.

Mr Tommy Marks, a former master of the school, will always be remembered by the Glasgow branch, particularly the older boys. A warm smile, a hearty handshake, and always a warm welcome—that was Mr Marks; Tommy to us.

We were very happy to hear our old school on the wireless—short maybe but really grand; only five minutes after the broadcast the branch sent their congratulations to all who took part.

Those of us who were lucky enough to be at the big international at Hampden Park were

mighty thrilled by the appearance of the pipe and bugle bands. The playing, marching and discipline was a credit to all concerned—again it was with pleasure that the Glasgow branch sent congratulations.

We take this opportunity of thanking the Commandant for making this day—not only Old Boys' Day but old boys and their friends, and we sincerely hope that we may see the time when Old Boys' Day will not only be an important occasion at the Queen Victoria School but in Dunblane itself.

We send best wishes to all old boys wherever they may be; particularly at this time do we remember our comrades serving in Hong-Kong and Malaya.

A very hearty welcome awaits any old boy at our meetings in the Camerons' Club.

LET GLASGOW FLOURISH.

A School Song

[We give below the words of the song referred to in the minutes. It was written for the broadcast and first performed in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh, in November, 1949.—Ed.]

Sons of the Brave, of Scotland's race,
Heirs of the fallen, let us swear
To honour and remember well
The noble words our colours bear:
"In defens, in defens,
Fear God and honour the King."

Let us remember, too, the Queen
Who gave her name to this our School,
And taught us in her glorious reign
To serve where we are called to rule:
"In defens, in defens,
Fear God and honour the King."

Remember, too, the sacrifice
Of those who fought beyond the sea,
And, being faithful unto death,
Have here their immortality:
"In defens, in defens,
Fear God and honour the King."

Our fathers by their Service bought
Our heritage of freedom here.
Inspired by their example, we
Will do our duty without fear.
"In defens, in defens,
Fear God and honour the King."

Let us fulfil the royal prayer,
And, as our fathers served the State,
May we Victorians serve our King
And help to keep our country great.
"In defens, in defens,
Fear God and honour the King."

Award of the King's Medal

Tommy Mitchell joined the school in September, 1922, his school number being 922. He left school in September, 1928, for civilian

life. After a number of years as an electrician with Alexanders' Bus Company, he joined the Glasgow Police on May, 1935, serving for 10 years on the beat before being transferred to the Mobile Branch.

One night about 2 a.m. a radio call for all cars came over the wireless and Constable Mitchell was one of the police drivers. On arrival at their destination they found that the thieves had gone, but the description given by the reporter tallied with that of three men who had been seen by one of the car's crew, so a search was carried out in the surrounding streets. Some minutes later, when crews of two cars were comparing notes, three men were spotted coming from a side street and the cars made after them to check up, but the three men started to run. One car went round a building to head them off whilst the other gave direct chase. When the crew of the first car were about to pounce one of the criminals drew a revolver and fired a shot which shattered the spotlight—he then ran across the street and fired again but did not register a hit. By this time the other car was on the scene and the gunman was chased on to some waste ground. A high wall surrounded the ground, preventing the gunman's escape, so he decided to stand and shoot it out and, turning, he fired directly at the car, but in bringing his gun up from the hip he gave time to the police driver, who accelerated and, driving straight at the gunman, bowled him over, but not before he had fired another shot which hit the wing of the car. The car was stopped by the wall and the police jumped out and, after a short struggle, overpowered the criminal.

The authorities thought this action worthy of note, and the car crew were presented with the King's Medal for bravery.

Brothers

"For a' that and a' that
It's coming yet for a' that,
That man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that."

I am writing this on Wednesday, 25th January, 1950, "Burns' Night," when these words will be spoken at the many celebrations held all over the world, but as I think of these words it is not of Burns I think but of the many brothers who have been pupils at the Queen Victoria School, and I can't help thinking that if they alone formed an "Old Boys' Association" how strong it would be and what a wonderful day "Old Boys' Day" at Dunblane would be.

I remember the "McKillops," Douglas, and the twins Hector and Archie; the "Quinns," five of them; the "Norris's," of whom there were six, and the "Cosgrove's," who tied with the "Quinns," having five brothers at Q.V.S. The two "Lawton's," "Archer's," and "Clayton's." The "O'Grady's" and the twins "McKnight." The two "Bell's," "McLeish's"

and "Pirie's," the "Mackie's," "Guthrie's" and "Tofts." There were the "Currier's," three of them, and the "Brackenbridge's," "Inch and Half Inch." The "Claugher's" and the "Martin's." I have only named a few, but sufficient to show the tremendous part "brothers" could play in the "Old Boys' Association," and when I say that, as far as I know, none of the folk I have mentioned appear to take any active interest in the Associations, or in the magazine, I realise, of course, that many of the "brothers" are on our "Roll of Honour," but where are the others? Let us hear from you.

"BRIG O' DOON."

Charlie Mitten

[We are proud and delighted to publish this contribution from the finest footballer the school has produced, who at present is reported to be in Bogota.—Ed.]

When I look back on my comparatively short, but eventful, career as a professional footballer I am always reminded of the chances which came to me as a boy at school to develop my interests in the game. I have no hesitation in saying they were the most important part of my soccer training, and in all sincerity I will always be grateful to Scotland for having provided the opportunity to make good, which every young player cherishes as a dream-ambition.

It was as a perky youngster of 11 that I first became associated with Queen Victoria School, having moved around the globe with my father, who was a time-serving soldier with a Scottish regiment. We had been brought up in a military atmosphere, and the discipline which existed in our home life was no less firm than in any of the army schools where I received my education.

Maybe I didn't think so highly of it at the time (what schoolboy does?) but it has since been brought home to me a thousandfold that the training and regimentation I underwent in those days formed the framework of my career in football. Discipline? There is no league footballer who can afford to ignore it. Constant physical fitness, hours spent in practising a particular move, ball-control and, just as important, the team spirit, demand a high degree of self-imposed discipline.

To the Dunblane boys who have a flair for soccer I can but give some simple rules which proved invaluable to me. Practise at every opportunity, but always try to master one move before attempting another, and never ignore the chance of learning more about the game. Established internationalists, household names in football, with whom I have had the honour of playing and being a club colleague, are always adding to their knowledge and skill, and, after all, they should know.

I have often had good cause to remember the elementary soccer training I got as a member of "B" Company at Queen Victoria,

where, as it is to-day, football was the first-choice sport in our breaks from learning the choice sport in the classroom. By the time I was three R's in the classroom. By the time I was 14, and first turned out in the colours of Strathallan Hawthorn F.C., the determination to take up the game as a full-time profession was keener than ever.

Yet, like most "local boys who make good," I had to thank my lucky stars that a Manchester United "scout" happened to watch one of my displays at outside left, and by the time I was 15 I was on this famous club's books as a "promising youngster." That was the beginning of my hardest period of my football training; days spent as office boy in the club's headquarters and evenings on the ground being coached by members of the staff, all ex-professionals, who rightly believed that the only way to achieve results was by rigid training and plenty of hard work.

Not for me the glamour and fame of even the first or second teams. It was not as easy as that. United had just started a junior organisation, designed to encourage local schoolboys, and it was as a member of that modest team that I served my apprenticeship for several seasons. On one occasion we played a colts' team from Preston, and I will always remember that the frail-looking youngster who careered down our opponents' right wing was none other than the now-famous Tom Finney, hero of many internationals. But Scotland will not need reminding about him.

When war broke out I was still trying to make first-team grade, having become a professional and playing frequently with the reserves. Soon, however, I was in uniform, with the R.A.F., where, still anxious to maintain my sporting association, I became a P.T.I. and had the pleasure of interesting many of my comrades in football. It was always a joy to meet fellow ex-pupils from Dunblane during my services, and talk about old times, and it still is.

During my R.A.F. service I went out to the Azores, where there is a fanatical interest in football, and where I played in representative matches under all sorts of conditions. It was the happiest time of my services career, and naturally enough, in my physical training classes football was a number one priority. Had I wished, I could have stayed there as a coach, but remember, I still wanted to achieve my ambition to play in first-class football.

Imagine my joy when, on my demob in 1945, I was put straight into United's first team, and within a few months had gained an unofficial "cap" for England—against Scotland—in a post-war charity match at Maine Road, Manchester. We drew 2-2, but I shall always remember the magic of Stan Matthews, and the electric wing dashes of Willie Waddell in that game. They were great stars, I a comparative beginner, and I felt humble in their company.

Things began to brighten for me, and under the shrewd tutorship of that classic Scottish

half-back, Matt Busby, our manager, the biggest thrill of my soccer life came as a member of United's cup winning eleven at Wembley in 1947-48. Nothing that has ever happened to me can compare with this experience, and though I passed a joke with the Duke of Edinburgh when our captain, Johnny Carey, nearly dropped the plinth of the trophy during the royal presentation, believe me I was as excited and nervous as a kitten.

Events have piled on apace since then—league runners-up three times in succession, and semi-finalists, beaten with almost the last kick in a replay with Wolves last season, and the hurly-burly of this season's competition. Last season I never missed a league or cup game, and this season I have an ever-present record, and naturally I am hoping my luck holds out.

But, whatever happens, I feel I will always owe a debt to my old school. Those were great days, and even if I am fortunate enough to win my country's highest honour, I will never hesitate to remember them with real pride and satisfaction.

Finally, if you will take a tip from me, you can never practise too long or too often. Make a point of studying the stars in football, and many valuable lessons will result. I must confess that I did—and have never regretted it.

CHAS. MITTEN.

Vale

Boys who have left the school since December, 1949:—

B/Sgt. J. Creek, to civilian life.
 Boy K. Garrad, to civilian life.
 Sgt. T. Anderson, R.E., Aldershot.
 Monitor J. Eddington, Royal Scots Band.
 Boy J. McKean, withdrawn by parents.
 Monitor R. Paxton, A.A.S., Harrogate.
 L/Cpl. A. Cavers, to civilian life.
 Boy R. Cavers, withdrawn by parents.
 Monitor W. Carrigan, to civilian life.

D.Y.R.M.S. contingent:—

Boy B. Barnes, to civilian life.
 Boy J. Davies, withdrawn by parents.
 Monitor S. Cox, Royal Navy, Tor Point.

Salve

Boys who have joined the school since December, 1949:—

Name.	Date.	Father's Regt.
G. Henderson ...	5/1/50	Blk. Watch (R.H.)
D. Bethune ...	5/1/50	Seaforth High.
G. E. Dunn ...	5/1/50	K.O.S.B.
W. A. Beveridge	5/1/50	R.A.F.
A. B. C. McConnell	5/1/50	R.A.F.
J. S. Morrison ...	5/1/50	Blk. Watch (R.H.)
E. D. Greenhorn	5/1/50	R.A.
T. Crichton ...	24/4/50	Seaforth High.

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge our indebtedness to all those who have helped to make this year a happy one for the school. Among these we would like to mention specially Mrs C. C. Callum of Bridge of Earn, who presented us with a fine set of pipes, formerly the property of her husband, the late Alexander R. Callum, of Easthaven, Conn., U.S.A. We would also like to acknowledge the kindness shown to us on our many visits, musical and educational. During the year we have been instructed and entertained at Calton Hill Observatory, 26 Command Workshops, Callendar Colliery and Royal Naval Dockyards, Rosyth, and, of course, at Bertram Mills circus. To all who made these visits such a great success we offer our grateful thanks.

Visit to Edinburgh Observatory

For centuries now men have been curious about themselves and their place in the ordered events of the universe. They have sought to find the answer to the innumerable riddles surrounding their existence, have propounded countless theories, and rejected them as soon as formulated. In their quest for knowledge they have looked beyond the limitations of earth and searched skywards, probing the vastness of space . . .

And with very little or none of this in mind, a party of boys from the Upper Forms of the school left, after several false alarms and postponements of date, on 21st February, 1950, bound for the Calton Hill Observatory, Edinburgh, whither it had been invited to view what goes on outside this planet of ours. By reason of the fact that even Q.V. boys, who can do such wonderful things as make fog lift from international rugby football grounds, are unable to cause stars to shine by day, the afternoon was amply filled, unlike the boys, by a visit to Edinburgh Castle, situated as it is in comparatively close proximity to the outer worlds. Much of interest was seen, and although certain of the more ebullient members of the party endeavoured very hard to lose themselves, we were reluctantly compelled to admit that we were at full fighting strength as we clambered up the sides of the hill on which the observatory stands, with dusk falling (and felling) around us.

The clerk of the weather was most kind to us, and despite a thick haze near the horizon the night was clear and cold, with scarcely any cloud at all; ideal in one particular, if not in the other, for observation.

We were cheerfully greeted by our unsuspecting host, who ushered us into the small lecture theatre and proceeded to put even the most ignorant into the picture with a brief account of, as Sir James Jeans has described it, "The Stars in Their Courses." (No

advertisement intended!) The party then split into two groups, and while one was being made to realise exactly how insignificant man really is, the other was taken to the observatory and had the opportunity of gazing into space through the 6-inch telescope kept there for the purpose of chasing stars round their orbits.

It is difficult to say which part of the visit was the more interesting, for on the one hand we learnt how time is measured and checked with a precision far greater than that of high-grade engineering processes, and were told that much astronomical work is concerned with the less spectacular but the nevertheless vital exact calculation of time rather than the more impressive study of bodies in space. However, to our untutored minds, the opportunity of being able to see the moon as it really is, with no halos, and stripped of its veil of distance, was outstanding, and was seized with alacrity.

The manifestation of the presence of two stars where the naked eye could only affirm the presence of one; the delight of seeing some thirteen glittering heavenly bodies where the ancients had to make do with seven, aptly naming them "Seven Sisters"; the dismay at seeing that even outer space has its dull spots in all-obscuring dust clouds; the pleasure of being able to examine with minute attention the jewels in Orion's sword and belt; the privilege of seeing Saturn in all his dusky glory surmounted by his magnificent rings, were all sensations which we were genuinely grateful to have experienced.

No less grateful were we for the heartening and warming refreshments provided afterwards, designed to send us on our way with tingling toes and contented thoughts—for whatever other attributes an astronomer must possess, we learn that he must be completely impervious to the cold, which literally floods in on him through the open roof of his observatory during working hours.

And so we left, after a most salutary evening's contemplation of things beyond our ken, and one, at least, on the journey home was heard to remark in tones of decision that he, if no one else, was henceforth going to think along higher lines.

C. S. ENNIS.

Inter-Company Meeting

The "Dandy Ninth" Cup

- 75 yards hurdles (1st Division)—1, "D"; 2, "B"; 3, "A."
 75 yards hurdles (2nd Division)—1, "B"; 2 (tie), "A" and "D."
 Shot (1st Division)—1, "D"; 2, "B"; 3, "A."
 Long jump (3rd Division)—1, "A"; 2, "B"; 3, "D."
 High jump (2nd Division)—1, "A"; 2, "B"; 3, "D."
 Spoke relay race (Juniors)—1, "B"; 2, "D"; 3, "A."

- Long jump (1st Division)—1, "D"; 2, "A"; 3, "B."
 Relay (3rd Division)—1, "D"; 2, "B"; 3, "A."
 Relay (2nd Division)—1, "B"; 2, "D"; 3, "A."
 Relay (1st Division)—1, "B"; 2, "D"; 3, "A."
 Long jump (2nd Division)—1, "B"; 2, "D"; 3, "A."
 High jump (3rd Division)—1, "B"; 2, "D"; 3, "A."
 High jump (1st Division)—1, "D"; 2, "A"; 3, "B."
 Shot (2nd Division)—1, "B"; 2, "A"; 3, "D."
 Final placings—1, "B" Coy. (30 points); 2, "D" Coy. (27½ points); 3, "A" Coy. (20½ points).

Trophies.—Athletic Championship Cup—"B" Coy.; Hurdles Cup—"B" Coy.; Shot Cup—"B" Coy.; High Jump Cup and Long Jump Cup—"D" Coy. (Triple tie decided by 1st Div.)

INVITATION RELAY RACE

(220, 110, 110, 220 yards)

Entries — Morrison's Academy, Alva Academy, Alloa Academy, Stirling High School, Kilsyth Academy, Falkirk High School, and Queen Victoria School.

1, Morrison's Academy; 2, Queen Victoria School; 3, Alva Academy.

STAFF RACE

1, Headmaster; 2, Mr Diamond; 3, Commandant.

STAFF CHILDREN'S RACES

Boys—1, P. Girvan; 2, T. Monaghan; 3, T. Morrow. Girls—1, J. Girvan.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior

- 100 yards—1, D. Grove; 2, R. Fairbairn; 3, A. Beattie. 11.9 secs.
 220 yards—1, D. Grove; 2, J. Cordner; 3, R. Jones. 25 secs.
 440 yards—1, T. May; 2, R. Fairbairn; 3, J. Spence. 1 min. 5 secs.
 880 yards—1, J. Spence; 2, T. May; 3, W. Menach. 2 mins. 24 secs.
 Hurdles—1, A. Beattie; 2, R. Fairbairn; 3, W. Geddes. 13.4 secs.
 High jump—1, T. Straughan; 2, T. May; 3, J. Harold. 4ft. 5ins.
 Long jump—1, D. Grove; 2, R. Fairbairn; 3, R. Sharp. 17ft. 11½ins.
 Hop, step and jump—1, D. Grove; 2, R. Sharp; 3, J. Cordner. 34ft. 10ins.
 Shot—1, D. Grove; 2, P. Watson; 3, T. Straughan. 35ft. 6½ins.
 Discus—1, P. Watson; 2, T. May; 3, A. Murray. 76ft. 2ins.
 Javelin—1, A. Beattie; 2, R. Fairbairn; 3, T. Straughan. 102ft. 4½ins.
 Victor Ludorum—D. Grove (24 points); runner-up—T. May (21 points).

Intermediate

- 110 yards—1, R. Thomson; 2, V. Scullion; 3, J. Barr. 12.4 secs.
 220 yards—1, R. Haggart; 2, R. Thomson; 3, G. Cairns. 28 secs.

Hurdles—1, R. Haggart; 2, J. B. Graham; 3, D. Edgar. 13.4 secs.

High jump—1, J. Barr; 2, J. Gordon; 3, J. Hughes. 4ft. 2ins.

Long jump—1, R. Thomson; 2, J. Barr; 3, G. Cairns. 14ft. 3ins.

Shot—1, R. Thomson; 2, J. Barr; 3, V. Scullion. 29ft. 8½ins.

Intermediate champion—R. Thomson (18 points); runner-up—J. Barr (15 points).

Junior

75 yards—1, J. Wilson; 2, D. Sheach; 3, L. Carroll. 10.3 secs.

High jump—1 (triple tie)—L. Carroll, D. Sheach, R. Palmer. 3ft. 10 ins.

Long jump—1, L. Carroll; 2, J. Grieve; 3, J. Wilson. 12ft. 11½ins.

Cricket ball—1, K. McCrimmon; 2, D. Riddell; 3, L. Carroll. 100ft.

Junior champion—L. Carroll (14 points); runner-up—J. Wilson (10 points).

Company Notes

"A" COMPANY

On returning from a visit to the circus, I was reminded that all contributions to the "Victorian" were supposed to be ready for that day, so I will hurriedly dash out the news from "A" Company.

As usual we have lost a few boys and at the end of the term we will be losing quite a number. The Cavers brothers went to civilian life, whilst Sgt. Harold, Cpls. Irvine and Stewart have been transferred to "D," "C" and "B" Companies respectively. In their places we have received Monitor Murray and Cpl. Henderson from "D" Company. Our greatest loss this year has been that of Sgt. C. Sanderson who has been in hospital since February with pleurisy. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope that he will be able to take his place in the ranks again very soon.

We have had several visits from old boys of "A" Company recently. Ian Hay, (Bobo) Noble who is now Boys' Middleweight champion of the Brigade of Guards, Jim Smith, "Fluffy" Notman and Vallance have been among our recent visitors. As usual "A" Company was well represented on Old Boys Day and it was obvious then that they all enjoyed visiting the school.

I cannot say much this term about the trophies that we have won as to date our only three trophies are individual ones. We would however like to congratulate Cunningham on winning the Best Loser's Cup, Cavers, R., the All India Trophy for the best boxing stylist and Grieve on winning the junior cross country cup. So far we have managed to draw with "B" Company in the soccer and hockey championships, but have lost the trophies in each case in the play-off.

Our congratulations go to Derek Leel for a fine performance in the Stirling and Clackmannanshire school sports when he won the intermediate long jump, was in the winning relay team, and came second in the intermediate 100 yards, 220 yards and senior javelin. Sharp was also in the winning relay team.

Lumsden did very well to win the Addison-

Smith Prize for public speaking. Several of our N.C.O.'s have sat the examination for the Army Apprentice School and we wish them the best of luck.

Mr Maxwell is still our C.S.M. As usual he guides and instructs us, and of course chastises the unlucky few who do not behave as a normal well-disciplined "A" Company boy should.

Our best wishes go out to all our readers, especially all old "A" Company boys and we would like to wish them and all our N.C.O.'s who leave us at the end of term, the best of luck.

"B" COMPANY

Has anyone in this company any ideas of what to write about? Long pause—seemingly not! Every other company seems to start off with a list of arrivals and departures, so I will try to enlighten you on the subject.

Since our last issue we have lost Monitor Carrigan to civilian life—bad luck Bill. He sat and passed the examination for naval apprentice, but failed in his medical through colour blindness. Sgts. Haggart and Kill departed to "D" Company under the wing of Mr White. To supplement the strength of the company we received Cpl. Stewart from "A" Company and Calder from "C" Company.

Two more have reached the dizzy height of entering the hallowed door marked Monitors' Room and they are Messrs Beattie and Scullion. Cpl. May has been promoted to Drum-Major—and is a very good one at that.

In the sports world we have done quite well up to date, and our activities in the inter-company competitions have been as follows:—

Athletics.—We won this trophy mainly due to the magnificent efforts of Robert Fairbairn, who has represented the school on every occasion, Beattie, Scullion and May, but every one of our boys had some sort of share in the winning of the trophy.

Association Football.—Another trophy came our way after a play-off against "A" Company 1st XI.

Boxing.—We had two School Colours in Monitors Carrigan and McArthur and although we only won the boxing cup by the narrowest of margins we must still congratulate the team on a very good show.

Basketball.—A new game to the school, a new trophy, and it came to "B" Company.

Cricket.—I do not like being pessimistic but, "A hae ma doots."

Cross Country.—With the individual champion and the runner-up, we did well enough to carry off this trophy as well.

Dancing.—Still to be decided but already the team are looking forward to putting "B" Company on the shield for the fifth time. That is the right idea.

Hockey.—After a few hard games another trophy adorns the "B" Company shelf.

Swimming.—Plenty of practice needed if we hope to win, so how about it "B" Company?

Any old boy of "B" Company can see that the youngsters of to-day are doing their best to keep the good name of the Company to the front in everything.

I would like to mention a few things about

the Company itself which is being quite successful on the inside as well as outside. Speaking as one who does not see as much of the Company as perhaps he should (apologies to Mr Dunglison), everything is running smoothly and harmoniously. This makes it enjoyable to all, but I am afraid most of the thanks must go to Mr Dunglison himself and not to the absentee Monitors and Sergeants. Mr Dunglison does an excellent job in looking after the Company, and with thanks to him and best wishes to his family and all our readers, we say cheerio till next issue.

MAC.

"G" COMPANY

Since our last notes we have experienced many changes in the Company.

We welcome to our Company as N.C.O.'s, Sergeants Brown and Fairbairn and Cpls. Morrison and Irvine. These N.C.O.'s have taken over the duties of Monitor Paxton, B.-Sgt. Creek, Sgts. Murray and Scullion and Cpl. Cavers who have left us for the army, civilian life and promotion to Monitor. At the end of term we also lose Monitor Grove, Sgt. Brown and Cpls. Spence and McFarlane. To all these we give our sincere thanks for jobs well done and wish them the best of luck wherever they may be.

The juniors have made excellent progress considering they have only been here 9 months. The kit inspections have been of a very high standard and keen rivalry was experienced in the monthly competitions which were won quite deservedly by Boys Sample, Morrison, Henderson and Morrison.

The Company's prestige is very high and morale higher. The credit for this is due to the hard work and understanding of C.S.M. Fears.

Our young lads are greatly interested in sports and athletics, and again it fell to "B" Company juniors to win the Spoke relay race during the inter-company sports meeting.

Wishing our readers the best of luck and good wishes, I close till next issue.

PIP.

"B" COMPANY

I have just realised that the task of writing these notes, for this edition, has fallen to me more by ill-luck than by ability or seniority.

We have had a few changes in the Company; Stan Cox has left for the Royal Navy, Sgt. Anderson to join his brother in the Royal Engineers and Boy "Goofy" Barnes for civilian life.

We have had one promotion to the rank of Monitor in Sgt. P. Watson who has settled down satisfactorily into his new responsibility. We have received three new sergeants in J. Harold from "A" Company, and H. Kill and R. Haggart from "B" Company. L.-Cpls. G. Cramb, D. Wood and W. McCombe were promoted to Corporal and Boys H. Cramb, S. Riddle, G. Johnstone and W. Geddes were promoted to Lance Corporal. All have settled down in their new posts and are carrying on successfully the good work of their predecessors. The only boy to leave us for a new company was L.-Cpl. J. Henderson who was transferred to "A" Company as a corporal. On sports day this year, we had little more success than in previous years but that does not mean to say that we are disgraced; far from it. Previous to the inter-company relay races we were half a point behind the leaders, "B"

Company and finished up two and a half points behind them to gain 2nd place.

Alas, we finished third (more agreeable way of saying last) in the soccer and hockey, and in kit inspections.

The Company has been pressing on successfully under the supervision and perseverance of C.S.M. White, and I take this opportunity of thanking him on behalf of the Company for his benevolence to all.

Wishing all readers the very best of luck, cheerio.

PANDA.

Whitehead Shield

1, "D" Coy. (55.7 per cent.); 2, "A" Coy. (54.2 per cent.); 3, "B" Coy. (53.8 per cent.).

Educational Prizes

Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Prize—A. Lumsden.

Addison-Smith Public Speaking Prizes—1, A. Lumsden; 2, A. Murray; 3, D. Morrison.

The Fowler Art Prize—D. Grove.

Science Essay Prizes—A. Lumsden and J. White.

Handwriting—J. Wilson.

VI. Form—R. Smith, V. McQuirk, D. McArthur.

VX. Form Prize—J. Harold. English—A. Beattie. General Knowledge—R. Sharp. Woodwork—D. McKenzie.

UV. Form Prize—English, History, General Knowledge—A. Lumsden. 2nd Prize—Maths., Geography, French—A. Murray. Woodwork, Progress—D. Povey. Science, French, Woodwork—P. Wheeler. P.T.—D. Scullion.

RV. Form Prize—Woodwork—G. Brown. English, General Knowledge—J. Davies. Woodwork, Science—C. Riddell. Art and Science (Special)—J. Wiseman.

VA. Form Prize—English, Geography, Science, General Knowledge—D. Morrison. English, General Knowledge—D. Wood. Maths.—R. Greenhorn. History—R. Fairbairn. French—R. Haggart, E. Phillips. Woodwork—E. Jones.

VB. Form Prize—Science—J. Murray. 2nd Prize—English—D. Graham. Geography, General Knowledge—C. Rayner. History—J. Barr. Art—J. Kelly. Woodwork—A. Thompson.

IVA. Form Prize—Science, English, Geography—E. Clarke. Maths.—J. Webster. General Knowledge—J. McKellan. History, Science—G. Cairns. French—J. MacArthur, N. Poulson. Woodwork—J. Hughes, J. Yule.

IVB1 Form Prize—H. Bain.

IVB2 Form Prize—Science—R. Davies.

IVB—English—N. Lambert, B. Reid. Map Reading—N. MacInnes. Map Reading and Woodwork—H. Cramb. Woodwork—J. McKee. General Knowledge—J. Raleigh. Science—V. Scullion. Science (Special)—M. Stewart. Art—J. Hall.

IIIA. Form Prize—English Mathematics—W. Jones. General Knowledge—P. Dempsey. Progress—G. Henderson. Art—K. Gavigan.

IIIB. Form Prize—D. Craggs. English—R. Carcary. Progress—J. Manson.

IIA. Form Prize—R. Anderson. English—W. Alexander. Arithmetic—N. McInnes. Geography—F. McLeod. P.T.—A. Quinn, R. Palmer.

IIB. Form Prize—J. Forbes. English—J. Baxter. Arithmetic—R. Airnes. Progress—A. McConnell.

I. Form Prize—English, Arithmetic—W. Morrison. Progress, Art—R. N. McLeod. Nature Study—J. Sim.

Regimental Prizes, 1949-50

Royal Navy, D. MacInnes; R.A., G. Brown; R.E., R. Sharp; Scots Guards, C. Sanderson; Royal Scots (R.R.), D. McArthur, D. Scullion; R.S.F., J. Wilson; K.O.S.B., J. Morgan; Cameronians (S.R.), P. Watson; Black Watch (Wauchope), R. McKenzie; Black Watch, H. Cramb; H.L.I., A. Barker; Gordon Highlanders, A. Beattie; Gordon Highlanders (Sir George White), D. Leel; Seaforth Highlanders, D. MacKenzie, A. Cunningham, D. Graham; Cameron Highlanders, A. Spence; A. & S. Highlanders—A. Thomson; Other Corps—R. Haggart, W. McCombe; Details, J. Murray; D.Y.R.M.S., R. Smith, D. Peachey, D. Grove, P. Wheeler; "C" Company, 1 A. McDade, 2 T. Hunter; Jock Stewart, T. May.

Monitors' Room Notes

Once again the school year has come to an end and with that comes our summer issue of the "Victorian."

Since Christmas we have lost two Monitors. They are Bill Carrigan and Stan Cox; Bill to civil life and Stan to H.M.S. "Fisgard," as an apprentice artificer. In their places we have A-Monitors D. Grove, D. Scullion, J. Murray, A. Beattie and P. Watson. I am happy to report that they are executing their various duties in the manner expected of Monitors. The Monitors' "Haven" has once more been shifted and we now occupy two adjoining rooms on the 2nd floor, one room being set aside for the purpose of reading and the other for billiards. The Monitors' Cup was once again won by Derek Peachy after a great struggle to overcome the opposition set up by D. Grove—John Colbert was third. Ron Smith was unable to take part this year owing to an injury received whilst training.

As you have read in past numbers of the "Victorian" five of our number have been attending McLaren High School for further education which would in time enable us to sit for our Scottish Higher Leaving Certificate. The examination took place, and out of five, Monitors Smith, McGuirk and Peachey sat. The results were released a month ago and it was found that Monitor Smith had passed in higher English and French, lower maths and geography and arithmetic. Monitor McGuirk passed in higher

geography and English, lower French and arithmetic. Monitor Peachey was less fortunate and only passed in lower technical and arithmetic.

Every year McLaren produces an opera, and this year Monitors Colbert, McGuirk and Peachey had principal parts in the "Mikado"—Colbert was Nanki-Poo, McGuirk, Pish-Tush and Peachey was Pooh-Bah.

Two of us have assisted McLaren with great success in athletics.

[S-Monitor Peachey is apparently too modest to mention that he won by a comfortable margin the title of Victor Ludorum at McLaren High School.—Editor.]

Quavers from the Band Room

Magazine time once again finds us in the middle of a very busy season as far as the band is concerned, but I will manage to find time to do my duty as far as this column is concerned.

We have been fairly lucky this year in that we have lost very few band boys. Monitor Eddington left us for the Band of the Royal Scots and Monitor Carrigan and the Cavers brothers left for civilian life. B-Sgt. Creek also went to civilian life. Congratulations to Leel on his appointment as Band Sergeant. At the end of this term we shall be losing many of our most experienced instrumentalists including the Band Sergeant and some of the monitors. We wish them all the best of luck in their new careers.

Our week-ends have been well used up with engagements so far this term and there are several more to come. We have played at a garden fete at Crieff, on gala days at Grange-mcuth and Airth, on the King's Park bandstand in Stirling and at a memorial service in Bannockburn. We also played at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, for the R.A.S.C. sports, and along with the pipe and bugle bands, beat Retreat on the esplanade at Stirling Castle. We still have to go to the Troon Festival, the Doune Grosset Fair, Cochrane Park, Alva, the Glenfarg Highland Games and North Inch bandstand, Perth. We are also preparing for Grand Day and for military band competitions.

On Sports Day we were once again visited by our old friends, the Band of The Royal Scots. The number of old boys in this band was raised to nine when Eddington joined. One of these, Dignan, caused quite a stir at the Kneller Hall, being the smallest student ever to go there. The band played quite a long programme, including a selection from the "Mikado," "The Peers' March" and "Great Little Army."

Last term at the pantomime produced by Mrs Dungleison, we played a varied programme which included, "Rendezvous," "Minstrel Gems," "Hop Scotch Polka" and "Fortuna." On Old Boys' Day we played during tea.

Three of our number, who are leaving at the end of the term, are not deserting the band, Cpl. Davies and L-Cpl. Menach, bass and saxophone respectively, are enlisting in the Seaforth Highlanders Band and C. Riddell in the Royal Marines. We wish them good luck in the continuation of their musical career.

Their band training has obviously stood Monitors Peachey, Colbert and McGuirk in good stead, as they each had leading parts in the McLaren High School production of

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ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1950
Wednesday, 26th July, 1950, at 3 p.m.

INSPECTING OFFICER:—

Lieut.-General Sir GORDON H. A. MACMILLAN, KCB, CBE, DSO, MC,
Commander-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, "The Garb of Old Gaul." G.O.C.-in-Chief inspects parade and returns to Saluting Base. The Band plays Inspection Troop.

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, playing "Bonawe Highlanders."

TROOP.

On the command "Troop," the Band, Pipes and Drums move right to left in slow time, the Pipes and Drums playing "The Rowan Tree." They countermarch and halt, and march back from left to right in quick time, the Band playing "Mary of Argyll." 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 "Farewell to the Creeks," moves to a position in front of the Colour and halts.

Sgt. H. Kill 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, the Band playing "Jock o' Hazeldean," and marches past the G.O.C.-in-Chief in quick time, the Pipes and Drums playing "Hielan' Laddie."

The parade forms Close Column and marches past to "Hielan' Laddie" again, reforms line, the Band playing "The Thin Red 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.-in-Chief.

The following prizes are presented by Lady Macmillan:—

Primus Medal, Champion Company Shield, School Trophies, Addison-Smith Prize for Public Speaking, Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Essay Prize.

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

The Parade reforms line and marches off parade.

The Parade reforms line and marches off parade to "Scotland the Brave."

Tea Interval.

Musical Programme follows (see programme on opposite page).

ARTS AND CRAFTS.

An exhibition of work done by boys is on view in a tent on the Playing Field.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME

1. DRUM AND BUGLE BAND:—

Fanfare—"Nermandy."

Slow March—Waltz.

Quick March—"Three Parts Fall In."

2. PIPE BAND:—

Slow March—"The Skye Boat Song."

March—"Dovecote Park."

3. MILITARY BAND:—

March—"The Trumpet Call" F. V. Norman.

Scots Airs—"Ye Banks and Braes" and "Robin Adair" Trad.

4. DANCING:—

Sixteensome Reel.

5. MILITARY BAND:—

Overture—"Olympia" J. S. Zanecnik.

Selection—"Minstrel Memories" Gilbourn.

6. DANCING:—

"Argyllshire Broadwords."

7. COMBINED MILITARY BAND AND BUGLERS:—

March—"The Little Bugler" Duthoit.

8. PIPE BAND:—

March—"Caber Feidh."

Strathspey—"Highland Harry."

Reel—"The Piper o' Drummond."

March—"The Barren Rocks of Aden."

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Bandmaster—Mr F. H. Lax.

Pipe Major—Mr J. Sanderson.

Drum and Bugle Major—Mr W. Dungleison.

the "Mikado." It is interesting to note that Sgt. Crombie played the drums in the orchestra which contained some members of the Scottish Variety Orchestra.

Mr Lax is still trying to instil some musical knowledge into our sometimes rather dense skulls. The time when he once asked a boy, now a sapper in Egypt, the meaning of the Italian word "dolce" when the boy was sucking a sweet always comes into my mind when I see the efforts of Mr Lax trying to get the meaning of some obscure musical term. We would like to wish Mr and Mrs Lax the best of health and luck in the term to come. Thus, wishing all our readers a happy summer holiday, I sign off these jottings from the band room.

R. S.

Results of Military Band Competition

INSTRUMENTAL

Open—D. Leel.

Group I.—J. L. Murray, G. Brown, P. Wheeler, R. McKenzie.

Group II.—R. Fairbairn, C. Campbell, T. Duncan, J. White.

Group III.—T. Gavigan, V. Scullion, N. Poulson, J. McKellan.

Junior Group—J. Findlay, K. Gavigan, W. Jones, J. Simpson.

Musical Terms—G. Cairns, J. Stewart, A. Murray, P. Wheeler, D. Graham, R. Tosh.

Best Progress—R. Rayner (Senior); D. McInnes (Junior).

"John Puffs—Red Faced After Fame"

"Every day next week, sixteen-years-old John Dignan will puff out his cheeks like little red balloons, and blow into his cornet as he's never blown before. He will be practising for the BIG DAY.

"For next Saturday John, from Edinburgh, resplendent in scarlet uniform with brass buttons, will play at London's Albert Hall in a military band concert, originally suggested by Mr Shinwell, Minister of Defence.

"John joined the Army thirteen months ago as a boy in the Royal Scots. He is now a pupil at the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall, Twickenham, Middlesex.

"And he has been chosen as one of the 275 musicians at the school's concert next Saturday."

[We regret that we are unaware of the identity of the newspaper to which we owe acknowledgment for the extract quoted above.—Editor.]

Pipe Band Notes

There has only been one departure from the band, Monitor Paxton, but his loss was felt more as a dancer than as a piper. He has

gone to the Army Trades School at Harrogate, where he is among some ex-drummers and pipers from the school.

In the way of engagements we went to Hampden Park for the soccer international and to Inverness for two days. These were the main engagements, but we have already been to Glasgow again, Slamannan, Laurieston, Gleneagles, Stirling and Grangemouth.

At Inverness we spent the night in the Cameron Highlanders' Barracks after a very enjoyable day in which we were treated to a seat in the balcony at the Palace Cinema by the manager—Ian Forbes, an old school boy. Although rather tiring, both journeys were very enjoyable and were by no means dull.

During the first week in August the pipe band will pay a brief visit to Leicester and will sleep two nights at the barracks. The journey there is being looked forward to very much—to say nothing of the prospect of a detour through the Lake District. This engagement will be our most distant since the war, and it reflects great credit on our Pipe Major, Mr Sanderson, who has done a great deal of work in raising so young a band to such a high standard.

With twenty-two young pipers, all capable of playing out on engagements, the band has even better prospects than it had two years ago, and the younger pipers who have found a place in the band include Geddes, McDonald, Airnes and McKenzie.

When I thank Mr Sanderson for all he has done and send further good wishes to every reader, I know I am speaking on behalf of the whole band, and on that happy note I will wish you adieu.

D. McARTHUR, P.M.

[Editorial congratulations to the Pipe Major and to the three foursomes who were placed 1st, 3rd and equal 4th in the Open Foursome Reel at the Perth Musical Festival.]

Extract from the "Highland Herald" (Inverness):—

"For the general public the star attraction of the Gala Fortnight has undoubtedly been the bands of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, who played to a total audience of 7,000 at the Telford Street Park and the Northern Meeting Park on Saturday afternoon and evening.

"The pipe band, which in the afternoon repeated the programme it performed to the 130,000 strong crowd before the Scotland-England international at Hampden Park in April, delighted the spectators with its impeccable rendering of Highland airs, whilst the perfect precision and clarity with which the bugle band played in the evening won a deservedly enthusiastic ovation worthy of one of the finest pieces of entertainment which the public have seen and heard for a long time."

Piping and Dancing Competitions

Class "A" Piping

- Slow March—1, A. Thomson; 2, P. Ward;
3, S. Robertson.
Quick March—1, A. Thomson; 2, E. Phillips;
3, P. Ward.

Class "A" Dancing

- Highland Fling—1, P. Ward; 2, D. Scullion;
3, W. Cheyne.
Sword Dance—1, D. Scullion; 2, P. Ward;
3, T. Williamson.

Class "B" Piping

- Slow March—1, P. Ward; 2, R. Thomson;
3, D. McDonald.
Quick March—1, P. Ward; 2, D. McDonald;
3, R. Thomson.

Class "B" Dancing

- Highland Fling—1, T. Williamson; 2, D.
McDonald; 3, A. Airnes.
Sword Dance—1, T. Williamson; 2, B.
Williamson; 3, R. Greenhorn.

Class "C" Chanter

- 1, A. McDonald; 2, K. McCrimmon; 3, R.
Airnes.

Class "C" Dancing

- Highland Fling—1, A. McDonald; 2, R.
Mill; 3, R. Airnes.

Open Piping

- Strathspey and Reel—1, A. Thomson; 2, M.
Lochlin; 3, T. Williamson.

Best Piper of the Year—A. Thomson.

Best Dancer of the Year—D. Scullion.

Inter-Company Dancing Competition

- 1, "B" Coy. (71 points); 2, "D" Coy. (70
points); 3, "A" Coy. (67 points).

Shaw Stewart Prize.—D. Scullion, E.
Phillips, S. Robertson, D. McDonald.

Drum Notes

ROLLS.—Here is the Boy Drum Major of the school to bring you the news of the past events concerning the drums.

Our only loss has been ex-Drum Major Stan Cox, who has joined the Royal Navy as an artificer apprentice after having passed the examination—Congrats, Stan. We have in a way also lost John Harold. He had a tooth knocked out during a game of cricket and everyone breathed a sigh of relief that the knocker-out of the tooth was Drum Major Dunglison—no one knows what might have happened had anyone else dared to knock out a tooth of one of his best buglers.

Let us go on and have a look at the detail of some of the most enjoyable engagements. I cannot tell you of all of them owing to the lack of space and shortage of paper, but I think I am justified in writing that the

following were some of the best since Christmas.

The first and almost always the first favourite was the visit to Murrayfield, when Scotland beat England and won the Calcutta Cup.

The next biggest engagement was also a big thrill. We were invited to play at the soccer international at Hampden between Scotland and England, with England deserved winners. It was a most enjoyable game, and I think we were very lucky boys to have such a chance to see this game when thousands of weekly enthusiasts did not have the chance.

The visit to Inverness was new and I must say that everyone enjoyed themselves, although towards the end we were tiring. But I can say that the band is looking forward to this one next year.

Now, readers, I must say good-bye, and in doing so I would like to thank Mr Dunglison for his hard work in making us such a fine band—the proof of which is the rise in the number of our engagements this year—and wish him the best of luck with the drums of the future. May they enjoy the engagements as we did.

TAM.

Drumming and Bugling Competition

The Silver Bugle Competition (Seniors)—

- 1, S. Riddell; 2, J. McKee; 3, J. Wiseman.

Bugling (Juniors)—1, D. Riddell; 2, J. Manson; 3, G. Johnstone.

Side Drumming (Seniors)—1, D. Povey; 2, W. McCombe; 3, D. Brown.

Side Drumming (Juniors)—1, A. Barker; 2, J. Raleigh; 3, J. Hughes.

Tenor Drumming (Seniors)—1, J. Cordner; 2, A. Beattie; 3, D. Grove.

Recruits' Prizes — Bugle—Sample. Side Drum—Sim.

Silver Bugle—S. Riddell.

Best Drummer of the Year—D. Povey.

Best Bugler and Drummer—J. Wiseman.

Tailors' Notes

The Master Tailor has been very hard at it this term trying to teach wee Johnny Morrison and Owen Meechan how to do a variety of stitches. Geeser McKay has been with us for one term and is turning out to be quite a useful tailor. Bill Butler is one of the steady type of tailors and is very neat in his work. Charlie Riddell will be leaving us at the end of term and is joining the Royal Marines Band. I know the Master Tailor is very sorry to lose him as he is very good at his work. Our newcomer is Willie Black, and he makes our work of teaching harder by being

left-handed. Still, he is coming on and should make quite a useful addition to the tailoring world.

We all join in thanking the Master Tailor for the good job he is doing in making us tailors.

GEESER AND COAL DUST.

Tailor's Prize—C. Riddell.

The Theatre

This year's pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk," was a howling success; but on this occasion the howling was not done by the producer but by an ecstatic audience, young and old, who packed all performances. Without a doubt, the standard of performance was far in advance of that attained last year. If we remember most clearly the brilliant act of the Gavigan Brothers, this is not to say that we have forgotten the splendid efforts of Messrs Johnstone, Murray, Riddle, two tremendous broker's men in Cox and Carrigan, and the host of others, among whom looms the colossal figure of Peachey, even more wicked and killing as a female telephonist than as the giant. We doff our hat to the R.S.M.'s stage management and Mr Smith's superb work on the piano. But no Botanical Gardens could be expected to produce enough flowers for the bouquet we would like to present to Mrs Dungleison for making possible this wonderful show. Those people who saw the Mikado in Dunblane should also remember that the star turns—Peachey, Colbert and McGuirk—all graduated in pantomime under Mrs Dungleison.

It is hoped at Christmas to put on a performance of "Toad of Toad Hall."

Games

Having completed one year of the new school games system we are now in a position to look back over that year and say whether we have succeeded in our aim to raise our standards in all the national games.

Our main activities in the Michaelmas term were rugby football, basketball, hockey and cross country running. Judgment by results is often frowned upon by modern educationists, but this does not hold with games and sports, because the only way in which we can prove advance is to compare past with present results. Our main game in this term was rugby football and bearing in mind that we are now playing against really good rugby schools, I think we can safely say that there was an improvement of sorts; the three-

quarter line's main weakness was in defence, and they also lacked direct attacking methods. However, as the season proceeded the defence improved beyond recognition but the scoring machine still left a lot to be desired. It is sufficient to say that the forwards were on many occasions the only source of direct attack.

Basketball has probably proved to be the most popular indoor sport, and the fact that it has now become a major sport and counts towards the championship shield indicates that it has come to stay and the boys in the future will benefit by its all-round requirements.

Frequently throughout the term an afternoon was devoted to cross-country running, and the form shown in the inter-Company race the following term proved beyond all shadow of doubt that some benefit had been derived from these training spins.

Hockey, like basketball and cross-country running, carried on throughout the Easter term as well. The boys showed a natural aptitude and ability towards this game; obviously the initial coaching received the previous year was already bearing fruit. The School XI. was definitely unfortunate in losing their match against the Staff for the Iron Trophy. Also invaluable assistance was given to the R.A.E.C. XI. by members of the School hockey team in the match against the A. & S. Highlanders.

But of course most of the games periods were given over to soccer, and in the coaching a series of instructional films were incorporated and naturally added to the general interest. The 1st XI., although improving as the season progressed, did not have so successful a season as the 2nd XI., who frequently played with great skill and team spirit to produce a very fine brand of soccer.

The beginning of the summer term witnessed the departure of Messrs R. Bellion, K. Dean, L. Ibberson and J. S. Smith, who had devoted much of their time to school sporting activities. We will certainly miss their enthusiasm and sincerity.

With the advent of the summer term we embarked upon a season of heavy fixtures in cricket and athletics. In athletics we competed against boys on an age basis and went through an undefeated season, progress being made in all spheres. In cricket, however, the School 1st and 2nd teams often found themselves against much older and more experienced players, and it is sufficient to say that the individual improvement was beyond all recognition; but cricket is a game where match experience is an essential; both teams were, naturally enough, lacking in this respect.

The habitual enthusiasm for swimming has been maintained and high standards were shown in all departments during the individual competitions.

Association Football

It is always more pleasant and often more profitable to glance back at a season's sport rather than to scrutinize it too closely, for time will dull the sharp edge of disappointment and success, and will enable a general view to be taken.

With the opening of the season the problem of selecting the 1st XI. rested mainly with the attack, for we were fortunate in having five of last year's defenders still available for the team. However, it was the attack that settled down the sooner, and the teams we met at the beginning of the term, already having played together for a term, took full advantage of an unco-ordinated defence.

Towards the middle of the term the team began to knit together and the standard of football improved considerably.

It is difficult to remark on any particular players, for every member of the team had his day, but Stanley Cox was always a fine centre-half and Robert Sharp's ball play started many successful attacks.

All things considered, the 1st XI. came through the season with honours even; the weather, their most persistent opponent, was responsible for the cancellation of three matches.

The 2nd XI. can show a hundred per cent. record, with every match won; but far more satisfying was the delightful football the younger team played. Seventeen players have represented the 2nd XI. and none has failed to justify his selection on the field.

Tom May was always safe in goal and Peter Watson at centre-half was sound in defence and attack. "Spud" Thomson and J. B. Graham showed excellent ball control and were the main inspiration of a forward line that scored 27 goals in five matches. Nevertheless, the success of the team was only partly due to good individual play. The most important factor was good team-work. If the members of this 2nd XI. can maintain their individual form and retain their splendid team-work, the school need have no fear concerning the 1951 season.

The Company competitions provided a very close contest between "A" Coy. and "B" Coy., resulting in a tie with 2½ points each. They shared the points for the Championship Shield, but on the replay for the Football Cup "B" Coy. won and so retain the trophy. The games were memorable for their vigour and spirit rather than their technical skill, but many of the boys who only just missed the 2nd XI. gave good displays. Eric Jones and Wiseman are sure to find themselves representing the school if they can produce their Company form next year.

The standard of football throughout the school was quite satisfactory and definitely good in the middle school, and looking forward to next year's soccer, these boys should provide keen competition for places in the 1st and 2nd XIs.

1st XI.

Regular team members:—J. Colbert; D. Peachey (capt.), R. Smith; D. Scullion, S. Cox, W. Carrigan; D. Leel, R. Fairbairn, V. McGuirk, R. Sharp, A. Beattie.

Also played:—C. Sanderson, P. Watson, R. Thomson.

Results:—

- v. St. Modan's—Away—lost 0-4.
- v. Alloa Tech.—Cancelled.
- v. St. Modan's—Home—lost 4-7.
- v. Alva Academy—Home—cancelled.
- v. Alva Academy—Away—cancelled.
- v. McLaren H.S.—Away—won 2-1.
- v. McLaren H.S.—Home—won 3-2.
- v. Alva Academy—Home—draw 1-1.

Won 2; Drawn 1; Lost 2.

Goal scorers—V. McGuirk (5), R. Fairbairn (3), A. Beattie (2).

2nd XI.

Regular team members:—T. May; D. Grove, J. Cordner; R. McKenzie, P. Watson, C. Irvine; R. Thomson, J. Webster, J. Barr, C. Campbell, J. B. Graham.

Also played—D. Leel, R. Haggart, R. Fairbairn, W. Geddes, E. Phillips, R. Greenhorn.

Results:—

- v. St. Modan's—Home—won 3-1.
- v. Alloa Tech.—Away—cancelled.
- v. St. Modan's—Away—won 3-1.
- v. Alva Academy—Home—cancelled.
- v. Alva Academy—Away—cancelled.
- v. McLaren H.S.—Away—won 6-2.
- v. McLaren H.S.—Home—won 3-2.
- v. Alva Acad.—Home—won 11-1.

Won 5; Drawn 0; Lost 0.

COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIP

1st XI.	2nd XI.	3rd XI.
A v. B 0-0	A v. B 0-4	A v. B 0-0
A v. O 2-0	A v. D 1-0	A v. D 5-0
B v. D 0-2	B v. D 5-0	B v. D 0-0

STAFF

The staff, with the able and very necessary assistance of Carrigan and Sharp, played two hard and satisfying games, losing 2-3 to the Depot, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and drawing 2-2 with Dunblane F.C.

IRON TROPHY MATCH—1950

After a game in which knocks, laughs and good football were nicely blended, the Masters retained the Iron Trophy by beating the boys 2-1. McGuirk gave the school team the lead before half-time, but goals by Mr P. Jones and Major Washtell reversed the position. Despite desperate late efforts, the boys failed to equalise.

Here are some notes on individual performances. Laurels go to

Mr Taylor, for keeping in check both Beattie and Father Time.

Mr Ennis, for some of the cleanest handling, elbowing and tripping ever to pass unnoticed by a referee.

Thomson, who was undaunted by the horrible fate of Sharp, whom he replaced, and proceeded to play delightfully.

Mr Hawcard, who punted the ball upfield and tore after it to put his team-mates "onside."

Mr Ibberson and Colbert, for some fine saves. Cox, for a fine centre-half display, in which he dispersed and received bruises with complete impartiality and nonchalance,

and finally, a triple crown to Mr Beesley:

- (a) For the truly remarkable record of giving away a free-kick in every game of the season;
- (b) for achieving every senior boy's ambition, viz., the safe delivery of a brutal kick on Mr Taylor's shin;
- (c) and, most important of all, for his great shot at goal which would have splintered the corner flag had it not struck Mr P. Jones and flashed into the net.

The Commandant presented the Iron Trophy to the Headmaster, who was the only member of the staff still on his feet. The other Masters were scattered over the field, in various stages of rigor mortis; a state in which (a senior boy assures me) some are still to be found.

R.A.E.C. Staff—Messrs Ibberson, Taylor, Hawcard, Beesley, Ennis, Roche, Major Washtell, Messrs Bellion, P. Jones, Smith and A. Jones.

Boys—Monitors Colbert, Peachey, Smith, Scullion, Cox, Carrigan, B/Sgt. Leel, Sgt. Sharp (deputy Thomson), Monitor McGuirk, Cpl. Fairbairn, and Monitor Beattie.

Company Championship Shield,

1950

Competition.	"A"	"B"	"D"
Education	2	1	3
Rugby Football	1	2	3
*Association Football	2½	2½	1
Basketball	1	3	2
*Hockey	2½	2½	1
Cross Country Race	1	3	2
Boxing	2	3	1
Cricket	2	1	3
Athletics	1	3	2
Swimming	3	1	2
Shooting	2	3	1
Drill	2	3	1
Interior Economy	2	3	1
Dancing	1	3	2
	25	34	25

Winner of Shield—"B" Company.

* "B" Company won both trophies in the play-off.

Hockey

Writing any notes so far in retrospect is difficult; more so when there were no outstanding events to remember—except difficulties of reconciling hockey and football, and the waterlogged pitches. Interest in the game was very high throughout the school, and improvements in standards of play were also noticeable at times. Lack of matches with outside teams forbids any comparison of standard, but the school XI showed up very well against the staff. They lost by 2 goals to 1; how different the score could have been had those fast school forwards used all their chances and passed the ball more, without sticking to it so much! The school defence was, as usual, solid and competent. The three boys who played with the staff against the A. & S.H., were definite assets to the side.

The inter-company honours, after the usual stout and hearty—but hardly civilized—battles, were shared by "A" and "B" Companies, "B" Company winning the trophy after the play-off.

Our only outside fixture was against the Depot, A. & S.H., the school winning a hard and most enjoyable game by 4 goals to 2, goals being scored by May, Sharp, the Headmaster and Mr Dunbar.

Cross-Country Race, 1950

1, "B" Coy. (100 points); 2, "D" Coy. (179 points); 3, "A" Coy. (266 points).

Winning Team—"B" Coy.—J. Spence (1), T. May (2), P. Wheeler (5), M. Greenhorn (6), R. Fairbairn (10), D. Scullion (14), A. Beattie (15), G. Cairns (16), W. Raleigh (18).

Winner of Dundas Challenge Cup—J. Spence.

Winner of the Junior Cross-country Race—J. Grieve.

Boxing

Another successful season is over and we have kept our unbeaten record—for the moment. We are hoping that our future will be even brighter, now that Lieut.-Col. Gahan has kindly consented to come along every week to coach us.

Results:—

Individual Championships

Class 60lbs. and under—A. Hutchison; runner-up—A. Quinn.

Class 61-65lbs. (10-11)—A. McArthur; runner-up—T. Calder. (11-12)—I. Nicholson; runner-up—K. Gavan. (12-13)—H. Bain.

Class 66-70lbs. (10-11)—L. Geddes. (11-12)—L. Carroll; runner-up—J. Manson. (12-13)—S. Robertson; runner-up—J. Howitt. (13-14)—W. Long; runner-up—M. Stewart. (14-15)—J. McGranaghan.

Class 71-75lbs. (11-12)—A. Grieve; runner-up—A. Munro. (12-13)—T. Williamson; runner-up—J. Scott. (13-14)—E. McConnachie.

Class 76-80lbs. (10-11)—T. Hunter. (11-12)—T. Burns. (12-13)—J. Clarke; runner-up—B. Graham. (13-14)—R. Cavers; runner-up—D. Graham.

Class 81-85lbs. (11-12)—D. McInnes. (12-13) J. Hamilton; runner-up E. Clarke. (13-14)—T. Duncan; runner-up—R. Haggart.

Class 86-90lbs. (12-13)—J. Webster. (13-14)—E. Phillips; runner-up—J. Barr. (14-15)—J. Henderson; runner-up—R. Rayner.

Class 91-95lbs. (12-13)—B. Williamson; runner-up—B. Reid. (13-14)—R. Greenhorn. (14-15)—R. MacKenzie; runner-up—S. Riddle.

Class 96-100lbs. (12-13)—J. Gordon. (13-14)—P. Wheeler; runner-up—J. Murray.

Class 104-109lbs.—D. MacKenzie; runner-up—W. Kerr.

Class 109-114lbs.—D. Scullion; runner-up—P. Watson.

Class 119-124lbs.—J. Cordner; runner-up—A. Spence.

Class 130-140lbs.—D. Leel; runner-up—W. Carrigan.

INTER-COMPANY COMPETITION

"A"	"B"	"D"
50 ...	56 ...	—
46 ...	— ...	47
— ...	54 ...	51
96 ...	110 ...	98
Result—1, "B"; 2, "D"; 3, "A."		

All-India Trophy for Style—R. Cavers.

Best Losers' Cup—A. Cunningham.

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL v. DOLLAR ACADEMY (Home)

The highlight of a very close contest was the magnificent display of D. McArthur against an older, heavier boy. Both were hitting hard and straight throughout. We are looking forward very much to a return match next year.

Results (Q.V.S. names last):—

I. Ritchie beat W. Long; N. Black lost to D. Scullion; I. Wilson beat T. Williamson; R. Wilson beat T. May; M. Bell lost to R. Cavers; D. Macaree beat D. MacArthur; D. Fyfe lost to R. Haggart; J. Hodge beat D. Leel; C. Campbell lost to B. Williamson; T. Orr lost to W. Carrigan; J. Crossthwaite beat D. McKenzie; T. Scott lost to D. Peachey; R. Hill lost to J. Cordner; W. Keith lost to A. MacArthur. Points—Dollar, 40; Q.V.S., 42. Winner—Queen Victoria School.

GLENALMOND AND ARDVRECK v. QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL (At Glenalmond)

This year we were the guests of Trinity College, but owing to weight and age difficulties the teams were rather unbalanced. We all enjoyed our visit, however, with the possible exception of Peachey. His victor of 1949 proved even more devastating in 1950. Paton has speed, unlimited courage and a tremendous punch. Peachey is to be congratulated on having fought long enough to be knocked out in the last round.

Results (Q.V.S. names first):—

A. Quinn beat M. McLellan (A.); T. Williamson beat E. D. D. Bell (A.); T. Burns beat E. M. Porteous (A.); T. Gavigan beat A. J. C. Scarr (A.); B. Williamson beat P. H. Thomson (A.); D. Scullion beat D. G. U. Scott (G.); J. Cordner beat A. E. Williamson (G.); J. Wiseman beat E. P. Wolstencroft (G.); D. MacArthur beat R. J. H. Valentine (G.); W. Carrigan beat H. C. Wilson (G.); R. Smith lost to M. M. Henderson (G.); D. Peachey lost to E. R. Paton (G.). Points—Q.V.S., 44; Glenalmond and Ardvreck, 28. Winner—Queen Victoria School.

Cricket

At the beginning of the term we had high hopes of continuing the gradual improvement shown towards the end of last season. Unfortunately, however, we were dealt a heavy blow when it became all too obvious that Sanderson would not be available.

At the time of writing the first eleven have not won a match. The talent is there but it needs time in which to develop.

This is the first time we have experimented with a second eleven and it has proved worth while. The younger boys have so far won one match out of three played. Once again however, time in which to practise is an important factor.

Despite the fact that the 1st XI have not won, they are improving rapidly as a team and should win at least two of the remaining fixtures against Alloa Technical School and St. Modan's High School and the Boys' Brigade.

Our first game of the season was against Stirling High School 1st XI. From the start it was obvious that the school were outclassed by an older and more experienced team. Nevertheless Q.V.S. stuck to their guns and did well only to lose by 3 wickets. Harold batted exceptionally well for 16 runs but no one stayed to back him up. The school bowling proved steady and the fielding good, but fifty was hardly a big enough score to bowl against. In the return game the school were thrashed to the tune of eight wickets. The performance of everyone in this match was too bad to be believed.

We lost a low scoring but exciting game to Alloa Technical School by 11 runs. Barr was the outstanding performer for the school. He took 7 wickets for sixteen runs.

The last school match before the time of going to press was against Falkirk Technical School.

Both teams were under fifteen. The school showed an all round improvement and would have won easily but for some appalling slip fielding. No less than five catches were dropped in this position! The batting showed much greater solidity. As opening bat Campbell scored 12 and Straughan a hard-hitting 27. The school bowling showed marked improvement, Barr took four wickets for 14 runs. Some good backing up, calling, and running between the wickets earned the school some very cheeky runs.

The School versus Staff game proved to be very enjoyable. The school made 72 runs, thanks to Straughan, who made a quick 29 not out. The staff passed this total with only 4 wickets down due to an excellent innings of 31 by Mr Taylor, well supported by Mr P. Jones who made 21.

Our return games against Alloa produced the most thrilling cricket seen this term.

The 1st XI lost the toss and fielded. The bowling honours were much more even than in the past, but Barr once again headed the averages with four wickets for 39 runs in 11 overs. Alloa scored 100 runs which was a formidable total. Q.V.S., however, fought back in grand style after losing 3 wickets for 8 runs and scored 96. This was truly a grand game. Well done the school!

The 2nd XI also played well and lost by the narrowest of margins, one wicket.

The following boys have represented the 1st XI:—D Peachey (capt.), J. Harold, J. Colbert, P. Watson, S. Riddell, E. Phillips, J. Barr, D. Povey, T. Straughan, J. Davies, C. Campbell, R. Fairbairn, C. Irvine, R. Haggart, R. Thomson, I. Geddes.

2nd XI:—D. Wood (capt.), R. Thomson, T. Duncan, E. Jones, C. Irvine, J. Graham, W. Menach, G. Burns, C. Minshull, R. Rayner, C. Cairns; also played, T. Butler, W. McCombe, G. Johnstone.

The 1st XI. has just recorded its first win of the season, beating the 3rd Gourock Coy. of the Boys' Brigade by 70 runs, making a great recovery from a disastrous start.

Two wickets were down for nought and three for 5 before Harold (13) and R. Thomas (12) stopped the rot. At 29 for six Watson joined Geddes and, stopping the straight ones and hitting to leg with great power, they raised the score by 63 before Watson was out for an innings of 32, which included three 6's and two 4's. The School's innings was declared closed at 101 for eight wickets, Geddes 38 not out, after a fine innings, in which he hit a 6 and five 4's.

Our opponents were soon in trouble and Harold, changing the bowling frequently, never allowed them to settle down. They were all out for 31.

Personalities

R. Haggart has proved to be the only boy to fill the position of opening batsman with any degree of success. He plays a good straight bat but should concentrate on getting his left elbow well over the line of the ball. He is inclined to be weak on the leg side. A good fielder.

J. Colbert has occupied numerous positions in the batting order without success. He appears to

lack the patience needed to play himself in. A most erratic bowler. A good fielder.

J. Harold will make a very good wicket-keeper as soon as he learns to get more behind the ball. A very sound batsman. In the absence of Peachey he has proved a good captain.

D. Peachey is an outstanding fielder. A hard-hitting batsman who comes off on occasions. A useful bowler, but he does not realise when he is tired. As a captain he should make an effort to learn more about the tactics of the game.

P. Watson will make a good medium paced leg break bowler. He tends to sacrifice length for speed with disastrous results. A lazy fielder.

S. Riddell plays a good straight bat, but has the annoying habit of stepping away from the wicket to play leg balls. A good fielder.

E. Phillips is a good change bowler. As a batsman he has yet to learn the value of a straight bat.

J. Barr is a good opening bowler with an exceptionally easy action. He often fails as a batsman because he attempts to score off every ball. A good fielder.

J. Davies, a slow left-arm bowler who will do well as soon as he gains confidence. A very good fielder. He bats number 11.

T. Straughan is the opening bowler with either Peachey or Barr. He has still to realise the importance of bowling to a set field. A hard-hitting batsman who has done well this season. A poor slip fielder.

D. Povey is a steady medium-paced bowler who is difficult to hit when he strikes his length. He must use his feet more when batting. A good fielder.

R. Fairbairn will become a good bowler, given plenty of practice and coaching. A good fielder.

C. Irvine is a useful 2nd XI wicket keeper and has played as opening batsman for the 1st XI.

The solid batting of R. Smith has been sadly missed this term. His sporting activities have been temporarily suspended due to a fractured ankle.

Full Colours have been awarded to Sgt. J. Harold and Boy J. Barr.

Half Colours to Sgts. R. Fairbairn, R. Haggart, Cpl. T. Straughan, C. Campbell, P. Watson and I. Geddes.

The trophies were awarded as follows:—Batting, T. Straughan; bowling, J. Barr; fielding, D. Peachey.

Athletics

The promise of last season has been far exceeded by the successes gained this year. In every department standards have risen and our only disappointments have been injuries.

After a preliminary match against Alva Academy, which was won comfortably, we embarked on our biggest venture for many years, the staging of the Counties' Inter-Schools Meeting on our own grounds. As usual, Mr Gutteridge and Mr Roche, with the able and enthusiastic assistance of the entire staff, conducted the meeting impeccably.

It was a great disappointment to us that Donald Grove, this year's champion, was in hospital. However, his substitutes, Beattie and Cordner, did splendidly, as the results show.

In an entry of nineteen schools our juniors and intermediates had much the best results, and although we have only five boys in the senior age group, we were beaten only by Falkirk H.S. in the matter of overall places gained. It will be seen that we gained 1st or 2nd place in ten of the twelve events in the first two sections.

INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Stirlingshire, Clackmannanshire and West Perthshire)

Schools taking part:—Alloa Academy, St. Modan's H.S., Queen Victoria School, Larbert H.S., Camelon J.S.S., Cowie J.S.S., Kilsyth Academy, St. Patrick's (Kilsyth), Alva Academy, Balfron H.S., Dunblane J.S.S., McLaren H.S., Stirling H.S., Tillicoultry J.S.S., Falkirk H.S., Longcroft J.S.S., Alloa Technical School, St. Francis J.S.S.

Q.V.S. Placings

Juniors—100 yards—1 R. Fairbairn; 220 yards—1 R. Fairbairn; high jump—1 J. Barr; long jump—3 A. Cunningham; relay—2 (equal)—Q.V.S. (R. Greenhorn, R. Thomson, W. Geddes, R. Fairbairn).

Intermediates—100 yards—2 D. Leel; 880 yards—2 J. Spence (beaten by inches); long jump—1 D. Leel; hop, step and jump—2 J. Cordner; hurdles—1 A. Beattie; relay—1 Q.V.S. (T. May, R. Sharp, A. Beattie, D. Leel).

Open—Mile—5 R. Smith; high jump—3 (equal) D. Peachey; long jump—4 J. Colbert; shot—3 D. Peachey; discus—6 D. Scullion; javelin—2 D. Leel.

TRIANGULAR CONTEST

Falkirk High School, Stirling High School, Queen Victoria School

100 yards (under 14)—1, Q.V.S. (R. Fairbairn); 2, Stirling; 3, Falkirk. Time 11.2 secs.

High jump (under 16)—1, Falkirk; 2, Stirling; 3, Q.V.S. (D. Grove).

Long jump (under 14)—1, Stirling; 2, Q.V.S. (A. Cunningham); 3, Falkirk.

Shot putting (under 16)—1, Falkirk; 2, Stirling; 3, Q.V.S. (T. May).

100 yards (under 16)—1, Falkirk; 2, Q.V.S. (D. Leel); 3, Stirling.

880 yards (under 16)—1, Falkirk; 2, Stirling; 3, Q.V.S. (R. Spence).

75 yards hurdles—1, Q.V.S. (R. Fairbairn); 2, Stirling; 3, Falkirk. Time 12.1 secs.

Javelin (under 16)—1, Q.V.S. (D. Leel); 2, Falkirk. Distance 114ft. 8½ins.

100 yards hurdles—1, Stirling; 2, Q.V.S. (A. Beattie); 3, Falkirk.

High jump (under 14)—1, Stirling; 2, Q.V.S. (J. Barr); 3, Falkirk.

Hop, step and jump—1, Stirling; 2, Q.V.S. (D. Grove); 3, Falkirk.

220 yards (under 14)—1, Q.V.S. (R. Fairbairn); 2, Stirling; 3, Falkirk. Time 28.1 secs.

Long jump (under 16)—1, Stirling; 2, Q.V.S. (D. MacKenzie); 3, Q.V.S. (A. Beattie).

220 yards (under 16)—1, Falkirk; 2, Q.V.S. (D. Leel); 3, Stirling.

Discus (under 16)—1, Stirling; 2, Q.V.S. (T. May); 3, Falkirk.

440 yards (under 16)—1, Q.V.S. (T. May); 2, Stirling; 3, Stirling. Time 61.2 secs.

Relay (under 14)—1, Q.V.S. (R. Greenhorn, R. Thompson, W. Geddes, R. Fairbairn); 2, Stirling; 3, Falkirk. Time 56.4 secs. 4 x 110 yards.

Relay race (under 16)—1, Q.V.S. (A. Beattie, R. Sharp, D. MacKenzie, D. Leel); 2, Stirling; 3, Falkirk. Time 1 min. 22 secs. 220, 110, 110, 220 yards.

Final placings—1, Q.V.S. (46 points); 2, Stirling (42 points); 3, Falkirk (29 points).

Swimming

This year the Inter-Company and Individual Championships were held as separate meetings. In the absence of D. Grove, Spence was an unexpected winner of "The Fish" as Open Champion.

The Inter-Company Cup was decided on a triangular match of 15 events, the highlight of which was the plunge, in which two boys beat the existing school record of 41ft. 4ins., T. Straughan doing 43ft. 2ins. and D. Grove 42ft. 3ins. The proceedings ended with a race for the Iron Trophy, in which H. Kill overhauled Mr Roche to give the boys the lead right up to the last leg, when Mr Dunbar's great speed carried him home.

INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING Monitors' Race

Four lengths free style—1, D. Grove; 2, D. Scullion; 3, J. Cordner.

Open

Four lengths free style—1, P. Watson; 2, D. Scullion; 3, W. Menach.

Two lengths breast stroke—1, A. Spence; 2, J. Cordner; 3, A. Cunningham.

Two lengths back stroke—1, A. Spence; 2, J. Shivers; 3, J. Cordner.

Diving—1, R. Fairbairn; 2, A. Cunningham; 3, R. Rayner.

Intermediate

Two lengths free style—1, J. Barr; 2, J. Scott; 3, L. Carroll.

Two lengths breast stroke—1, J. Barr; 2, J. MacArthur; 3, H. Fairbairn.

Two lengths back stroke—1, J. Barr; 2, J. Hughes; 3, J. Scott.

Junior

Two lengths free style—1, A. Todd; 1, A. MacArthur; 3, R. Mills.

Two lengths breast stroke—1, A. MacArthur; 2, J. Anderson; 3, T. Hunter.

Two lengths back stroke—1, J. Anderson; 2, A. MacArthur; 3, T. Hunter.

Diving—1, A. Quinn; 2, G. Pirie; 3, T. Hunter.

Novices

Two lengths free style—1, H. Hamilton; 2, D. McQueen.

Winner of the "Fish"—A. Spence—Open Champion.

Intermediate Champion—J. Barr.

Junior Champion—A. MacArthur.

INTER-COMPANY SWIMMING CUP**First Division**

Two lengths free style—1, "D"; 2, "A"; 3, "B."

Four lengths free style—1, "D"; 2, "A"; 3, "B."

Two lengths back stroke—1, "B"; 2, "A"; 3, "D."

Two lengths breast stroke—1, "D"; 2, "A"; 3, "B."

Diving—1, "A"; 2, "B"; 3, "D."

Plunging—1, "A"; 2, "D"; 3, "B."

Relay race (4 x 3 lengths)—1, "D"; 2, "A"; 3, "B."

2nd Division

Two lengths free style—1, "A"; 2, "D"; 3, "B."

Two lengths back stroke—1, "D"; 2, "A"; 3, "B."

Two lengths breast stroke—1, "A"; 2, "B"; 3, "D."

Diving—1, "D"; 2, "B"; 3, "A."

Relay race—(4 x 2 lengths)—1, "A"; 2, "D"; 3, "B."

Third Division

Two lengths free style—1, "A"; 2, "B"; 3, "D."

Diving—1, "B"; 2, "A"; 3, "D."

Relay race (4 x 1 length)—1, "A"; 2, "B"; 3, "D."

1, "A" Coy. (44 points); 2, "D" Coy. (36 points); 3, "B" Coy. (28 points).

IRON TROPHY

Boys—P. Watson, back crawl; A. Spence, breast stroke; H. Gill, side crawl; J. Cordner, side stroke; J. Shivers, back stroke; D. Grove, crawl.

Masters—K. Hawkard, back crawl; Mr M. Briggs, breast stroke; A. Roche, side crawl; P. Taylor, side stroke; Mr M. Watson, back stroke; D. Dunbar, crawl.

Winning team—Masters.

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