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EDITORIAL

At the end of our first school year in the new and renovated buildings, the newness has already worn off, in more than one sense. The old grubby class-room huts, the inside class-rooms where artificial light was needed all day, the trek through winter snow to remote workshops, these now seem to belong to the nineteenth century, as they properly did. A queer survival is that boys still talk about the technical drawing "hut" when they mean the new room on the top floor of the class-room block. If this expression is handed down, it will provide a nice etymological exercise in about fifty years. In the course of the year some minor features of interest about the new building have become apparent. For instance people in the upper class-rooms are not always aware how well they can be observed from certain windows in the old building. No doubt the goldfish also flatter themselves on the view that they get from their bowl. Then the big south window of the masters' common-room gives an excellent view of boys' progress to and from the School hospital. There is a point more or less fixed, at which the dawdlers back catch sight of a master standing at the window and break into a run.

After a full year we can appreciate the benefit of having the primary boys of Wavell House established in their own community away from the senior school, and supervised entirely by their own masters. It is a happy community; and though in the past many senior boys did excellent work as prefects of junior dormitories, the arrangement was not always good for them and their own work, or for the junior boys. Obviously it is better that the younger boys should get a chance to manage their own affairs under the care of their own masters, and that Wavell House should be, as far as geography allows, a separate

junior section of the School. They have developed their own activities, like the Wavell House "army" and the junior drill competition, to both of which there are references in this "Victorian," and the puppet-show that a few of them got up by themselves. In writing about these boys rather than elsewhere in the magazine, we also welcome their new matron, Mrs Wilson. She has a lot of experience and ideas, and she has made a big contribution to the development of the new Wavell House.

There is still building to come. A few sticks have appeared stuck into the grass at the north end of the school as a token that the new library is on its way. Then there will be the new quarters for masters and some new garages. On the playing field, drainage is still a problem. A series of trenches at the south end near the burn show that something is being done about this notoriously water-logged area. At the other end of the two main rugby pitches, the new raised section still seems to vary from swamp to hard clay according to the weather. Until it can be got into use there is great pressure on playing space. Works and buildings will still provide talking-points for a year or two, and there will be more new things for old boys to come and look at. Meantime we can count our blessings, and though there are still defects and grumbles, we must say when we look back on the School of three years ago, that the blessings are pretty considerable.

As a foot-note to this editorial, with a bare week of the summer term to go, and several items for the "Victorian" only just into the typescript stage, we wish to express our appreciation of the service we get from Mr Haggarty and his staff at The Monument Press. They know this magazine very well, and somehow or other they get it out in time.



BRIGADIER M. R. J. HOPE THOMSON, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

**BRIGADIER M. R. J. HOPE THOMSON,
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Our new Commandant, Brigadier Hope Thomson, took up his appointment here in April. His photograph appears in this issue. It is our duty to tell readers about the Commandant's service career; but to do so adequately we should have to publish a special supplement. Even in bare summary it is a striking record of experience and adventure.

Brigadier Hope Thomson is a Scotsman, born in Edinburgh. His father, a regular officer of the Royal Artillery was a casualty of the first world war. In 1931 he was commissioned from Sandhurst and joined the 1st Battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, to begin what he described for us as "a quite conventional military career." Few would agree with this description. In 1932 began a six-year tour of foreign service. The first four years were in Egypt and Palestine. Egypt, he says, was then a "vast sporting and social club, and great fun." He played Rugby for the Army in the Middle East and for the United Services, Middle East, against the civilians. In 1936 his regiment was concerned in controlling the rebellion of the Palestine Arabs against the British policy on Jewish immigration—protecting motor convoys, searching for arms, and engaging armed gangs of Arab guerrillas. Then came two years in India, and a return to Britain in 1938, to join the other battalion of the R.S.F. as a company commander. When war was declared, the battalion went to France as part of the British Expeditionary Force. Just before the fighting broke out, he was transferred back to India to become adjutant of the 1st Battalion. This annoyed him at the time, but was lucky too, for all the officers of the 2nd Battalion were killed or captured in Belgium. The 1st Battalion was rapidly sent back to Britain to defend the Sussex beaches against the threatened invasion. In 1941 the Commandant went to the Army Staff College, then volunteered for service with Parachute Troops, still in their infancy. He became Chief Instructor in Parachuting (at that time somewhat of an experimental science) at Ringway Airport, near Manchester. He trained all the early parachutists; and numbers of agents training to drop in France also passed through the parachute school. In 1942 he raised and commanded the 4th Parachute Battalion. This was going very nicely when he was suddenly transferred back to India to command the embryo Indian Parachute Brigade. There followed what he described briefly as "two difficult and hard years," which included dealing with the Delhi riots and culminated in service on the Burmese border. He was invalided home in 1944, but was fit again by September of that year, and went at once to Europe. There he commanded the 1st Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, with whom he finished the war, being awarded the D.S.O. in this period of his service.

Such is the bald account of his war service which we have had from Brigadier Hope Thomson. We can add only a little to illustrate what is not told. For example, in the recently-published history of the

R.S.F., we see that as a subaltern and regimental signal officer, he was awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry in action against Arab guerrillas. In the official history of the war against Japan there is the story of how his 50th Indian Parachute Brigade held up the Japanese armies at Sangshak. During the campaign in North-West Europe in 1944 and 1945, he took part in the battles in the Low Countries, including the liberation of Tilburg, and when in command of the Worcestershire Regiment, he was involved in the Reichwald battle and the assault on Goch, the Rhine crossing, the assault on Bremen, and the final advance into Germany before the armistice.

Brigadier Hope Thomson's post-war service was as full of variety and interest as one would expect from his earlier record. For a year he commanded the 4th/5th Battalion of the R.S.F. Then he went as an Army student to the Royal Navy Staff College, and from there to the Joint Services Staff College, from which he was posted as a First Grade General Staff Officer to Combined Operations Headquarters. During this time he went to the United States, attached to the U.S. Navy, and took part in large-scale exercises in the Pacific. He was also awarded the O.B.E. Next he volunteered for the Arab Legion, and had two years as G.S.O.1 to the famous General Glubb (Glubb Pasha). He had an audience with King Abdulla twenty minutes before the king was assassinated, and not long before this murder he was in conversation with a prominent Arab who was later hanged for complicity in it. From Jordan he came back to command the 1st Battalion of his own regiment in Berlin. He was there when the East Berlin "riots" took place. Then he took the regiment to Malaya, and was mentioned in despatches for his part in the operations against Communist guerrillas. Back to Britain to become Commandant of the Amphibious Warfare Centre and then Commander of 157 (Lowland) Infantry Brigade, T.A. In 1960, and again in 1963, he was abroad on special missions for the Foreign Office to Oman and Saudi Arabia. He planned the expansion and re-organisation of the Sultan's forces. Among his souvenirs are a gold-mounted and jewelled dagger, the gift of Prince Feisal, and a silver coffee-pot, the gift of the Sultan of Oman. In this period of his career he also found himself, as he says, "in a very unusual environment" as Military Adviser to the Army Operational Research Establishment, where he was collaborating with a scientist colleague in studying the problems of nuclear warfare by means of "War Games." In 1962 he became Vice-President of the Regular Commissions Board at Westbury. He recalls that in 18 months there he interviewed, tested, and wrote individual reports on well over a thousand candidates. In 1962, he was appointed A.D.C. to H.M. the Queen.

Early in 1964, Brigadier Hope Thomson retired after a total service of 18 months as a Sandhurst cadet and 32½ years as a commissioned officer, and he says, "was appointed to my great happiness as Commandant of Queen Victoria School." His main current interest is listed as "Queen Victoria School."

Others are outdoor activities, and reading about the Middle East, History and Military History, and Archaeology. The Commandant is married with a son of 15 at Haileybury, and a daughter of 12 now at school in Sunningdale, but going on to St. Leonard's School in St. Andrews. We welcome Brigadier and Mrs Hope Thomson and their family, and wish them many happy years in Dunblane. Perhaps we shall have a chance one day to read more about this "quite conventional military career".

BRIGADIER A. M. FINLAISON, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Brigadier Finlaison, who came here as Commandant in January, 1957, retired at the end of the Easter Term. Seven years is a comparatively short time in the life of a school, but these years have been full of change. There have been immense material changes, and attitudes have been changing too. Brigadier Finlaison brought to the task which has filled his life since he retired from the Army wide administrative experience and a wisdom which enabled him to guide the School through several crucial years with less upheaval than would have seemed possible. The present stability of the School is the measure of his success. He believed that the boys should have as much freedom as possible. It was he who abolished the old rule forbidding boys to have hands in pockets. He was against introducing any stunts or specialities into the School programme. He wanted it to be as normal as possible, but to keep the military tradition which is its distinctive feature.

Though the Pipe Band, the Highland Dancers, school games, and the summer camps claimed much of his attention, he was interested in boys as individuals and in every aspect of their school life. His regime here will be associated with the new buildings, with the term at Cultybraggan Camp and with the re-organisation that accompanied the changes in accommodation. But the years between 1957 and 1962 saw reforms too. There were many small changes tending to civilise the boys' lives and to make them more comfortable. A few of them come to mind as one looks back. Incredible as it may seem now, only a few years ago boys were still playing Rugby in their ordinary stockings, and many of them in school shoes. Brigadier Finlaison changed that. We also remember shoes lying out to fill with rain-water while their owners were at games. It was Brigadier Finlaison who had the covered boot-lockers put up. Proper crockery at meal-times came in his time too. The list could go on long enough. Though a strong believer in tradition, he would not let things go on that were shown to be no longer reasonable. Plenty of instances can be remembered. Every boy used to have a brass plate hung above his bed bearing the name of some individual or body that had subscribed the appropriate sum. The idea was that a boy should always have the same plate, be duly grateful to the original donor, and keep the brass polished. In fact all that remained was the polishing. So the brass plates went, and the record

of the names was preserved elsewhere. On the other hand, Brigadier Finlaison was very jealous of military tradition in dress and custom. He reintroduced the wearing of plaids by prefects in No. 1 dress, and put senior boys into battle-dress blouses with khaki collar and tie.

The combination of respect for the old ways and readiness to change them when time made changes desirable was his particular strength as Commandant in those eventful years.

Mrs Finlaison was very active too. She did a great deal of work with the Women's Rural Institute in the School, and took a great interest in wives and families, with whom she was deservedly popular. The regard in which Brigadier and Mrs Finlaison were held was demonstrated before they left, by the boys, the staff and the Old Victorians. They and their family took with them the good wishes of us all.

PIPE-MAJOR J. M. MacKENZIE

Pipe-Major MacKenzie, who joined us in January, to take over from Pipe-Major Sanderson, is a native of Campbelltown, Argyllshire, and was educated at the Grammar School there. He joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 1938, and served with various battalions of the regiment for 14 years, two of these years as a boy piper and six years as Pipe-Major, being appointed Pipe-Major at the remarkably young age of 22. As Pipe-Major of the 2nd Battalion, the old 93rd of Thin Red Line fame, he served in North-West Europe and toured France, Belgium, and Germany with his band, also taking part in the Victory parade in London with the combined pipes and drums of the 51st (Highland) and 52nd (Lowland) Divisions. When the 2nd Battalion was disbanded, he was for a long time an instructor at the Scottish Command School of Piping in Edinburgh, and then came back to his regiment to recruit and raise a band for the 8th Battalion on the re-formation of the Territorial Army. There he remained till the end of his regular engagement in 1952. During his army career he had many piping successes. He himself was champion piper of the Highland Brigade. His 11th Battalion band won the British Open Pipe Band Championship; and the 8th Battalion won the Northern Counties Championship at Elgin, and the Territorial and Army Pipe Band Championships in two successive years at the Cowal Highland Gathering.

From 1953 to 1959 Pipe-Major MacKenzie lived in Northern Rhodesia in the employ of the Anglo-American Company. There his services were in constant demand to give recitals, and to teach and judge piping, all over Central and South Africa. He returned to live in Doune and work for the Naval Ordnance Inspectorate until joining Queen Victoria School. Mr MacKenzie recalls that he started piping at ten years of age and studied under famous players, such as Pipe-Major William Ross, late of the Scots Guards, and Pipe-Major Robert Reid, late of the H.L.I. As an individual piper he has won numerous championships at the Highland gatherings and

meetings. He was appointed to the Board of Examiners of the College of Piping in 1957 and is on the B.B.C.'s panel of Broadcasting pipers.

Pipe-Major MacKenzie is married, with two daughters. We offer a warm welcome to him and to his family. We are lucky to get the services of this distinguished piper, and we wish the MacKenzies a long and happy association with Queen Victoria School.

GETTING THE "VICTORIAN"

There is still an occasional complaint from some life-member of the Old Victorians that he has not received the copy of the summer "Victorian" to which his subscription entitles him. The system for distributing magazines to Old Boys is that each life-member receives a type-written form which he is asked to complete, confirming his address, and send back to the Headmaster's secretary. Copies of the summer "Victorian" are sent out to all who have returned the forms. The reason for doing the

distribution this way is that when magazines were sent out to the Old Boys at their recorded addresses, it was very common for a number of them to be returned because the address was out of date. We could not afford this wastage. So, if you do not send back the form, you do not receive the magazine.

In the Old Boys' news above, we refer to the suggestion that the Christmas number should be sent out instead of the summer one. Obviously we do not want to start any such change without knowing that it is the wish of the majority of Old Boys, and officially requested, perhaps at an Old Boys' meeting. Finances do not let us give out two free issues a year. The magazine is sold internally at 1/6 to boys and 2/6 to grown-ups. If any Old Boy wants to buy a copy of the Christmas issue, will he please send a 2/6 postal order, not later than 30th November, to Mr J. Finlay at the School. Mr Finlay looks after the business side of the "Victorian." Naturally the number of copies we order from the printer depends on the expected demand. Therefore, Old Victorians, please write by the end of November if you want a copy of the Christmas issue.

Obituary

CAPTAIN ALEXANDER WILLIAM FINNIE

We have, with deep regret, to record the death on 31st March, 1964, from a heart-attack of Captain A. W. Finnie at the early age of 44. The son of Mr William Finnie, who served for 21 years in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders rising to the rank of warrant officer, Captain Finnie was a pupil of Queen Victoria School for 7½ years. He distinguished himself both educationally and as an all-round sportsman. At the age of thirteen he became boy drum-major, and later he was a monitor.

On leaving school he enlisted in the R.A.O.C., and was stationed in Egypt when the second world war broke out. After taking part in the earlier desert campaigns, including the siege of Tobruk, and having reached the rank of warrant officer at the age of 21, he was taken prisoner at Mersa Matru. He escaped from an Italian prisoner-of-war camp and worked with Italian partisans before he succeeded in reaching the allied lines. For this he was mentioned in despatches. He was commissioned in 1945. Captain Finnie was always a keen sportsman. At one time he played Rugby for Hampshire. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter, who live at 3 Brockley Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex. To his family and relatives we offer the sympathy of all Victorians.

SYDNEY JAMES MONAGHAN

With deep regret we record the death of Mr S. J. Monaghan, which was notified to the School in a letter from his brother Lieutenant E. L. Monaghan, R.E. Mr Monaghan died suddenly on 26th September, 1963, at the age of 48. He was a boy at the School from 1924 to 1929 and then served for thirty-two years in the Sappers, the last ten as Warrant Officer Class I.

WALTER SINTON

We are very sorry to report the death of Mr Walter Sinton, a former employee of the School, and the father of Mr William Sinton, now a porter here. Mr Sinton, who was in his 85th year, died on 1st July, 1964. He served his time as a plumber with a local firm, and then joined the Royal Navy before the 1914-18 war. Throughout the war he served in destroyers, finishing with the rank of Petty Officer. He came to Queen Victoria School in 1921, and worked here as a plumber and engineer until his retirement in 1950.

VALETE

July, 1963

Form IIIB

L. MCKENZIE—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1958. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, Intermediate Cert. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze series. Highland dancing team. Junior Sec. Cert. To Army Apprentice School, Harrogate. Home address : 26 Dreghorn Gardens, Colinton, Edinburgh. (We apologise for the omission of McKenzie's name in December.)

December, 1963

Form IV

D. S. E. CORMACK—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1958. Cunningham. A.C.F. Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Assistant librarian. To clerical employment in Dundee. Home address : 13 Exchange Street, Dundee.

March, 1964

Form IIIB

R. P. KERR—R.A.F.—Joined January, 1961. Haig. A.C.F. Cert. A Part 1. To domestic employment. Home address : 5 Finlayson Street, Fraserburgh.

R. M. MACARTHUR—Seaforth Highlanders—Joined October, 1962. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. Candidate for Edinburgh police. Home address : "Southleigh," Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, 12.

J. D. OLIVER—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—Joined September, 1958. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. Life-saving, bronze medallion. Piper in band. Junior Sec. Cert. Apprentice copper-smith. Home address : 104 Clark Street, St. Ninians, Stirling.

P. J. TAIT—R.E.—Joined September, 1960. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. Life-saving, Intermediate Cert. To school in Dundee. Home address : 39 Hamilton Street, Barnhill, Dundee.

July, 1964

Forms V, VI

M. J. ARMSTRONG—Seaforth Highlanders—Joined September, 1956. Haig. Monitor. 1st XV 1961-62-63-64. Colours 1962-63-64. Captain 1963-64 1st XI 1964. A.C.F., Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. S.C.E. Ordinary English, Maths, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry, Modern Studies, Technical Drawing, Mechanics, Woodwork. Candidate for Sandhurst. Home address : c/o Hilton Manor Farm, Halebank, Widnes, Lancs.

H. R. BOWES—R.E.M.E.—Joined September, 1957. Cunningham. Prefect. 1st XV 1961-62-63-64, Colours, 1963-64, Vice-Captain. A.C.F., Sergeant, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Colour Sergeant. Life-saving, bronze cross. S.C.E. Ordinary English, History, Modern Studies, Maths, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry, Technical Drawing, Mechanics, Woodwork. To be cost accountant with John Laird & Sons. Home address : 96 Finlay Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

D. T. W. COULTER—R.A.E.C.—Joined September, 1958. Trenchard. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. S.C.E. Ordinary Maths, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry, Technical Drawing, Mechanics. Candidate for R.A.F. apprenticeship. Home address : 6 Auchengate Crescent, Dundonald Camp, Troon, Ayrshire.

K. M. DOUGLAS—R.A.F.—Joined October, 1955. Trenchard. Senior Monitor. 1st XV 1961-62-63-64. Colours 1962-63-64. 1st XI 1962-63-64, Colours 1963 and 1964, Captain 1964. Best shot 1964. Shooting Colours. A.C.F. Sergeant, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Boy Pipe-Major. S.C.E. Ordinary English, Maths, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry, Technical Drawing, Mechanics, Woodwork. S.C.E. Higher Maths, Science, Technical Subjects. Direct Entry Commission R.A.F. Home address : 323 Oxford Gardens, Stafford.

P. C. KAY—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1956. Haig. A.C.F., Lance-Cpl., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, bronze medallion. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver series. S.C.E. Ordinary English, History. Candidate for Merchant Navy as purser. Home address : 13 West Savile Terrace, Newington, Edinburgh, 9.

D. T. KELTIE—Seaforth Highlanders—Joined September, 1957. Trenchard. Prefect. 1st XV 1963-64, Colours. A.C.F. Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, scholar-instructor's certificate. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze series. Assistant librarian. G.C.E. Ordinary English, S.C.E. Ordinary English, French, History, Maths, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry. S.C.E. Higher English. Candidate for Scottish College of Commerce. Home address : 187 Ashkirk Drive, Mossbank, Glasgow, S.W.3.

D. A. MAXWELL—A.C.C.—Joined September, 1956. Trenchard. Prefect. 1st XV 1962-63-64, Colours 1963-64. 1st XI 1962-63-64, Colours 1963. A.C.F., Sergeant, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Colour Sergeant. Life-saving, scholar-instructor's certificate. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver series. S.C.E. Ordinary English, History, Arithmetic. Candidate for civil service. Home address : "Rosslyn," Pilmer Road, Crowborough, Sussex.

R. I. SMITH—R.A.F.—Joined September, 1958. Cunningham. Prefect. A.C.F. Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Librarian. G.C.E. Ordinary English. S.C.E. Ordinary English, French, History, Maths, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry. S.C.E. Higher English, History, Maths, Science. Edinburgh University. Home address : c/o Ch./Tech. S.G. Smith, Sgts. Mess, R.A.F., Geilenkirchen, B.F.P.O. 42.

D. J. WATSON—R.A.M.C.—Joined September, 1956. Haig. Prefect. 1st XV 1963-64. A.C.F. Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, award of merit. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Gold series. S.C.E. Ordinary Art, English, French, History, Maths, Arithmetic. S.C.E. Higher Art, English. Dundee Art College. Home address : 39 Bradfield Avenue, Kelvindale, Glasgow.

Form IV

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J. C. MORRICE—R.A.F.—Joined September, 1960. Trenchard. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Junior Sec. Certificate. Candidate for R.A.F. apprenticeship. Home address : 15 Kingsway, R.A.F., Geilenkirchen, B.F.P.O., 42.

D. A. NIX—Black Watch—Joined September, 1958. Trenchard. A.C.F. Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze series. Assistant librarian. School in Birmingham. Home address : 61 Selwyn Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 16.

D. V. SCOTT—R.A.F.—Joined September, 1958. Haig. 1st XV 1963-64. A.C.F. Lance-Cpl., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze series. Junior Sec. Certificate. To technical college. Home address : 3 Old Church Lane, Manor House Estate, Stanmore, Middlesex.

S. P. S. SCOTT—R.A.M.C.—Joined September, 1960. Trenchard. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Assistant librarian. Insurance office. Home address : 35 Parkgrove Terrace, Edinburgh, 4.

A. J. SINCLAIR—R.A.—Joined September, 1957. Haig. A.C.F., Lance-Cpl., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Highland dancing team. Apprentice mechanical engineer. Home address : c/o Sergeants' Mess, 5/50 Regt., R.A., Menden, B.F.P.O., 54.

M. W. SMITH—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1960. Trenchard. A.C.F., Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Assistant librarian. Candidate for post with Government Signals. Home address : 1 Rosemount Place, Perth.

A. W. STACE—R.S.F.—Joined September, 1959. Haig. Prefect. 1st XV 1962-63-64, Colours 1963-64. Cross-country running, Winner 1964, Colours 1963 and 1964. A.C.F., C.S.M., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Boy Drum-Major. Life-saving, bronze medallion. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze series. S.C.E. Ordinary Physics, Technical Drawing, Mechanics. Electrical engineering apprentice. Home address : 18 Queen's Drive, Eddlewood, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

W. P. L. STEWART—Seaforth Highlanders—Joined September, 1958. Haig. Prefect. 1st XV 1963-64. A.C.F., Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, bronze medallion. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver series. Junior Sec. Certificate. Apprentice draughtsman with Stewart & Lloyd. Home address : 34 Katewell Avenue, Drumchapel, Glasgow, W.5.

A. M. WASHINGTON—Scots Guards—Joined September, 1958. Haig. 1st XI 1963 and 1964. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze series. Employment not yet decided. Home address : 108 Sheffrod Road, Clifton, Near Sheffrod, Beds.

Form IIIA

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M. F. FORSYTH—Scots Guards—Joined September, 1959. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Junior Sec. Certificate. Employment not yet decided. Home address : 61 Cooper's Hill Drive, Brookwood, Woking, Surrey.

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B. J. McLAUGHLIN—R.A.F.—Joined September, 1959. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, bronze medallion. Junior Sec. Certificate. To Army Apprentice School. Home address : 12 Dowding Road, R.A.F., Uxbridge, Middlesex.

J. MCC. MURRAY—Q.O.C.H.—Joined September, 1959. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. Highland dancing team. Best Highland dancer, 1963 and 1964. Life-saving, intermediate certificate. Chapel orderly. Junior Sec. Certificate. To school in Germany. Home address : c/o W.O.II J. Murray, 1st Bn. Queen's Own Highlanders, S.S.O., Bielefeld, B.F.P.O. 39.

R. D. G. RAMAGE—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1962. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Junior Sec. Certificate. Further education (technical). Home address : Swan Inn, Faversham, Kent.

I. REID—Black Watch—Joined September, 1962. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. Candidate for Army Apprentice School or Junior Leaders. Home address : 90 Arthur Street, Dunfermline, Fife.

T. S. SHARP—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1960. Trenchard. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. Apprentice hairdresser. Home address : 3 Sandy Lane, Melling, Near Liverpool, Lancs.

M. L. SMITH—K.O.S.B.—Joined January, 1963. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. To K.O.S.B., Glencorse Barracks as junior bandsman. Home address : 62 Yule Terrace, Blackburn, West Lothian.

J. H. C. TAIT—R.E.M.E.—Joined September, 1959. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Junior Sec. Certificate. Further education. Candidate for police. Home address : "Broomlea," 31 Golf Course Road, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian.

J. H. WATTERS—R.C. of Signals—Joined September, 1959. Trenchard. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, intermediate certificate. Chapel orderly. Junior Sec. Certificate. Candidate for Army Apprentice School. Home address : The Priory, Stretton, Sugwas, Hereford.

M. S. WILLS—Royal Scots—Joined September, 1959. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, bronze medallion. Junior Sec. Certificate. Employment not yet decided. Home address : 7 Ilkley Close, Bolton, Lancs.

R. S. WILSON—A. & S.H.—Joined September, 1959. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. To school in Singapore. Home address : c/o C.S.M. Wilson, 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, c/o G.P.O., Singapore.

Form IIA

S. LEITCH—R.A.O.C.—Joined September, 1960. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. Chapel orderly. To Stranraer High School. Home address : Windyridge, 5 Royal Crescent, Stranraer.

V. H. SMITH—R.A.S.C.—Joined October, 1962. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. To school in Perth. Home address : 29 Strathtay Road, Letham, Perth.

Form IA

J. F. DIACK—R.A.F.—Joined September, 1963. Haig. Life-saving, bronze medallion. To school in Singapore.

SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

Queen Victoria School was again represented at the ceremony on June 27th of the installation of the Governor of Edinburgh Castle, the G.O.C.-in-C. Scottish Command. A contingent of 103 boys from the School including a number of the primary boys (Wavell House) took part in the parade. They were under the command of Captain Sansom.

Victorians of several generations will be sorry to hear that Mr. Frank Morrow has recently left us. Mr Morrow has been head chef at the School for over 13 years, and no school can ever have had a more conscientious person in charge of its feeding. He is an artist in his own line, and he was always concerned that the boys should get the right kind of food. For some time Mr Morrow has been considering changing his employment for reasons of health, and when an opportunity arose of changing to work that would mean less strain on his health he was no doubt wise to take it. His services here were recognised in presentations from boys and from staff. We all wish him good health and good fortune.

There is an article in this issue called "Flying at Scone" written by K. M. Douglas, the Senior Monitor. Under the flying award scheme run by the R.A.F., Douglas received instruction as a pilot on a course at Scone during the Easter holiday. He came back to school a qualified pilot, with 15 hours of solo flying to his credit, and has gained a direct commission in the R.A.F. We congratulate him on his success and wish him a great career in the service.

Two new prizes have been given to the School this term. The Glasgow Branch Old Victorians have given a plaque on which each year the name of the best junior drummer and bugler will be engraved, and the Scots Guards have given an extra prize for piping. This is a chanter which will go to the boy who is considered to have made most progress in piping during the year.

The public-speaking (Addison-Smith) competition was held in the Play Hall on 26th June. This year the competitors had first to tell a short story, not necessarily original, with a surprise ending, and then to make a short speech presenting a point of view on one of four topics : the holiday incidents at Clacton and Margate, the use of the tawse in Scottish schools, making boys eat what they do not want to eat, or Beatlemania. The competition was judged by Mr Hughes, Major Wilson and Captain Sansom, and was efficiently conducted by K. Douglas as chairman with K. Murray and E. Gillespie to usher competitors and audience. There were seven speakers. They had the advantage of preliminary auditions with the Headmaster which helped to raise the standard. The winner was A. C. Kay, with D. Watson second and M. Owens third.

At the beginning of the summer holiday a party of twelve of the School's Highland Dancers is going to Antwerp to take part in the International Folk Dancing Festival. Captain Frost and, of course, Mr Mortimer are going with them.

Appointments : Three new Prefects have been appointed this term. They are J. Allan and M. Owens (Cunningham House) and W. Stewart (Haig House).

Members of the School photographic society have been active this term, though there are no set hobby periods in the summer. They are now doing business in the School at standardised prices, and have earned about £4 for the funds of the Society in the past two terms. Their biggest success in this line was the order for photographs of players in the Old Boys' Rugby match. It alone brought them in £2. At present they are working at the production of photographs for a small exhibition on Grand Day. Three of the leading members are leaving this term: W. Stewart, the president, A. Stace and M. Smith, secretaries. They have worked very hard, under the guidance of Mr Paterson, and the dark room is in constant use. The committee of the photographic society are to be congratulated on the success of their enterprise.

Old Boys' Day was held, as usual, on the first Sunday in May, and, as usual in recent years, we were not very lucky with the weather. It was dry this year but very windy and cold. Neither the proceedings nor the numbers vary much from year to year. Just under 50 Old Boys attended. Among the seniors, we know we shall see the same faithful supporters on each Old Boys' Day, but not always the same members of the younger generation. Again a number came great distances for the occasion. The football match, we are told, ended in a 5-4 win for the School.

Two senior boys have just come back from the Outward Bound School at Burghead. This year M. J. Armstrong and J. Allan were the selected two. In addition two fifteen-year-old leavers, J. D. Oliver and B. J. McLaughlin went on the junior course at Burghead in the Easter Term.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Since the last issue of the "Victorian" we have had the following distinguished visitors at the School.

6th FEBRUARY.—Air Vice Marshal A. MacGregor, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., Visiting Commissioner.

17th FEBRUARY.—The Adjutant General to the Forces, General Sir James Cassels, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C.

1st MAY.—The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command, Lieutenant-General Sir William Turner, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., paying his farewell visit to the School before leaving Scottish Command.

2nd JUNE.—The Chief Education Officer, Scottish Command, Colonel C. T. Reidy, O.B.E., M.A., R.A.E.C.

16th JUNE.—Air Marshal Sir Brian Baker, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., Visiting Commissioner.

On 15th May we were visited by a party of Commonwealth teachers who came to see the School and its activities, as part of a programme arranged for them by the Dundee College of Education.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

President : The Headmaster.

Chairman : M. J. Armstrong.

Secretary : R. I. Smith.

The present Debating Society was formed by senior members of the School in the second term of this session. It comprises eighteen members all from the fourth form and above, who elected M. J. Armstrong as Chairman. When the Headmaster was asked to be President, he kindly accepted and has since given invaluable help in the way of comments, criticism and instruction in the proper procedure.

At the first meeting on the 15th January, a debate was held on the motion, "That there should be unilateral nuclear disarmament." Many persons spoke and gave a good account of themselves at this first debate so that they gained confidence and gave greater thought to the subjects. This point was particularly noticed in later debates when members introduced important ideas that had been missed by the proposer, the opposer and their seconders. During the term seven debates in all were held.

On the other three nights "sharp practices" were held. As many as eight motions were discussed in an evening, which proved most entertaining and beneficial to the members. Some of the motions were, admittedly, meant to be only amusing, and mock serious, e.g. "That there is a Loch Ness monster," and "That the monarchy be abolished." However, in contrast, many motions showed the Society's interest in modern problems and its concern for improvement in certain fields. Some such motions were about the risks involved in smoking, the provision of special courses for learner drivers, the need to increase old-age pensions and the consequences if the voting age was lowered to eighteen years.

It can be confidently stated that the Debating Society has been a success for the short time that it has been meeting. Though many of its members will be leaving school this year, we hope that the Society will be re-formed in September and that it will carry on with the same interest and enthusiasm that marked last term's meetings.

The following motions were debated :

- 15th January—That there should be unilateral nuclear disarmament. Carried (8-6).
- 22nd January—That conscription should be re-introduced. Defeated (11-4).
- 29th January—That capital punishment should be abolished. Carried (8-7).
- 12th February—That resale price maintenance be abolished. Carried (9-6).
- 4th March—That life in a boarding school is better than life in a day school. Carried (8-6).
- 11th March—That there should be racial discrimination in Britain. Defeated (7-6).
- 18th March—That Scotland should have her own Parliament to deal with domestic affairs. Carried (7-2).

R.I.S.

SWEENEY TODD, THE BARBER

For this year's School play, Captain Frost chose the famous Victorian melodrama of Sweeney Todd, in the adaptation by Brian Burton from George Didbin Pitt's play. With memories of "The Ghost Train" from last year, we knew we could count on a lively entertainment, and we were not disappointed. As usual, the play was presented on two nights, on Wednesday (20th May) for the School, and on the Friday for staff and visitors. And, as usual, there were plenty of boys wanting to fill the vacant seats and see the play a second time on the Friday night.

In several ways this was a more ambitious and difficult choice than "The Ghost Train." It required a much bigger cast and that meant a less even standard of performance. Half the fun of the play lies in the absurdity of the sentiments and of the stilted language in which they are expressed. It is hard enough for a boy actor to get the words out in their right sense and emphasis, and very hard indeed to "ham" them appropriately so that the speaker can be supposed to be taking them seriously while the audience finds them funny. The fairly long passages of dialogue, with little supporting action, in which some parts of the story are unfolded depend for their effectiveness on the ability of the actors to give the words life by spreading the ham really thick. This was sometimes too difficult for the younger members of the cast, and the difficulty led to some indistinctness in delivery. But the play as a whole went with a swing, and was enlivened by the songs, and by some tricky stagecraft.

Naturally the outstanding performances came from those seasoned in school drama. Michael Owens was a first-class Sweeney Todd. He had the confidence and the understanding to give the words their full value and to support them with the exaggerated gestures that the melodrama demands. David Watson as Doctor Lupin had a big part, made difficult by the mock-biblical language of the "wolf in sheep's clothing." This he managed admirably. These two with James Hay and Sinclair Scott were the best and most lively performers. Probably Neil McLaughlin should be mentioned next to them, and Alan Grey, a primary school boy who showed great spirit and confidence. Another primary boy, Derrick Wrenn, also did well in a fairly big part. The show was a credit to the whole cast.

It may be that the cast do better on the second night. We are told that it was definitely so this year. But the performance before the school has a character of its own. The audience is always appreciative. The mere recognition of their mates in strange guise is a joy, and the audience always seemed surprised to find that those people can act so well. From this year's school show we recall the delighted astonishment at the appearance of Watson with a bald head, the applause for John Lee's song, the fascination for the junior watchers of the trick chair that inverted itself and deposited Todd's victims behind the scenes, James Hay's Liverpudlian accent—entirely adopted—and of course the lavish display of blood. In one respect only the audience was at fault. It was not

sophisticated enough to respond in the true spirit of the melodrama, with boos and cheers. Someone did try to start them going with an example from the front rows, but the point was not taken. And what do we make of the solemn attention with which they received the outrageous words and sentiments of the song, "It's my mother's birthday . . ." ? Only that the parody was not more absurd than the pop lyrics to which they are used. Mr Bruce was in his usual place, at the piano, but so garbed in period costume that at his first entrance, with top hat worn, recognition came too slowly.

We shall not repeat the annual compliments. Let us say that the scenery, make-up, etc., were as we knew they would be. But a mention for Derek Marshall, who has shown himself an assured and efficient stage-manager. He had a big job this year. We print below the cast list and other credits, and we congratulate the producer most warmly on the success of his patient efforts.

Ezekiel Smith, a mechanic, I. Cockburn ; Sweeney Todd, a barber, M. J. Owens ; Mrs Ragg, a poor woman, P. Gilder ; Tobias Ragg, her son, A. S. Grey ; Mark Ingestre, a mariner, M. T. Long ; Jean Parmine, a jeweller, C. McLaughlin ; Johanna Oakley, a young lady in love, D. W. Wrenn ; Colonel Eustace Jeffrey, of the Indian Army, M. S. Wills ; Jasper Oakley, a spectacle maker, J. Lee ; Mrs Oakley, his wife, M. G. Scoggins ; Dr. Aminadab Lupin, a wolf in sheep's clothing, D. Watson ; Mrs Lovatt, Todd's accomplice in guilt, S. P. S. Scott ; Boy, K. Cockburn ; Jarvis Williams, a lad with an appetite, J. Hay ; Jonas Fogg, the keeper of a mad-house, R. A. Irvine ; His assistant, I. Cockburn ; Sir William Brandon, a judge, K. J. Owens ; Court Usher, M. G. Scoggins ; Warders, P. Gilder, I. M. Smith ; Members of the public, A. W. Morrice, G. B. Johnstone, M. B. O'Connor, J. Macdonald ;

At the piano, Mr N. C. Bruce.

Producer, Captain M. J. Frost ; Sets designed and painted in the Art Department, Mr V. H. Le Maistre ; Carpentry by the Technical Department, Mr J. Finlay ; Lighting, Rev. A. Jamieson and D. Nix ; Stage Manager, D. I. Marshall ; Musical Director, Mr N. C. Bruce ; Costumes and Make-up, Mr V. H. and Mrs M. F. Le Maistre ; Prompter, M. B. O'Connor ; Stage Assistants, A. Morrice, A. J. Sinclair, S. Cobb.

THE ADVENTURE CAMP

The National Trust for Scotland has, for the last few years, run Adventure Camps at several of their estates in Scotland. Hostel type accommodation with cooking facilities has been made available to groups prepared to spend a working holiday assisting in the maintenance of the Trust's properties.

On 13th June, a party of eleven boys and one master from Queen Victoria School arrived at Brodick on the Isle of Arran to spend a week at Brodick Castle, famous for its woodlands and shrubberies which

attract visitors in great numbers during the summer months.

Mr Nimlin, the Trust's Field Officer, helped us to settle in to our new quarters and gave us some idea of the activities of the week ahead. Three days were to be spent working in the forest assisting the permanent foresters in their task of clearing rhododendron bushes, which grew in great profusion in the woods and which threaten to choke the fir trees. On the other days the group was free to explore the interesting territory around the castle which is situated above the northern shores of the wide sandy sweep of Brodick Bay and which has the rugged pinnacle of Goatfell (2,866 ft.) towering behind it. The arrangements were flexible enough to allow us to select any three days for work and, of course, this meant that we worked on wet days and relaxed on fine days as far as possible.

The labour of cutting and burning rhododendrons was not too difficult though it did require some skill. The art of wielding hedge-knives and axes effectively was demonstrated by the foresters and most of the group soon mastered the technique. Several, however, never really grasped the idea and seemed quite happy to play at being little lumberjacks with their new-found toys, wasting a great deal of effort with little effect. A selfish few made very little attempt to work at all, being seemingly quite incapable of differentiating between a working holiday camp and a holiday camp. Despite the slackers and the talkers a considerable area was cleared, which pleased the foresters immensely, and full credit must go to those boys who worked steadily and conscientiously throughout their three days of toil.

Our food, which was excellent, and plentiful, was prepared by our two volunteer cooks, Smith and Morrice, who did a grand job.

On our first non-working day an attempt was made to climb Goatfell by a route which took us up Glen Rosa—a U-shaped valley gouged out by a glacier during the Ice Age—to "the Saddle" a ridge between Goatfell and a neighbouring peak called Cir Mhor. Unfortunately we were forced to turn back at the Saddle by driving wind and rain which soon had everyone thoroughly soaked. This, in fact, made our homeward trek easier as we soon realised that there was little point in jumping streams and avoiding marshy ground when we could not get any wetter. The party soon recovered after hot baths and a good hot meal.

Goatfell was conquered on another day, and, the weather this time being kind to us, we had a magnificent view of the Firth of Clyde, Loch Fyne, the islands of Bute and Cumbrae, the Kintyre Peninsula with the hills of Islay and Jura beyond, and even the faint outline of the coast of Ireland away to the West. Whilst a few boys searched for "Cairngorms" (crystals of smoky quartz) on the weathered granite screes on the west side of the mountain, others descended the steep rock-strewn south face of the peak.

On our last full day three reliable workers drove up Glen Rosa with the gamekeeper in his Haflinger vehicle to help in the construction of a rough road up

the glen. Two boys climbed Goatfell again to recover a ruck-sack left at the top the previous day. The rest of the group were taken to Lamlash in the Trust's minibus which was available for our use at certain times. The Lamlash party spent two or three hours hunting for crabs, eels, and fish amongst the rock pools left as the tide receded. Specimens of rocks and shells were also collected and examined.

Each evening a party of five took the Trust's rowing boat and went fishing in the bay. A considerable number of cod, and haddock, varying in weight from about one to five pounds, were caught. Some boys visited the village where the putting green was well patronised and one party visited the local cinema to see "Heaven's Above" starring Peter Sellers. There were also many beautiful walks through the castle grounds and a great variety of plant and wild-life for the interested observer to study. A conducted tour of the castle was arranged. This provided us with an opportunity to learn something of the history of the castle and to see the many interesting exhibits ranging from portraits to silver trophies for Boxing and Horse Racing.

The week on Arran ended with some last minute present buying before boarding the steamer for the trip back to the mainland.

R.P.

(Mr Paterson was in charge of the party that went to Arran. The party was a selection of boys of Form IV and Form IIIB who are leaving school this term. They were: I. Cockburn, M. Forsyth, J. Morrice, D. Nix, D. Scott, A. Sinclair, M. Smith, A. Stace, W. Stewart, A. Washington, M. Wills.)

25 YEARS AGO

The editorial of the "Victorian" for July 1939, opens with an expression of regret that for the first time in the life of the magazine a whole year has elapsed between issues. The decision to make the "Victorian" an annual event is said to be regrettable but financially unavoidable. The same decision was to be made for the same reasons by later editors, but it has never been long before the two issues have been restored. But the editor of July, 1939, seemed unconscious that even the forecast of an "annual event" was too optimistic. More than four years passed before the next number of the "Victorian" was published. A school magazine is a very parochial thing, and nobody could have guessed from anything in that number that we were on the brink of a world war. Names that appeared in that "Victorian" were to be included in the roll of honour.

Like our present number, the 1939 "Victorian" had to record a change of Commandant. The retiring Commandant was Colonel Innes, who died in March, 1960. The editor mentions particularly that he left his mark in the School grounds in the daffodils and narcissi that he had planted there. Also he had an amazing knowledge of individual

boys. "Not only did he know every boy by name, but he knew his school history, his pre-school background, and in many instances the history of the boy's parents, and even sometimes the grandparents." Colonel Innes was Commandant for nine years. He was succeeded by Colonel Hall, happily still an occasional visitor to the School. Colonel Hall's active interest in the School has been shown by some recent correspondence. He was prompt to reply to a request in the "Victorian" for back numbers of the magazine to fill in a set that could be bound for the library, and it is at his suggestion that we have begun recently to include a record of the father's regiment in the Valet columns as well as the Salvete. He still likes to know what Victorians are doing, and what their affiliations are.

In a number of respects the contents of the "Victorian" remain unchanged. The editor of 1939 was reporting many of the competitions and activities that are features of the 1964 magazine. As in 1964, the swimming instructor was struggling to make up for time lost by the closure of the swimming-bath for alterations. This was when showers and footbaths, with hot and cold water, were first installed. When the bath re-opened in May, the number of non-swimmers in the School had risen to 50, and "Mr Pears had the colossal task of teaching all these to swim." When the magazine went to press he had succeeded with all but one. It is reported too that in the previous year the School had gained 61 Royal Life-Saving Society's Awards. In those days the bath was not heated, and the swimming season usually ended in September, but a very mild Autumn in 1938 allowed the bath to stay open till November.

Of course there are features that are not found in the present "Victorian." There are fairly long "Notes" from School organisations, mainly from the four companies (now replaced by houses) but also from military band, etc., and from tailors, monitors' room, and students' room. The last was something new, a classroom set aside for those boys who contemplated taking up a career in "higher branches" of the services. The occupants were four monitors: F. Pegg, E. L. Monaghan, J. Plummer, and C. Dunnigan. The trouble about these notes, which have gradually disappeared from the "Victorian" in recent years, is that they tend to follow the same pattern, and to repeat what is said in other sections of the magazine. Thus the new Commandant is welcomed separately in each set of notes. However, they did fill space. So also does a long list of promotions and appointments among the boys. Over 80 are recorded. A page and a half is given to a list of gifts to the School, donations recorded by the Treasurer, from 2/6d upwards. The publication of this list emphasises the fact that the School was still regarded, to some extent, as a charitable institution. So do the words in the "Inspection Day" (Grand Day) programme, following the announcement of the exhibition of work done by boys. The programme says, as it had done for many years: "An inspection and your patronage are solicited." This appeal disappeared from post-war Grand Day programmes. Among the reports appears the result of the Darning

Competition, won by J. McMillan of A Company. Within memory, of staff at least, new boys still received a course of lessons in sewing and darning, and were thereafter expected to do many of their own repairs, not just sewing on buttons. We note too that in 1939, 29 Victorians passed the examination for Army Apprentice Tradesmen and were admitted to the Army Technical Schools (Chepstow, Arborfield, etc.), and three boys passed into Aircraft Apprenticeships in the R.A.F., two going to Halton and one to Uxbridge. Finally we might mention that 1939 was the first year of the Addison Smith Prize for Public speaking, which therefore attains its silver jubilee with this term's competition.

OLD BOYS

Again we start with an apology for the random way this article is put together and for any omissions that we may have inadvertently made. We take what we can get in the way of news of old boys. It comes mainly in letters addressed to the Headmaster, and mainly from the senior generations. The first names to be mentioned are those of two of the staunchest of Old Victorians, Messrs. H. J. Harrison and J. M. McLeod. We have heard several times from Mr Harrison, now living in retirement in Suffolk, and already in touch with London Old Victorians. He was unlucky enough to fall and break a wrist three days after arriving in Sudbury, where his home now is. We are glad to hear that he has made a good recovery, but he missed a long time of gardening and says his wrist will never be the same again. He still sends us foreign stamps for the boys who collect them. We print below his letter of news about the First Hundred Old Victorians. Mr McLeod, the driving force of the Glasgow Old Boys, comes here regularly. In a letter addressed to the editor of the "Victorian," he has referred us to the "Victorian" magazine's account of the Glasgow Old Boys' second annual meeting held in 1925. Twenty-three members attended. "Nearly 40 years later," says Mr McLeod, "The October meeting of 1963 was attended by 9 members, two of whom were at the 1925 meeting!" He would like to see old boys taking more interest in the School and turning up in numbers for school occasions. A cutting which he sent us from the "Soldier" magazine describes the career of another Old Victorian, Fred Verlander, formerly a warrant officer of the A.P.T.C., and well known in the boxing world and for his television boxing commentaries. He is now recreation club secretary with Electrolux Ltd. at Luton, knowing most of the 2,500 employees by name and many of their families too, and is running a staggering number of social and sporting activities. The whole club has an annual turnover of up to £20,000. The Verlanders still live in Welwyn Garden City. The second of their five sons was, at the time the article appeared, serving with the 11th Hussars in Germany.

From the Headmaster's file we get news of several other old boys. Mr J. S. Carruthers, Secretary of the

London Old Boys, mentions several Victorians whom he met while visiting Scotland. These include Ian Forbes, formerly Pipe-Major in the 1st Seaforths, now manager of the Palace Cinema in Inverness. He also called on ex-Pipe Major Taylor at one time Pipe-Major in the School. Old boys of the period round 1925-26, says Mr Carruthers, will be pleased to know that Pipey Taylor, who is now 86 years old, still plays his pipes. A distinguished Old Victorian who has written to the Headmaster is Brigadier D. A. L. Mackenzie, C.B.E., D.S.O. He wrote in February from the Headquarters of the Central Treaty Organisation in Ankara, and says the news-letters and the "Victorian" magazine are still of great interest to him, though it is nearly 50 years since he was at Q.V.S. He hopes to visit us this summer. A correspondent, and a visitor to the School this term, was Major W. C. Hawkins, from Heston, Middlesex, who is one of the few honorary life-members of the Old Boys' Association. The "old boy net" must operate well in the south. It was Mr Carruthers who put Colonel White, former Commandant and a visitor to the School last Christmas term, in touch with Major Hawkins. When Colonel White was Commandant, Major Hawkins was an R.A.E.C. instructor at the School, and Mr Carruthers a pupil. Another correspondent from the south is Mr F. Morton (1454), still another Mr A. J. Archer, both of London. Mr Archer's son, Sergeant G. Archer of the 1st Bn. Scots Guards is also a life member of the Old Boys' Association. Both Mr Archer and Mr Morton had been reading the December issue of the "Victorian" and thought it more newsy than the summer number. Indeed it has been suggested that the December issue should be sent out to old boys instead of the July one. The matter is discussed in a note at the end of this article. Mr L. V. D. Dewar has written from Stoke-on-Trent. Readers of the "Victorian" for July, 1963, will remember his article on School food of his time, beside which we printed a similar account by a senior boy of the present generation. In this issue we have another article from Mr Dewar, which we now acknowledge with thanks, on the memories associated with certain tunes of his schooldays. From farther south again comes a letter from Mr D. M. Liddel, of Wellington, Somerset, another of the generation that was here in the 1920s. He has been to see the new look of the School and hopes to come again this year. Mr E. MacConnachie, a Victorian of the immediate post-war generation, has written from Dorset. Then another Victorian and father of a Victorian, Lieutenant E. L. Monaghan, R.E., tells us that his son Thérance, who left school a year or two ago, has now joined the Army Apprentices School at Chepstow. Thus a family tradition goes on, for Lieutenant Monaghan and his three brothers have so far totalled between them 103 years of service in the Royal Engineers. Finally a visitor to the School in January was William Thomson of Edinburgh (835) seeing it for the first time in many years.

The younger generation of Victorians do not write very much, though, or because, many of them come

about the School. There have been letters from J. S. McKellan, serving with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, and one from Malcolm Arnett, now nearing the end of a three-year apprenticeship at No. 1 Radio School, R.A.F., Locking. There he has met two other Victorians of recent years, John Hide, who passed out from Locking ahead of Malcolm Arnett, and Roger Logan, who joined in January, 1962, and is due to pass out next December. At Christmas time we heard from Ian Wilkie, now in the Royal Navy and at sea in H.M.S. Barrosa. He wrote from Singapore; and by coincidence there was a card in the same week from his elder brother James, a Merchant Navy Officer, writing from America.

Three things can be noticed about the letters from Old Victorians. Most of them came in acknowledgement of the Headmaster's news-letter, which is clearly read with interest and appreciation. Several include requests for Old Boys' ties and blazer badges or the address where these can be bought. Many refer with warm approval to the improvements in the School building and its amenities, and to such changes as the separation of the junior house and the increased emphasis on class-room education. These facts show the continuing interest and pride which the writers feel in the School.

Since these notes were written we have received a letter from James Kilcullen, who is on active service in Sarawak with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Their base is Singapore and he finds that great fun, but he says it is a different world in the little town of Tatan where he now is. Many recent and present Victorians will remember him and his brother Robert.

"FIRST HUNDRED" NEWS

This year there is very little to report on the doings of the "First Hundred" but I am pleased to be able to say that our numbers have not been lessened during the past year and at the present time I am still in touch with 39 of the original 100.

After more than 50 years and the losses during two world wars, coupled with the fact that there are now less than a handful of us who have not yet reached the retiring age of 65, this is quite good.

I have now worked out that our oldest old boy is ex Monitor G. W. H. Macdonald (59) who lives in Montrose. He will be 70 at the beginning of July and is closely followed by John McIlroy (5) who although not the senior as far as School numbers are concerned was certainly the first boy in the School as his father was on the School staff. John, with his wife, emigrated to New Zealand last September and in a recent letter to me he says they have settled down very well and intend coming back to this country for a holiday in three years' time. John incidentally is the only man I know who is the possessor of both the Regular and Territorial Long Service medals. This leads me to another challenge, or enquiry if that is a better word.

In my letter last year I asked if any separate hundred old boys could equal or beat the record of the "First Hundred" in having held every rank in the Army from Boy to Colonel and that included Bandmaster and Band Sergeant, Pipe Major and Drum Major.

Now I would like to find the old boy who holds the highest number of medals and ask if anyone can top ten which is the number held by Andy Swan (2) our senior old boy who is the possessor of the M.B.E., 1914-15 Star, General Service and Victory Medals (first war), Indian General Service (2 bars), Defence Medal and War Medal (1939-45), Australian War Service Medal, King George V Jubilee Medal (1935) and the Australian Long Service and Good Conduct Medal plus three mentions in dispatches. Incidentally Andy served for 13 years with the Black Watch and later joined the Royal Australian Air Force as an A.C.1 and during the second war commanded a R.A.A.F. Station as a Group Captain. He finally retired in 1949 after 39 years service.

Before concluding my letter I would like, on behalf of the "First Hundred" to send our greetings and good wishes for the future to the Commandant, Headmaster, members of staff and to all boys, old and young wherever they may be.

We are all pleased to see the many changes which have taken place at the School although they have removed several of our old landmarks.

H. J. HARRISON (67)

LONDON OLD VICTORIANS

At our Meeting held on 14th March, 1964, it was decided by our Chairman, also the Treasurer and Secretary, N. A. Carruthers and J. A. Carruthers, respectively, that they would prefer to stand down as they had been in office since the formation of the Branch in 1956. John Carruthers is, as we are all aware, a great Victorian, and it was decided by everyone present that he be suitably rewarded. One of the first acts was to make him a life member of the branch.

Members present were :—D. Owens, M. Watt, G. A. Taylor, L. P. High, E. High, A. J. Archer, J. Watson, D. McQueen, R. Ride, F. Morton, R. J. Morton, J. Owens, V. Fennessey, C. Dowling, F. Hetherington, W. McArthur, P. Finlay, W. Barclay, R. Davies, J. S. Carruthers, J. M. Robertson, A. Robertson, J. Grassick.

A special welcome was given to our five new members who braved the storm and arrived rather wet. They were :—R. Davies, F. and R. Morton, J. M. and A. Robertson—sons of Pipe-Major J. Robertson, late of the Scots Guards, also an Old Boy.

Apologies for their absence were received from :—E. V. C. Hayes, P. Pirie, F. Sargent, N. A. Carruthers, W. C. Hawkins, G. Morris, T. Guthrie, J. B. Robertson, C.S.M. Inst. A. Welsh.

Two of our branch members who have been on a tour of Kenya, namely, Sgt. Graham Archer, Scots Guards, stationed at Pirbright, and R.S.M. G. West,

who is now employed in London in his new appointment as Superintending Clerk at R.H.Q., Scots Guards, Birdcage Walk, London, S.W.1, have intimated their readiness to rejoin us once again when their duties permit.

A special mention must be made that our branch has been in contact with Bert Harrison, and a letter has been sent to him and Mrs Harrison wishing them a happy retirement in Suffolk. Needless to say, Bert has now joined our branch, and as one of the first hundred, we will gladly greet him if he is able to get along to see us.

We have a list of Old Boys, and, as is usual, we gain a lot of information from the "Victorian." I would like to make a special appeal to our Life Members to try and make an effort to join our branch. The names I have in mind, perhaps, may serve as a reminder to them. They are :—L. W. Monaghan, A.R.I.B.A., M.R.S.H., J. T. Mooney, M. A. Mooney, T. A. Mooney, and, of course, any Old Boy who would care to join us.

Finally at the conclusion of the meeting it was decided that :—D. McQueen be appointed as our new Chairman. J. Grassick, as Secretary and Treasurer. G. H. Taylor, as Assistant Secretary.

A buffet was provided at the close of the meeting and a selection of pipe music played by the son of F. Hetherington, with a dance by J. S. Carruthers.

J. GRASSICK,
Secretary and Treasurer.

THE "VICTORIAN" MAGAZINE

A year ago we published an appeal to Old Victorians, or others associated with the School, for certain back numbers of the "Victorian" magazine which would help us to complete a set that could be bound and put in the School library. Our thanks are due to Colonel Hall, formerly Commandant, and to Mr Lax and Mr Duncan, formerly members of the School staff, for offering and sending some of the numbers which were needed. Unfortunately, we are some way from getting a complete set. The numbers still missing are 1 to 14 inclusive, and Nos. 17, 29, and 53. It is perhaps too much to hope that any reader can now lay his hands on the very early "Victorians;" but, if we could get a copy of No. 53, we should be able to have bound sets going back to number 30, the 1939 issue of the "Victorian," to which we refer in an article in this issue. That would be well worth doing. No. 53 was the "Victorian" of December, 1954. Surely that is not too far back. We hope that some comparatively junior Old Victorian will find that he still has somewhere a copy of that magazine and will be good enough to offer it. We repeat what we said in 1963. There is one complete set of bound "Victorians" in the School. It is invaluable for reference. From 1955 onwards we have the duplicate set in the School library, and that volume is very well thumbed. In fact it is thumbed a bit too much, but remains legible. It would be nice to have some companion volumes and better still to have the whole lot.

TUNES OF DUNBLANE

Not so very long ago my wife and I went to see a film entitled "Tunes of Glory." We are not regular cinema-goers but occasionally go should there be something supposedly worth seeing. Here was a film with a military setting and a distinct Scottish flavour—what could be more attractive to a Victorian, young or old? I do not intend to sit in judgement upon the odd antics one witnessed in this film, but I felt that like the proverbial curate's egg it was good—in parts.

Looking back over my life I find that I can associate tunes with places and sets of circumstances, and that happy time of my life spent at Dunblane seemed a fairly fruitful period to consider. These tunes of Dunblane fall into three categories: firstly the popular melodies of the day, secondly those played by the Pipe and Military Bands, and thirdly those current melodies associated with events at the School itself. The last group were those tunes made popular in school by their production at concerts and other entertainments.

My earliest recollection in the first group is of a tune called "Peggy O'Neill" followed by "Horsey, keep your tail up." Needless to say both had parodies attached to them, which could not have been sung in public without some apprehension! There was something quite amusing concerning the colour of anthropoid posteriors to be seen at Corstorphine.

The day dawned when I was able to graduate from a sock-darning class to the Pipes, or to be more accurate a chanter, and there began the slaughter of poor Black Donald's Pibroch. It was to the tune of the Pibroch of Donald Dhu that, in those days, we marched on parade.

Here I would like to digress a little and refer to the retirement of Pipey Sanderson which I read of in a recent "News Letter." These Pipe Majors are undoubtedly a wonderful breed of men. I'm sure that veterans of all ages can look back with pride at having known such men, and listened to their wisdom. My mentor was Wm. Taylor, from whom I learned more than piping and dancing.

Every Sunday morning one could hear the Military Band giving its rendering of the "Church Call," and Christchurch bells were never more bonny. Looking back now I wonder if the player of the "Triangle" ever graduated to the more complicated instruments. He used to work hard on his "bell part" of that tune.

Grand Day was ever a riot of tunes. We marched out of the North Gate to "Marching thro' Georgia" with the drummers going full blast on their bugles. Both bands always excelled themselves on that day. We slow marched to the "Highland Cradle Song," advanced in review order to "Scotland the Brave," and marched past to "Highland Laddie."

I have exciting recollections of some of the engagements undertaken by the Pipes and Drums, and of one in particular which I notice with much pride still continues, that at Murrayfield. Lost in the roar of the crowd was "Highland Laddie" as Scotland

took the field. Cardiff Arms Park has its moments, but none quite like Murrayfield in the 20's.

I remember reading, I think it was in the "Crusader," the 8th Army magazine, back in 1942, an article entitled "What does Scotland mean to you?" In a particular edition the writer was waxing poetic and wrote of "mountains and moors, lochs and burns," and then wrote of the mist over the ground at Murrayfield and the pipes of Q.V.S. playing Scotland on to the field. A guaranteed recipe to quicken the heart beat.

Concerts too played their part and one delightful person stands out vividly in my memory, Miss Margaret Stewart—who I believe hailed from Edinburgh, and who sang to us on a number of occasions. Her repertoire included some fine old Gaelic songs, associated with the "45" and one of her songs was put to pipe music by "Pipey Taylor," but the name of the song escapes me now. (Perhaps some of my contemporaries can recall it.) The Old Play Hall never heard a finer rendering of "The Road to the Isles" than that performance by this gracious lady.

A musical party, composed chiefly of the Teaching Staff, entertained us quite frequently and the School sang melodies from "Snow-white" for months. They also produced a song entitled "When the steamer runs from Stirling to Dunblane"; this too reached the "top ten" of the period. Under the baton of Captain Barnes who was the headmaster and also a Doctor of Music, some very good concerts were produced. "On the banks of Allan Water" leaps to my mind amongst others, but the most ambitious effort was the Sacred Concert given in the Chapel. A string quartet together with the organ helped us out with pieces from the "Messiah."

At this period two songs were to emerge about the School itself. One commenced with these words:—

"Sons of soldiers, sons of sailors, sons of Scotsmen
all . . ." etc., and the other—

"When the leaves grow brown and autumn mist
hangs listless o'er the ground . . ."

No doubt they have been shelved many years ago. There were two evening hymns I learned, "Now the day is over" and "God that madest earth and heaven" sung to that lovely melody "Aberystwyth." This was always sung with great gusto in the Dining Hall. There was however, quite often a shaky start to these hymns. It was the lot of the boy orderly Sgt. of the day to give the starting note and the qualifications for promotion to Sgt. were not necessarily musical ones! So we did not always get off to a good start.

When we had heard a portion of the Scriptures read, and had said the Evening Collect, the day ended.

L.V.D.D.

FLYING AT SCONE

After a two day interview with the R.A.F. I returned to the School with the good news that I had won a Special Flying Award. This award entitled me to four weeks' flying-training, during which I was

Annual Inspection

WEDNESDAY, 15th JULY, 1964, at 3.45 p.m.

Inspecting Officer :

AIR VICE-MARSHAL K. V. GARSIDE, C.B., D.F.C., M.A., R.A.F.,
Air Officer, Scotland and Northern Ireland

INSPECTION

The parade is drawn up in line with the Pipes and Drums in the rear. The Colours are marched on to the parade to the School March "Victorians." (*Spectators rise as Colours are marched on*).

The Inspecting Officer arrives and is conducted to the Saluting Base. (*Spectators remain seated*).

The Inspecting officer is received with a General Salute. He inspects the parade, meets the South African Veterans, and returns to the Saluting Base.

MARCH PAST

The parade moves off and forms Columns of Guards on the left of the Saluting Base. The Pipes and Drums play "Corriechoillie."

The Guards march past in slow time to the tune "The Mist Covered Mountains." (*Spectators stand as the Colours pass them*.)

The parade re-forms line to the tune "Terebus", then advances in Review Order to "Scotland the Brave" and gives a General Salute.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

The parade forms three sides of a square and marches forward.

The Inspecting Officer addresses the parade.

Mrs Garside, the wife of the Inspecting Officer, has kindly consented to present some medals and trophies.

The Senior Monitor (K. Douglas) calls for three cheers for Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs Garside.

MARCH OFF

The parade re-forms line and marches off, headed by the Pipes and Drums playing "Highland Laddie."

T E A

Programme

1. DISPLAY : Physical Training. (Physical Education Master, Mr G. Reid.)
2. DISPLAY : Highland Dancing. (Highland Dancing Instructor, C.S.M. J. Mortimer, late K.O.S.B.)
Argyllshire Broadswords
Highland Fling

3. BEATING RETREAT : (Pipe Major J. M. Mackenzie, Late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.)

Retreat March	....	....	....	....	....	Colin's Cattle
Slow March	....	....	....	....	....	Skye Boat Song
March	....	....	....	....	....	Angus Mackinnon
Slow March	....	....	....	....	....	The Road to the Isles
March	....	....	....	....	....	The Dundee Military Tattoo
Strathspey	....	....	....	....	....	Aspen Bank
Reel	....	....	....	....	....	Kate Dalrymple
March	....	....	....	....	....	Colonel Craig Brown
March Off	....	....	....	....	....	Highland Laddie

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Work done by the boys is on exhibition throughout the afternoon in the New Block.

to do thirty hours' flying in Chipmunks. My training began on 19th March at Scone Aerodrome. My Instructor told me that I must be able to fly solo after nine hours' flying; otherwise my award would be withdrawn. This measure was to ensure that I would reach the required standard in thirty hours. The award is valued at almost £250 and therefore anyone who is not going to make the grade is dropped immediately.

Consequently my first and most important task was to be able to fly solo within nine hours. After a few elementary flights (which usually lasted about one hour) I was beginning to feel quite confident, until a very unfortunate incident occurred which almost persuaded me to give up flying altogether. The instructor was putting me through a spinning exercise. The engine was stopped and the plane fell nose first towards the ground, spinning violently. Then the instructor took her out of the spin and resumed normal flying. I felt terrible! My stomach was heaving, my mouth was dry, and my head was spinning. I told the instructor that I felt sick. He was just telling me where I could find the sick-bag when I vomited violently all over the dials and controls and right down the front of my clothes. A moment I will never forget. After having landed and changed my clothes I learnt that I had to clean out the cockpit myself. Evidently there is an old saying in the R.A.F., "Those that bring it up wipe it up!" After a few more short flights, however, I overcame this air sickness and then resumed spinning exercises without any further troubles. After six and a half hours' flying, my instructor told me that I was ready for my first solo. I was overjoyed. He sent me up to land and take off several times. It was a wonderful feeling flying on my own. The instructor talked to me over the wireless, and though I made a rather bumpy landing, he was quite pleased with my first solo flight.

From that day on I did more and more solo flights to gain experience. I also attended the ground-school for ten days to learn navigation and meteorology in preparation for my cross country flights. When I had gained sufficient knowledge of navigation, I planned and flew on my first "cross-country" with the instructor. We went down to Turnhouse where I made several landings on the concrete runways, for previously I had landed on grass runways only. During the cross-country flying the instructor asked me several times to pinpoint our position on the map, because it was important that at all times I should know where I was. After several more short "cross-countries" on my own I was nearing the end of my flying training, and I had to plan my first "cross-country" which had to be a long one. My route was to Aberdeen via Stonehaven, and back to Arbroath, then to Perth. The flight was successful and I made landings on the concrete runways at Dyce and Arbroath. The total time for the flight was two hours. I had sat still in the cockpit for two hours, the longest period that I have ever sat still in my life!

After the cross-country I had completed twenty-eight hours' flying training, fourteen of which had

been solo flights. My course was now nearly finished. I then took my flying test and three written tests for a private pilot's licence. I did these tests successfully, and I now have a private pilot's licence. My flying training having been completed, I left Scone the next day. Altogether I did fifteen and a half hours' dual and fourteen and a half hours' solo to complete my thirty hours' flying training and my Special Flying Award course.

K.M.D.

THE OUTWARD BOUND COURSE

It would be a lie to say that I enjoyed every moment at the Moray Sea School; but it would not be a thundering one. On arrival I was very apprehensive; scared would be a better word. The course started immediately we stepped off the 'buses. We were told that we had seven minutes in which to wash and tidy up before tea.

After tea, things moved along very quickly, in the short time of three hours we had to our credit: a cross-country run, weighing and measuring, an issue of uniform, and three lectures, one of these being more than an hour in length.

My purpose is not to tell of my reactions and attitude towards the course, but to inform the unacquainted about the programme and the training routine. The object of the course is to show the individual how much better he can do than he thought possible. The physical requirements can be met by any average person. That is, one does not need to be a physical giant in order to pass the course. The main factor in deciding whether one passes or fails, is in the mental attitude that one adopts. This may sound odd, as the course consists mainly of physical exercises and jerks. But if one is determined that one will pass, and perseveres, then one will.

The course lasts for twenty-six days, the first twelve being for training. In this short space of time, we had to be brought up to a reasonable degree of fitness. Also we had to be instructed in the basic arts of sailing, canoeing and map and compass reading. It was essential that we also knew how to administer the rudiments of first aid.

A typical day would be as follows: Exercises and cold shower at 6.30 a.m. Then until 8 a.m. we cleaned our dormitory and part of the ship. (The school is run on naval lines.) After breakfast we assembled for the hoisting of the ensign. Then came prayers. We then started the day's work. Usually we had "cutters" in the morning. A cutter is an outsize rowing boat with two sails. In this we were taught to sail, as far it was possible to learn to sail in a total of twenty-four hours. We learned what tacking and jibing meant; that is sailing with the wind, when it is not directly behind, or is coming from the front rather than from the back. We then had lunch. After this there was a rest of half-an-hour. "Physical fitness" followed in the afternoon. Here we were faced with circuits, exercises, obstacle course and a game of murder ball. All this lasted for four hours

We usually finished with a cross-country run. Tea then followed. After tea we had two or three lectures. Possible subjects were the theory of sail, or first-aid. Supper was at 8 o'clock. We very often had another lecture or were given an hour to get our log books up to date. Lights out and "pipe down" came at ten o'clock. On another day, we might have "canoes". This was quite exciting, as most of us had never done any serious canoeing. We had a twelve-mile paddle across Findhorn Bay, all the time dreading that we might capsize. On arrival we practised our "capsize" drill. This is relatively simple when you have become used to it. We simply rolled over in the dirty cold harbour water. The remainder, who were watching, came alongside our overturned canoe, forming a raft on either side. They then supported each other's canoe, while the two inside canoeists lifted the upturned canoe out of the water and righted it. This was an ordeal every canoeist had to go through.

In order to gain experience of camping, we had one day's camp. This was mainly to practise making and breaking camp, map reading and hiking with a pack. After we had all done this, we were considered ready to start our expedition.

This consisted of five days on the "Prince Louis", where we learned a great number of nautical terms and the problems of sailing a large ship. On our "cruise" we visited Stornoway and Portree. After completing this, we were next on canoes. We travelled in three days, from Portree to Kintail, a distance (on the mainland) of about 46 miles. Then we started walking to Invergordon. We began by heading north for three days, only turning west on the third day. After five days, we were in striking distance of Invergordon. We cycled the remaining 22 miles. At Invergordon we picked up the cutters, and then sailed 20 miles to Burghead.

At last we reached "home". The remaining day, we spent in cleaning and handing in equipment. During the evening we packed. We were excused our cold shower in the morning; but we did have a wash. It was a very fit-looking bunch that left Burghead on Saturday morning. Everyone had enjoyed the course.

M. J. ARMSTRONG, FORM V.

"VICTORIAN" COMPETITION

In the hope of stimulating contributors, we offered prizes for the best story, poem, and letter to the Editor. The story had to be a tall story, the poem a ballad on some topical event, and the letter one presenting a point of view on some topic of interest to schoolboys here. There was some response, but not enough. The best entry was for the tall story section, but not all the competitors had a clear idea of what is meant by a tall story. The prize went to N. Clark of 3A. We are printing three other entries in this section. Some of these show more command of words than the winning entry, but Neil Clark's story was more to the point. A story set in the future does not properly qualify. The story by S. Scott of

Form IV was on the right lines too. There were one or two attempts at ballads, but none good enough to print. Hardly anyone tried the letter to the editor, and nobody from the upper forms, who might have been expected to air ideas and try to shock the establishment with a youth's point of view. We shall try again.

HOW I WON THE V.C.

During the 1914-1918 war I was cruising over Austria in my new VC10. From 20,000 feet up I watched the pigeons fly about on Venice's Cathedral. I turned on my radio and, ignoring all messages, found Radio Luxembourg. To my delight the Rolling Stones were on. For the next two minutes I twisted about on the wing of the plane. When the records finished, I hopped back inside.

Then I realised I was not alone. All around me were Messerschmitts, about forty of them. I opened the cockpit and told them to go away. This maddened them. They came at me from all sides. With a quick flick of the tail I eluded them and watched them go down in smoke.

Feeling happier I descended ten yards, and then it happened. My engine fell out. I saw it land on a cloud just below me. I swooped down to retrieve it. Landing on the cloud, I opened the door and walked straight into the arms of 100 German pilots. Obviously I felt embarrassed, but by striking out with arms and legs I soon knocked out every one of them.

For a month we were stranded on the cloud. To pass the time I sang, "Would you like to swing on a cloud?" The next week we all came down in a cloudburst. We landed in Whitehall and I delivered the unconscious German pilots straight to the War Office.

N. CLARK, 3A.

THE CLUDDING HUNT

The continent of Africa is the habitat of a very strange animal known as the cludding. They are of the same size as lions, can run very fast, and have large mouths. Being black they are not easily seen in the jungle. Boa-constrictors are their main diet, but human beings are often acceptable.

A pack of cluddings had been killing off the natives of Jabahooga, a village in Kenya. Being an expert cludding killer, I was ordered by the game warden's committee to exterminate these troublesome animals.

On my arrival at Jabahooga I was forced to kill three cluddings which attacked me. They were the fiercest I had ever encountered.

Knowing that they always rest at noon, I disguised myself as a cludding and crept in to their camp, on hands and knees. Slung over my shoulder was a repeater rifle.

Twenty-five cluddings were resting under the shady leaves of a Fasi tree. Suddenly they awoke, and

attacked me. They had seen through my disguise. I should have remembered to remove my hat.

I shinned up the nearest tree. They were unable to follow me. I began loading my rifle. Looking down, I saw, to my amazement, that the cluddings were climbing on to each other's backs, so forming a pyramid. A branch which I hurled at them did them no harm. The pyramid grew and grew. The top-most cludding leapt at me. I shot it dead. No sooner had it fallen to the ground than the others lifted it and carried it to the edge of the clearing, where they buried it. I may say that cluddings are very sentimental animals. After a great deal of weeping they returned to re-build their pyramid. In firing at the cluddings I had accidentally let my rifle fall to the ground. I knew this was the end.

Laughter suddenly resounded through the jungle. I looked up. Thousands of laughing baboons were hurling themselves from the trees at the cluddings. Shrieks of pain were heard from the doomed animals. In no time at all, the ground was littered with dead cluddings. Laughing baboons are not man-eaters ; so I climbed down and made my way back to the village triumphant.

S. P. S. SCOTT, IV.

THE TIME WARP

This story is true—all the things reported actually happened. On 13th March, 5241, I was on my way to Zarov.

At 7.00 hours the Hovercraft took off. 3 minutes later there was a blinding flash and the cabin was filled with a greeny-yellow choking gas. The Hovercraft lost height, and within five seconds it hit the ground with a crunch.

I rose to my feet and felt my way into the open. Everyone else was dead ; overcome by the sickly gas. I alone remained of the complement of 34. Thankfully I breathed the pure air while I rested to regain my strength.

The sight which greeted me was astounding and frightening. I was surrounded by creatures 70 feet high swaying in the wind and clad in green and brown. Amongst them was a bench on which was a plaque bearing the legend "Presented by Lord Johnson 1974."

"No wonder everything is so strange," I thought "I've come back 3,000 years." Just then I noticed a weird bluish light about the Hovercraft, like a curtain. I found myself shivering. Too frightened to return to the Hovercraft I started running in the opposite direction. Presently I came upon a harder surface similar to ashlar. At about 8 o'clock I reached a junction where stood a post. On it there was a notice saying that Bath was $7\frac{1}{4}$ "miles" away. While I was trudging along I heard behind me the sound of a child's toy car. Imagine my surprise when a full grown man got out, similar to me except in dress. He gave me a lift into Bath. On the way he asked me many questions concerning myself but seemed puzzled by my answers. After about 20

minutes we drew up at a big gateway over which was a sign, "Asylum for the Insane."

The car drove into the yard and my companion called for attendants. Immediately three men in white coats came up and slipped a strange jacket over my head, tying the arms behind my back. They then showed me to a very comfortable padded room.

I thought to myself "How strange their ideas of hospitality are !"

Being tired after my day's exertions I soon settled down to sleep.

The next morning I found myself in bed at home. Perhaps the incredulous will disbelieve me but I still have the "hospitality" jacket. Professor Zuitich tells me that the Hovercraft must have crashed beside a time warp. I do not know exactly what he means but it was an unnerving experience.

A. I. WARWOOD, IV.

AN AFTERNOON OUTING

As it was a fine day, I thought I would go for a walk in my amphibian, so called because it floats along the road and swims in the sky. I started up and drove along the clothes-line which acted as a run-way, and took off. As I descended into the sky, I could see the land spread out above me. I suddenly braked because a traffic warden waved a foot at me and told me to stop. A herd of flying-fish crossed the road in front of me. I started up again and soon I passed another fish-zebra crossing. After that the road went up steeply and I soon submerged above the clouds. When it started raining, I put on some sun-tan lotion. A bit further along the road I saw an Air Force submarine, which was camouflaged with red and white stripes. It looked more like a signal than a submarine. A man was sitting on the deck beside an air-gun, fishing for birds with a piece of cord. He shot a Bloodhound missile at us from his gun. It went wide, but it soon smelt us out, coming up in our rear and smashing us into smithereens. The car went out of control and started doing antics any acrobat would be jealous of. Without warning, she did a swallow dive upwards. The earth came nearer and nearer, but I managed to pull her out of her dive and did a perfect kangaroo landing. Then the engine conked out and I had to push her all the way home, and it was still raining. When I got home, I put her to bed and gave her some castor-oil (I use that instead of Castrol) and a hot-water bottle. I think she still feels some bad effects from that day.

J. LEE, 2A.

WISHING AND FISHING

I keep wishing
All the time for fishing.
I like to see a dish
Of freshly-caught fish.
O how I wish
That I could go and fish.

For my brother Bobby,
Fishing is his hobby,
But as for sister Jean,
She has to get them clean.
O how I wish
That I could go and fish.

If I had a wish,
It would be to go and fish
And catch myself a dish
Of beautiful fresh fish.
O how I wish
That I could go and fish.

D. KENNEDY, 1A.

McGONAGALL ON THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On a beautiful bright and sunny day,
The school was dressed in red jackets in fine array,
And I am sure you will agree
It was a very beautiful sight to see.
The photographer put his camera on its stand
And took a photograph of the pipe band.

Next he took a photograph of the staff.
Some boys said it made them laugh
To see Mr Paterson standing above them as tall as a
giraffe.

The masters all sat very still,
While the photographer clicked his camera at will.
Seated in the middle right at the front
Along with the Headmaster was the new
Commandant.

Their uniforms were arranged in fine array
On that beautiful bright and sunny day.

What a wonder is the camera to be sure,
A good likeness it will always ensure.
The photographer took more plates from their
packets
And photographed all the boys in their beautiful
red jackets,
Which were arranged in fine array
On that beautiful bright and sunny day.
It was a very beautiful sight to see,
And then he went to have a cup of tea.

J. W. HAY, IV.

GOOD OLD DAYS

While the workmen were piping a section of the school burn, I noticed a small oblong object sticking out of a pile of freshly dug dirt. It was a diary, still in recognisable state, though it had obviously been in the ground for some time.

After a tedious process of cleaning off the dirt, I was able to make out the last written page. It was from 23rd May to 30th May. It read as follows:—

TUESDAY, 23rd MAY.—Got 9 of birch from

Twanger for not having hair brushed. Had great dinner, gruel flavoured with raw potatoes. For P.T. played "pirates" (only two injuries). Dissected Headmaster's dog for biology.

WEDNESDAY, 24th MAY.—Had boiling spray because I did not get up 10 minutes before reveille. Attended hospital and got blisters burst. Joe Metry gave me 23 lashes for not bringing a spare pencil.

THURSDAY, 25th MAY.—Very good day. Did not get punished. Had all-in-Hockey for games. We won with only five casualties to their seven.

FRIDAY, 26th MAY.—Twanger saw this and gave me public flogging for mentioning his name. It was sore. "Brassie" threw a trumpet at me for sneezing during trades.

SATURDAY, 27th MAY.—Wrote usual letter home. Housemaster made only a few alterations. Marched out on pass and bought some hand cream and pain killer for 6d.

SUNDAY, 28th MAY.—Allowed to sit down in church today (after three of us had fainted). Spent afternoon watching clock in Central Hall for not polishing my shoe laces for march-past.

MONDAY, 29th MAY.—Mr. Paster made me write out the present tense of "avoir" five hundred times for not saying my "s'il vous plait." "Twanger" has just come into the dorm. I hope he doesn't see me.

The diary ends abruptly here and it seems apparent that "Twanger" confiscated the diary and threw it into the Ryland Burn.

D. JAGGER, 3A.

THE IMMORTAL MEMORY

On 25th January, 1964, a correspondent decided to ask 100 people in the School, not all boys, to quote, if they could, one line of Burns' poetry. The results are tabulated below. No comment is needed.

Oh ! Wee, sleekit, timorous beastie	....	16%
Wee, sleekit, cowerin', timorous beastie	....	10%
The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men	....	2%
When chapman billies leave the street	....	7%
When drouthy neibours neibours meet	....	2%
Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face	....	1%
Great chieftain o' the pudding-race !	....	1%
My love is like a red red rose	....	2%
November chill blows loud wi' angry sough	....	1%
Ye banks and braes o' Bonnie Doon	....	1%
A man's a man for a' that	....	1%
Auld lang syne	....	1%
We three kings of Orient are	....	1%
Unable to recite a line	....	54%

A. W. STACE, IV

THE WAVELL HOUSE ARMY

The first Wavell Army was the 1st Tower Terrors, which was disbanded at the end of last term. This term I got a book from the senior library called "The Small Army." Davies, Matheson, and I, and later Cockburn, thought that if other boys could make an army with bombs, siege catapults which stood six feet high, and rocket-projectors which fired rockets made out of chemicals, so could we. We have already drawn up plans for a mortar and a bazooka. Our Army is called the A.O.R.F., which stands for Abercromby's Own Regiment of Foot.

On the Abercromby dormitory landing there are two notice-boards, one for important notices that masters put up and one for notices boys can put up. We publish our orders here and recruiting notices like "THE DORMITORY NEEDS YOU. JOIN THE A.O.R.F.", or "ALL A.O.R.F. boys will get a cold spray in the morning to toughen them up."

We have a training programme and boys are taught to strike the enemy quickly and quietly. Wavell Wood is an ideal place for battles and manoeuvres. We are often seen crawling through the bushes in there and having commando fights. Usually they are good fun, but sometimes a boy gets his leg or finger cut. We have all sorts of weapons ranging from Roman swords and shields to sticks which we use as rifles, sten guns, and Bren guns. When Lawrence brought his cricket bat and stumps to school, we used the stumps as sten guns and the bat as a rifle or Bren gun.

Also we often have parades in the dormitory and get into our companies and march past the small picture of Abercromby on the landing.

A. HILL, Primary 7a.

THE PIPE BAND

The pipe band continues to flourish under the able direction of Pipe-Major Mackenzie and Drum-Major Morrison. Its keenest critics are among the veteran Victorians who come here for Old Boys' Day in May. They remember their own days in the School band and are looking to see that the standard is kept up. As there is a recognised tendency among Old Boys everywhere to feel that things are not what they were, the compliments that were heard this year have real value.

Band engagements in 1964 have been the big three at Murrayfield, four at Gleneagles playing for business conferences, and the final one at the Doune and Dunblane Agricultural Show. The band also made a recording which was used to support a radio talk about the School given by the recently-retired Commandant, Brigadier Finlaison, in the Scottish Magazine programme.

Here is a list of the pipe band.

Pipes : K. Douglas (Boy Pipe-Major), K. Murray, D. Robertson, N. McConnell, J. Sharp, I. Fraser, N. Clark, A. King, R. Irvine, A. Brown, D. Fingland,

G. Fox, R. McDougall, G. Slater, J. Wood, D. Isitt, W. Nelson, I. Roe, A. Hill (Hill has done very well to get into the band while still a primary boy).

Drums : A. Stace (Boy Drum-Major), J. Dempsey, M. Owens, I. Smith, S. Cobb, M. O'Connor, J. Campbell, G. McManus, L. Heron, A. Smith.

SCHOOL COLOURS

We give below a list of boys who have school colours, with details :—

M. J. Armstrong—Rugby, 1962-63-64.

H. R. Bowes—Rugby, 1963-64.

K. M. Douglas—Rugby, 1962-63-64. Cricket, 1963 and 1964. Shooting, 1964.

A. R. Faulds—Swimming, 1964.

E. D. Gillespie—Rugby, 1962-63-64.

D. Keltie—Rugby, 1963-64.

D. Maxwell—Rugby, 1963-64.

K. Murray—Rugby, 1963-64.

M. Owens—Rugby, 1963-64. Cross Country Running, 1963 and 1964.

A. D. M. Richardson—Shooting, 1963.

D. C. K. Robertson—Rugby 1962-63-64. Cricket, 1964.

A. W. Stace—Rugby, 1963-64. Cross Country Running, 1963 and 1964.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

With the Swimming Bath in use again, life-saving training is back in full swing.

Awards Gained during the School Year 1963-64

14 INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATES—

J. W. Corrigan, I. Roe, K. L. Robinson, A. W. J. Coid, D. Fingland, R. Hewitt, D. T. Isitt, J. S. Grigor, R. McKenzie, G. W. Cunningham, R. McDougall, A. Aitkenhead, K. J. Boyne, J. D. Oliver.

23 BRONZE MEDALLIONS—

J. L. Fraser, T. A. Bonar, M. S. Wills, J. Jeffrey, J. D. Oliver, R. Hewitt, B. J. McLaughlin, W. Stewart, P. C. Kay, R. J. McDougall, J. Dempsey, G. I. McManus, C. A. Lannen, J. F. Diack, D. Fingland, K. J. Boyne, A. W. Stace, D. T. Isitt, G. Slater, J. W. Corrigan, A. J. Smith, J. S. Grigor, E. D. Gillespie.

2 BRONZE CROSSES—

D. C. K. Robertson, A. C. Kay.

3 SCHOLAR-INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATES—

D. T. Keltie, K. Murray, D. A. Maxwell.

3 AWARDS OF MERIT—

M. J. H. Owens, S. J. Donaldson, D. Watson.

1 BAR TO AWARD OF MERIT—

A. R. Faulds.

3 INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATES—

D. Watson, A. R. Faulds, D. C. K. Robertson.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The boys named have been recommended for the Award at the various stages :—

1st SERIES—BRONZE AWARD—

R. H. Newman, N. R. Clark, D. V. Scott, C. McLaughlin, A. W. Stace.

2nd SERIES—SILVER AWARD—

P. Kay, W. P. L. Stewart, D. C. K. Robertson, E. D. Gillespie.

3rd SERIES—GOLD AWARD—

M. J. H. Owens, D. J. Watson, S. J. Donaldson,* W. Scott*.

*Left school in 1963.

At present we have 21 boys working for the Bronze Award.

ARMY CADET FORCE

We are ending this session with 110 cadets on the roll, 14 having left during the year. The Corps has been divided into 5 sections, and we have been able to make full use of the T.A., P.S.I.s. As a result training has been uninterrupted.



Section I—CERTIFICATE A PART I. We presented 44 candidates for this exam. All passed, 34 with credit.

Section II—CERTIFICATE A PART II. We have 30 cadets at this stage. We presented 28 of whom 24 passed, 4 failed and two were absent ill.

Section III—SPECIAL TO ARMS—INFANTRY. This is a Post Certificate A Part II course. They were instructed by R.S.M. Tullett of the 7th Argylls in weapons, explosives and tactics of the present day infantryman. This help was very willingly given by Major A. Ward, Training Major of the 7th Argylls and his R.S.M.

Section IV—TECHNICAL. Driving was the subject, under the tuition of the P.S.I. Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse, our local T.A. They also supplied the vehicles which unfortunately did not always return in the same condition as when the lesson began. The Headmaster's garden is also recovering from a slight error of judgement by an "L" driver in cornering.

Section V—INSTRUCTORS. They have proved invaluable to the Platoon Commander and S.M.Is. They have worked hard and well in all subjects.

All Cadets have fired the Empire Test in our own .22 range and the .303 classification at Whitestone Range which we have had booked every Wednesday

evening this term. Our final shoot will be a Section Leading Competition taken by the Cadet N.C.O.s. and Post Certificate A cadets, leading a section attack up the range from 600 yards.

Once more the School Athletic Team successfully represented Perthshire in athletics as is reported below.

We return to Oban for our Annual Camp and we look forward hopefully to warm sunny days training on the Isle of Kerrera and the mountains beyond Oban.

SCOTTISH A.C.F. ATHLETICS

In the A.C.F. Athletic Championships (inter-County) held at Redford Barracks on 30th May, Perthshire were again represented by a team drawn entirely from Queen Victoria School. Both seniors and juniors won their sections comfortably.

Results

TEAM PLACINGS

Senior—

1st Perthshire 43 points, 2nd Renfrewshire 17 points, 3rd Argyllshire 16 points.

Junior—

1st Perthshire 27 points, 2nd Northern Co. 12 points, 3rd E. Lothian, Argyllshire (equal) 8 points.

INDIVIDUALS (Q.V.S.)

Senior—

100 yards—1st M. Armstrong, 11.2 secs., 4th N. Donaldson.

220 yards—2nd M. Armstrong, 23.4 secs. (Standard), 3rd D. Watson, 24.5 secs. (Standard).

440 yards 1st D. Watson, 58.3 secs., 3rd (equal) W. Stewart.

1 Mile—1st M. Owens, 5 mins. 7 secs.

120 yards Hurdles—3rd M. Owens, 4th N. Donaldson.

Long Jump—3rd W. Stewart, 17 ft., 4th N. McConnell, 16 ft. 9 ins.

Discus—1st E. Gillespie, 132 ft. 11½ ins. (Standard), 4th A. Kay, 118 ft. 3 ins. (Standard).

Shot—3rd E. Gillespie, 34 ft 7 ins. (Standard).

Javelin—1st D. Scott, 133 ft. 11 ins. (Standard).

Relay—1st Perthshire (D. Watson, W. Stewart, N. Donaldson, M. Armstrong).

Junior—

220 yards—4th B. McLaughlin.

880 yards—2nd J. Tait.

Long Jump—1st A. Morrice, 18 ft. 10 ins. (Standard), 3rd M. Smith, 16 ft. 10½ ins. (Standard).

High Jump—1st A. Morrice, 5 ft. 1 in. (Standard), 2nd J. Wood, 4 ft. 11 ins. (Standard).

Shot—1st N. Clark, 30 ft. 6½ ins., 2nd M. Forsyth, 28 ft. 6½ ins.

Relay—1st Perthshire (I. Smith, R. Newman, A. Morrice, J. Welsh).

The following were chosen to represent Highland District at the National Championships at Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea. on 18th July :—

Senior—

100 yards—M. Armstrong. 440 yards—D. Watson. 1 Mile—M. Owens. Javelin—D. Scott. Discus—E. Gillespie.

Junior—

880 yards—J. Tait. High Jump—A. Morrice. Long Jump—A. Morrice. Weight—N. Clark.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

We give below a table of results for the season 1963-64.

		P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	....	12	9	0	2	126	54
2nd XV	....	4	2	0	2	34	33
3rd XV	....	7	2	1	4	73	78
4th XV	....	8	5	0	3	109	69
5th XV	....	1	0	0	1	3	16
6th XV	....	3	2	0	1	41	6

Team Reports

4th XV (2nd Year Team)

Easter term weather, unusually, let us have four matches. Three of these, against weak sides, were won quite comfortably. The other was our third fixture of the season with the strong Morrison's



Academy side, who ran through our team and scored 38 points. We can make the team record sound a little better by saying that of the 69 points against us, 61 were scored by Morrison's, and we never scored against them. So in the remaining five matches, all won, we have 109 points for and only 8 against. As in the

Christmas term, there were chopping and changing in team and positions, again nearly all among those whose names were recorded at Christmas. The newcomer to the team was J. S. Grigor at full back. A feature of the season has been the place-kicking of J. Dempsey, the team captain and scrum-half. He got a lot of applause at Rannoch, as he kept putting over difficult kicks. There were some big active forwards in this team, and some good material for the future.

6th XV (1st Year Team)

This is the novices' side. They improved with each practise, and by the end of the season they looked as good as any 1st Year section we have had. They beat Grangemouth High School 3-0 and Scotus

Academy 38-0, but lost 0-6 to Morrison's Academy. It was a disappointment that bad weather caused the last fixture, against Newpark, to be cancelled, for Newpark play very attractive Rugby and would have tested the skill of our boys at the end of their first season.

Old Boys v. School

This year a second Rugby match was played between Old Boys and School XVs, on the 7th of March. The School won again. In the first half Stace got a snap try following up a penalty kick, and Owens converted. After that there was a good deal of pressure by the Old Boys, but the finishing was bad. Several times there were kicks ahead over the dead-ball line when tries seemed likely. As the second half wears on, we always expect the School XV to get command because of their greater match-fitness. But the Old Boys held out well. Eventually Robertson scored for the School. Owens converted again, and the final score was School 10, Old Boys 0.

The Old Boys who played in this match were the following :—G. Matthews, G. Thomson, A. McGill, L. McGavin, R. Bird, R. Anderson, P. Finlay, J. Watters, J. Ross, J. Kay, R. Chessar, E. Bruce, B. Fitzpatrick, J. Fairbairn, C. Heron.

House Seven-a-Side Rugby

The Inter-House seven-a-side Rugby tournament, which is now an established thing, counting for the House championship, was held in March. The results are shown below :—

SENIOR SECTION (3rd year upward)—

Haig	26	Cunningham	0
Haig	5	Trenchard	3
Trenchard	5	Cunningham	0

JUNIOR SECTION (1st and 2nd years)—

Haig	8	Cunningham	6
Haig	5	Trenchard	0
Cunningham	5	Trenchard	0

General result—1st Haig, 2nd Trenchard, 3rd Cunningham.

The place-kicking competition, which includes drop-kicking, was also held in March. *Results*—

SENIOR SECTION—1st A. W. Stace, 2nd A. M. Washington, 3rd J. Allan.

JUNIOR SECTION—1st J. Dempsey, 2nd R. H. Gill.

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

The individual and inter-house cross-country races were held as usual in the Easter Term. We give below the names of those who got within the standard time in each race, in their order of finishing.

SENIOR RACE (3rd year and upwards)

1st A. Stace, 2nd M. Owens, 3rd M. Armstrong, 4th D. Keltie, 5th D. Jagger, 6th E. Gillespie, 7th D.

Robertson, 8th D. Maxwell, 9th J. Murray, 10th P. Gilder, 11th W. Stewart, 12th G. Cassells, 13th R. Smith, 14th K. Douglas, 15th M. O'Connor, 16th K. Murray.

House Scores—1st Cunningham, 126 points; 2nd Haig, 160 points; 3rd Trenchard, 189 points.

Winner's Time—26 minutes 43.4 seconds.

JUNIOR RACE (1st and 2nd years)

1st G. Cunningham, 2nd E. Bonar, 3rd D. Isitt, 4th D. McInnes, 5th C. Robertson, 6th W. Shields, 7th A. Greig, 8th G. Hill, 9th A. McKean, 10th M. Anderson, 11th G. McManus, 12th I. Sneddon, 13th K. Boyne, 14th K. Robinson, 15th A. Coid, 16th S. Hartley, 17th R. Jeffrey, 18th J. Diack, 19th J. McGinlay, 20th D. Fenner, 21st W. McKerron, 22nd R. Murdoch, 23rd J. Dempsey, 24th A. Smith.

House Scores—1st Haig, 104 points; 2nd Cunningham, 134 points; 3rd Trenchard, 370 points.

Winner's Time—16 minutes 20.6 seconds.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS—

1st Cunningham, 8 points; 2nd Haig, 7 points; 3rd Trenchard, 3 points.

NUMBER OF STANDARDS OBTAINED—

	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cunningham	8	8	16
Haig	4	13	17
Trenchard	4	3	7

SWIMMING

The School Swimming Sports were held on leap-day, the 29th February. Results:—

PRIMARY SCHOOL—WAVELL HOUSE

Minor Section—

1 length breast stroke—1st W. Dempsey (M), 2nd D. Barnes (A), 3rd A. Martin (A). 18.8 secs.

1 length back stroke—1st J. Shannon (L), 2nd J. Brown (A), 3rd A. Martin (A). 18.2 secs.

1 length free style—1st A. Martin (A), 2nd J. Will (L), 3rd J. Brown (A). 14 secs.

Diving—1st A. Martin (A), 2nd J. Will (L), 3rd S. Corrigan (M).

4 × 1 length Relay—1st Abercromby, 2nd Lynedoch, 3rd Moore. 65.5 secs.

Minor Champion—A. Martin (A). *Runner-up*—J. Will (L).

Major Section—

2 lengths breast stroke—1st R. Grant (M), 2nd I. Dunlop (M), 3rd J. Allan (L). 41 secs.

1 length back stroke—1st J. Allan (L), 2nd D. Wrenn (M), 3rd R. Grant (M). 16 secs.

2 lengths free style—1st R. Grant (M), 2nd I. Dunlop (M), 3rd R. Stevenson (L). 31.4 secs.

Diving—1st I. Dunlop (M), 2nd R. Grant (M), 3rd J. Allan (L).

4 × 1 length Relay—1st Moore, 2nd Lynedoch, 3rd Abercromby. 59.3 secs.

Major Champion—R. Grant (M). *Runner-up*—I. Dunlop (M).

Inter-dormitory Competition—1st Moore, 34½ points; 2nd Abercromby, 25 points; 3rd Lynedoch, 24½ points.

SECONDARY SCHOOL—SENIOR HOUSES

Junior Section—

2 lengths back stroke—1st K. Robinson (H), 2nd D. Langlands (H), 3rd B. Nicol (C). 35 secs.

2 lengths breast stroke—1st G. Cunningham (C), 2nd D. Langlands (H), 3rd K. Robinson (H). 37.2 secs.

2 lengths free style—1st G. Cunningham (C), 2nd G. Neill (T), 3rd K. Robinson (H). 27.7 secs.

Diving—1st S. Grant (T), 2nd G. Cunningham (C), 3rd I. Roe (H).

Under Water Swimming—1st K. Robinson (H), 2nd S. Grant (T), 3rd I. Roe (H).

4 × 1 length Relay—1st Trenchard, 2nd Haig, 3rd Cunningham. 46 secs.

Junior Champion—G. Cunningham. *Runner-up*—K. Robinson.

Senior Section—

2 lengths back stroke—1st D. Isitt (C), 2nd R. Newman (T), 3rd J. Dempsey (T). 33.7 secs.

2 lengths breast stroke—1st R. Newman (T), 2nd J. McCorkle (T), 3rd D. Isitt (C). 32.8 secs.

4 lengths free style—1st R. Newman (T), 2nd A. Broughton (H), 3rd J. Dempsey (T). 56 secs.

Diving—1st D. Isitt (C), 2nd J. S. Grigor (C), 3rd J. Murray (C).

Under Water Swimming—1st J. Dempsey (T), 2nd J. Murray (C), 3rd P. Evans (T).

4 × 1 length Relay—1st Trenchard, 2nd Haig, 3rd Cunningham. 46 secs.

Senior Champion—R. Newman. *Runner-up*—D. Isitt.

Open Section—

2 lengths backstroke—1st M. Armstrong (H), 2nd D. Robertson (H), 3rd A. Faulds (C). 30.9 secs.

4 lengths breast stroke—1st A. Faulds (C), 2nd D. Maxwell (T), 3rd K. Murray (C). 77.1 secs.

4 lengths free style—1st A. Faulds (C), 2nd M. Armstrong (H), 3rd D. Robertson (H). 56.5 secs.

Diving—1st (equal) A. Faulds (C) and D. Maxwell (T), 3rd K. Douglas (T).

Under Water Swimming—1st P. Kay (H), 2nd D. Robertson (H), 3rd E. Gillespie (T).

4 × 1 length Relay—1st Haig, 2nd Trenchard. 45.7 secs.

12 × 1 length Relay—1st Trenchard, 2nd Haig. 2 mins. 29.5 secs.

Open Champion—A. Faulds. *Runners-up*—M. Armstrong, D. C. K. Robertson.

Inter House Competition—1st Trenchard, 62½ points; 2nd Haig, 56 points; 3rd Cunningham, 40½ points.

SMALL BORE SHOOTING COMPETITION 1964

	1st Card	2nd Card	Individual Total	House Total
Cunningham House				
K. Murray	82	73	155	
A. Richardson	88	84	172	
J. Allan	88	80	168	
S. Robertson	80	82	162	
Totals	338	319	657	657
Haig House				
A. Stace	76	92	168	
P. Kay	67	88	155	
D. Scott	88	83	171	
M. Forsyth	89	83	172	
Totals	320	346	666	666
Trenchard House				
K. Douglas	89	95	184	
J. Sharp	84	89	173	
A. Morrice	76	70	146	
J. Morrice	85	88	173	
Totals	334	342	676	676

House Championship—

1. Trenchard—676 points.
2. Haig—666 points.
3. Cunningham—657 points.

Individual Championship—

1. K. Douglas—184 points.
2. { J. Morrice—173 points.
J. Sharp—173 points.

SQUASH

Inter-House Competition

1. TRENCHARD V. HAIG

Results—

- M. Armstrong (H) beat K. Douglas (T)—(3-2)
D. Robertson (H) beat D. Keltie (T)—(3-1)
N. McConnell (T) beat D. Scott (H)—(3-0)
D. Nealon (T) beat D. Watson (H)—(3-0)
E. Gillespie (T) beat M. Forsyth (H)—(3-0)

Trenchard beat Haig—3-2.

2. CUNNINGHAM V. HAIG

Results—

- M. Armstrong (H) beat H. Bowes (C)—(3-0)
D. Robertson (H) beat J. Allan (C)—(3-1)
A. Faulds (C) beat D. Scott (H)—(3-2)
D. Watson (H) beat S. Robertson (C)—(3-1)
C. McLaughlin (C) beat M. Forsyth (H)—(3-1)
Haig beat Cunningham—3-2.

3. TRENCHARD V. CUNNINGHAM

Results—

- K. Douglas (T) beat H. Bowes (C)—(3-1)
J. Allan (C) beat D. Keltie (T)—(3-1)
N. McConnell (T) beat A. Richardson (C)—(3-0)
D. Nealon (T) beat D. Jagger (C)—(3-0)
E. Gillespie (T) beat C. McLaughlin (C)—(3-1)

Trenchard beat Cunningham—4-1.

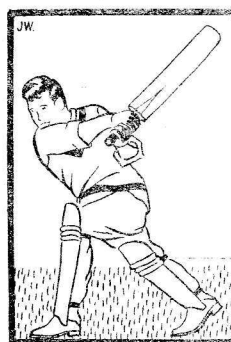
Overall Winners—

- Trenchard—(won 7 games)
Haig—(won 5 games)
Cunningham—(won 3 games)

CRICKET

1st XI

This has been a disappointing year for the 1st XI. Owing to the cold and wet beginning to the season, no practice was possible during the first four weeks of the summer term. Unfortunately, the majority of



our five fixtures were played in May and early June, so that our period of cricket activity coincided with the dismal weather. Since the match against St. Modan's on 9th June was cancelled we had four fixtures in May and none thereafter; during the period when we might expect more settled weather, there has been no first eleven cricket at all. In addition

only one of our first eleven matches was played at home.

DETAILS OF MATCHES

Q.V.S. 1st XI 78 v. Dollar Academy 2nd XI 78.

Result—Tie.

Q.V.S. 1st XI 89 v. Strathallan Colts XI 68 for 8 wks.

Result—Draw.

A feature of this match was a fine innings of 54 by Robertson. He batted for approximately 60 minutes, and hit 7 fours. Strathallan did not try to go for victory, and the match ended in a draw.

Q.V.S. 1st XI 39 for 2 wks. v. Morrison's Academy 37.

Result—Win for Q.V.S.

Robertson 4 wks. for 11 runs; Douglas 24 not out.

Q.V.S. 1st XI 19 v. Stirling High School 82 for 5 wks.

Result—Win for Stirling High School.

This was a match against a very strong Stirling High School XI, containing a player who has appeared frequently for Stirling County Cricket Club. This player bowled at a great pace, too fast for our younger players, and we had a batting collapse.

One pleasing feature of the 1st XI batting this year has been the readiness of our batsmen to attack the

bowling, and to score at a fast rate. This was particularly evident in the matches against Dollar and Strathallan. Considering our lack of practice, I think that the 1st XI has had a reasonably successful season.

Other XIs

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
3rd year XI	3	1	2	—
2nd year XI	2	2	0	0
1st year XI	1	—	—	1

There is little to say about the "other XIs." The first part of the term was a wash-out and practically no matches were played. The 1st year XI managed a tie with Stirling High School at 32 each by getting the last two wickets for no runs. I Sneddon took 8 wickets. The 1st year team was :—I Sneddon (Capt.), S. Hartley, D. Dodds, G. Johnstone, J. Robertson, D. Langlands, G. Scott, A. Grey, A. MacLean, W. Shields, G. Neill. S. Grant was picked but could not play because of injury.

Masters' XII v. School 1st XII

This match took place after the Drill Competition on the evening of 6th July. The masters batted first and made 62, which included 29 by Mr Williams and 16 by Mr Hughes. D. Robertson took 6 for 32, and A. Stace 3 for 7. In an exciting finish the boys' last wicket fell just before time for a total of 55. None of them reached double figures. Major Wilson took 5 for 23 and Mr Bruce 5 for 17. The masters thus regained the Iron Cup. The pitch was very hard and there were several injuries, chiefly to the masters. No one was permanently disabled, and all the invalids are as well as can be expected.

RELAY BATON

The annual "Relay Baton" athletic match was held at the School on 16th June. The six competing schools were :—Dunfermline High School, Glenalmond, Perth Academy, Rannoch, Strathallan and Queen Victoria School.

The baton was won by Glenalmond, who narrowly beat Rannoch, and it was presented by Mrs Hope Thomson, wife of our Commandant.

Results

13-15 YEARS—

100 yards—1st Bissett (P), 2nd Welsh (QVS), 3rd Moir (D), 4th Helm (R). 11.8 secs.

220 yards—1st Mason (R), 2nd Bissett (P), 3rd Yuill (D), 4th Newman (QVS). 27.2 secs.

440 yards—1st Coltart (D), 2nd Cameron (R), 3rd McGregor (P), 4th Boyne (QVS). 59.1 secs.

High Jump—1st Thomson (P), 2nd Andrew (R), 3rd Wood (QVS), 4th Blyth (D). 4 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump—1st Dalglish (R), 2nd Cunningham (QVS), 3rd Bissett (P), 4th Coltart (D). 15 ft. 3 ins.

15-17 YEARS—

100 yards—1st Halliday (P), 2nd Dover (G), 3rd Burrell (D), 4th Dow (R). 10.6 secs.

220 yards—1st Halliday (P), 2nd Dover (G), 3rd Skinner (R), 4th Morris (D). 24.3 secs.

440 yards—1st Doughty (D), 2nd Dalziel (R), 3rd Robertson (QVS), 4th Wilson-White (S). 56.5 secs.

880 yards—1st McDonald (P), 2nd Maudsley (R), 3rd Lynaker (D), 4th Stevenson (G). 2 mins. 14 secs.

High Jump—1st McLean (D), 2nd Marshall (G), 3rd Donaldson (P), 4th Morrice (QVS). 5 ft.

Long Jump—1st Donaldson (P), 2nd Hannah (D), 3rd Skinner (R), 4th Morrice (QVS). 18 ft. 9 ins.

Discus—1st Kirkwood (G), 2nd Miller (D), 3rd Carruthers (S), 4th Rawlinson (P). 136 ft. 4½ ins.

Javelin—1st Black (S), 2nd Miller (D), 3rd Hunter (D), 4th MacKay (R). 133 ft. 4½ ins.

Shot—1st Scott (G), 2nd MacKay (R), 3rd Baillie (P), 4th Carruthers (S). 41 ft. 9 ins.

17-19 YEARS—

100 yards—1st Nicolson (R), 2nd Randall (G), 3rd Smith (D), 4th Cranston (S). 11.1 secs.

220 yards—1st Randall (G), 2nd Cranston (S), 3rd Smith (D), 4th Thomson (R). 25.3 secs.

440 yards—1st Harper (G), 2nd Grey (R), 3rd Hulme (P), 4th Reid (S). 55.2 secs.

1 mile—1st Shepherd (G), 2nd (equal) Beaton (R) and Thomson (D), 4th Owens (QVS). 4 mins. 44.1 secs.

High Jump—1st Wallace (D), 2nd Grey (R), 3rd Groom (G), 4th Stewart (P). 5 ft. 3 ins.

Long Jump—1st Harper (G), 2nd Graff (D), 3rd Murray (QVS), 4th Reid (S). 19 ft. 6 ins.

Discus—1st Keighley (R), 2nd Frame (G), 3rd Douglas (QVS), 4th Graff (D). 119 ft. 3¾ ins.

Javelin—1st Meldrum (D), 2nd Quarry (S), 3rd Usher (R), 4th Douglas (QVS). 153 ft. 2 ins.

Shot—1st Frame (G), 2nd Keighley (R), 3rd Laing (P), 4th Smith (D). 43 ft. 9 ins.

Relay (under 17)—1st Perth, 2nd Dunfermline, 3rd Glenalmond, 4th Rannoch. 48.4 secs.

SCHOOL TEAM PLACINGS—

1st Glenalmond 56 points, 2nd Rannoch 54½ points, 3rd Dunfermline High School 53½ points, 4th Perth Academy 49 points, 5th Queen Victoria School 20 points, 6th Strathallan 17 points.

WAVELL HOUSE INTER-DORMITORY COMPETITIONS

Cross-Country Running

The Individual and Inter-Dormitory Championship was this year run over a new course which included two water jumps and 300 yards of "plough." R. T. Hamilton of Lynedoch won fairly comfortably in a time of 18 mins. 4 secs. which future contestants will find difficult to beat. He was followed home by W. D. Dempsey of Moore and J. R. Hossack of Lynedoch, in second and third places. Abercromby, however, won the Inter-Dormitory Competition with a total of 183 points to Lynedoch's 196 points.

Abercromby's winning team consisted of—R. J. Davies (4th), A. J. Martin (5th), J. W. S. Brown (7th),

A. M. Cassells (9th), C. R. Matheson (10th), M. C. Wood (12th), M. F. Greig (14th), G. McL. Sheret (17th), K. A. Cockburn (18th), N. D. Byres (25th), J. F. Barnes (30th), A. J. Hill (32nd).

Boxing

There was a total entry of 74 competitors, out of a possible 82, boxing for places in the finals of five Major and four Minor classes. Lynedoch collected 13 Good Losers' points en route to the finals while Abercromby got 11 points and Moore 9 points. The Inter-Dormitory Championship was very closely contested with the issue in doubt until the result of the final bout was announced.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Major—

	Champion	Runner-up
— 70 lbs.	M. McLaughlin (A)	N. Byres (A)
70-76 lbs.	R. Morrice (M)	J. Shannon (L)
77-83 lbs.	M. Wood (A)	J. Hossack (L)
84-90 lbs.	R. Stevenson (L)	D. Johnston (M)
91-97 lbs.	D. Maclean (L)	D. Wrenn (M)

Minor—

— 63 lbs.	A. Martin (A)	J. Pryde (A)
63-69 lbs.	P. Docherty (M)	B. Webb (M)
70-76 lbs.	J. Murdoch (L)	C. Matheson (A)
77-83 lbs.	W. Dempsey (M)	M. Greig (A)

Best Stylist—M. C. Wood.

Inter-Dormitory Championship—1st Abercromby 32 points, 2nd Lynedoch 30 points, 3rd Moore 28 points.

Soccer

In the Inter-Dormitory Competition this year each Dormitory entered a Major and a Minor team for the first time. Moore won the Major competition and Lynedoch the Minor competition. Abercromby were runners-up in both classes. The final result was—Winners: Moore (6 points). Runners-up: Abercromby (5 points).

WAVELL HOUSE DRILL

For the Wavell House Drill Competition, each of the three dormitories selects 18 boys, with a drummer and a dormitory commander, to compete for the cup. The object is that the boys should organise and practise the drill for themselves with as little adult interference as possible.

This year the competition was held in glorious sunshine, but despite the really warm conditions the lines remained steady and none was carried from the field of battle.

Michael Wood put in a lot of hard work with the boys of Abercromby dormitory, who thoroughly deserved their victory. Everyone tried hard, and the points, awarded for turn-out and for smartness on parade, were very close. The primary boys enjoy this competition. How many small boys can play at

soldiers with so much resemblance to the real thing? Inspecting Officers: The Commandant and the Headmaster.

Result:

1st Abercromby—Commander: M. Wood. Drummer: B. Murton.

2nd Moore—Commander: I. Dunlop. Drummer: W. Dempsey.

3rd Lynedoch—Commander D. Maclean. Drummer: J. Hossack.

WAVELL HOUSE SOCCER

West Perthshire Primary League

This season's competition was overshadowed by the tragic death, in a motor accident, of Mr David McArthur, Headmaster of Callander school.

Mr McArthur was the prime mover in the establishment of the competition and through his drive and enthusiasm helped to keep it alive. It was rather sad that he never saw his team win the competition, despite their consistent display of skill and keenness.



Because of Mr McArthur's death Callander were forced to withdraw from the summer-term leg of the competition; but the

remaining five teams fought a most interesting battle. The result was in doubt right up to the final whistle of the final game.

This last match was between Doune School and ourselves at Q.V.S. Our opponents had beaten us at Doune but had dropped a point to St. Ninians "A". We had also dropped a point, to Dunblane School, and had to win to share the Championship. Doune therefore had only to draw to make sure of the Shield for their first time.

Surprisingly, as the visitors, Doune showed no nervousness and playing strong, forcing football were two goals up before the School had settled to anything like their normal game. Just before half time Webb, the only member of our inside trio to show any method, scored an excellent goal.

The second half started, as in the first, with a quick goal from Doune (and some excellent goal keeping from Murdoch!) but once again Webb popped up to shoot another good goal. Gradually the School put on pressure and not only equalised with a beautifully taken goal by Matheson but looked like snatching the winner.

A draw it was, nevertheless, and an excellent result. In fact a Q.V.S. win would have been hardly just. Doune over the season had proved a more consistent and well-balanced team (despite having one member

from Primary IV) and well deserved to be holders of the Shield.

The School XI varied little throughout the season and was chosen from the following fifteen boys : Davies, Dempsey, R. Grant, Hamilton, Johnston, Maclean, Martin, Matheson, Morrice, Murdoch, Murton, Pope (Captain), Webb, Wood and Wrenn.

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TRADES COMPETITION 1964

The annual competitions in Piping, Drumming and Bugling, and Highland Dancing were held on 29th June. The results are given below. It is said in the report of the Pipe Band that Andrew Hill has done very well to get into the band while still a junior boy. He made this into an understatement by what he did in the competitions. Having won the Class C Chanter, he took part in the Class B events, winning both of these and the medal for the best Class B Piper. As a result he was allowed to compete in Class A as well. In it he won one event, and by being second in another, he also won the cup for the Best Piper in the School. So out of 9 prizes for piping he has taken 6. In the Bugling and Drumming sections, I. M. Smith was the best all-rounder though not placed first in either section. J. Murray won the Highland Dancing cup for the second year in succession.

We are indebted to the gentlemen who were good enough to come and judge these competitions ; Piping—Captain G. B. Murray, Queens Own Highlanders and Pipe-Major E. Bradford, K.O.S.B. ; Drumming and Bugling—Sgt. J. Allan, Drum-Major, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) ; Highland Dancing—Mr L. Georgeson and Mr J. Oliver.

Results

Piping—

Class A March : A. J. M. Hill.
Class A Slow March : D. C. K. Robertson.
Strathspey and Reel : I. Fraser.
Class B March : A. J. M. Hill.
Class B Slow March : A. J. M. Hill.
Best Piper Class B : A. J. M. Hill.
Scots Guards Chanter for Best Progress : A. N. MacDonald.
Class C Chanter : A. J. M. Hill.
Best Piper of 1964 : A. J. M. Hill.

Drumming and Bugling—

Senior Bugling : A. I. McLean.
Senior Drumming : J. Dempsey.
Tenor Drumming : A. W. Stace.
Best Junior Drummer : W. D. Dempsey.
Best Junior Bugler : A. M. Cassells.
Best Junior Drummer and Bugler : J. R. Hossack.
Best Drummer and Bugler of 1964 : I. M. Smith.

Dancing—

Class A Sword Dance : J. Murray.
Class A Highland Fling : J. Murray.

Class B Sword Dance : R. Grant.
Class B Highland Fling : A. S. Grey.
Best Junior Dancer : B. Webb.
Junior Dancing, Best Progress : R. R. Stevenson.
Shaw Stewart House Dancing : Cunningham House (J. Murray, J. S. Grigor, G. B. Johnstone, J. Lee).
Best Highland Dancer of 1964 : J. Murray.

ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1964

The School Sports were held on 2nd July (Thursday) in the afternoon and evening. There was an indifferent meeting last year, but this year performances were better. As can be seen below, seven



new individual records were set up. Only one of these was at the top, and that was one that was fully due. The open mile record was at last brought below 5 minutes, by E. Gillespie. Haig House, with strong athletes in every section, won the House competition quite easily. The best feature of the sports was the high standard of performance, and the close competition,

in the House relays. Haig and Trenchard shared the relay cup with 16 points each, and Cunningham, recent monopolists of this trophy, were close behind with 14 points. Haig would have won outright but for a curious error by their team in the senior section. Having dropped the baton, they only had to pick it up, and exchange correctly, and then stroll home to get the two points awarded to the third team. Instead they threw it about, strolled home, and were disqualified. There were three new records in these four House relays. Admittedly the track was unusually fast ; but full credit must still go to the record-breaking teams for intensive practice and slick changes that destroyed three records. The pundits of athletic form tell us that but for the flurry with the baton Haig would have won the senior section, and we might well have had new records in all four relays. Bad luck, but still a very good show by the House teams, and an excellent augury for the next year or two. In Wavell House special mention to M. Wood who won four events and made new records for both 100 and 220 yards and for the long jump.

Results

WAVELL HOUSE (Primary Boys)

Minor Section—

80 yards—1st G. Sheret (A), 2nd W. Dempsey (M), 3rd A. Hill (A). 11 secs.

440 yards—1st A. Hill (A), 2nd C. R. Matheson (A), 3rd N. Houston (L). 69.9 secs.

High Jump—1st C. R. Matheson (A), 2nd A. Hill (A), 3rd W. Dempsey (M). 4 ft. 2½ ins. (School record).

Long Jump—1st A. Hill (A), 2nd I. Burgess (L), 3rd W. Dempsey (M). 12 ft. 10 ins.

Cricket Ball—1st G. Duff (A), 2nd B. Murton (A), 3rd W. Dempsey (M). 130 ft.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Abercromby, 2nd Moore, 3rd Lynedoch. 61.9 secs.

Individual Championship—1st A. Hill, 2nd W. Dempsey.

Major Section—

100 yards—1st M. Wood (A), 2nd D. Johnston (M), 3rd R. Grant (M). 13 secs. (School record).

220 yards—1st M. Wood (A), 2nd D. Johnston (M), 3rd R. Grant (M). 28.9 secs. (School record).

880 yards—1st R. Hamilton (L), 2nd M. Wood (A), 3rd J. R. Hossack (L). 2 mins. 41.3 secs.

High Jump—1st M. Wood (A), 2nd R. Morrice (M), 3rd R. Grant (M). 4 ft. 2½ ins.

Long Jump—1st M. Wood (A), 2nd D. Johnston (M), 3rd R. Stevenson (L). 14 ft. 9 ins. (School record).

Cricket Ball—1st D. Johnston (M), 2nd S. Pope (L), 3rd R. Hamilton (A). 147 ft. 7 ins.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Moore, 2nd Lynedoch, 3rd Abercromby. 61.5 secs.

Individual Championship—1st M. Wood, 2nd D. Johnston.

Inter-dormitory Competition—1st Abercromby, 2nd Moore, 3rd Lynedoch.

SENIOR HOUSES (Secondary School)

Junior Section—

100 yards—1st S. Grant (T), 2nd I. Roe (H), 3rd D. McIver (T). 13.1 secs.

220 yards—1st S. Grant (T), 2nd I. Roe (H), 3rd I. Sneddon (T). 28.9 secs. (School record).

440 yards—1st K. Robinson (H), 2nd I. Roe (H), 3rd J. A. Learmonth (T). 68.7 secs.

80 yards Hurdles—1st J. W. Corrigan (T), 2nd I. Roe (H), 3rd D. McIver (T). 13.9 secs.

High Jump—1st S. Grant (T), 2nd S. Hartley (C), 3rd K. Robinson (H). 4 ft. 4 ins.

Long Jump—1st J. Murray (C), 2nd S. Hartley (C), 3rd G. Slater (C). 13 ft. 6 ins.

Cricket Ball—1st K. Robinson (H), 2nd J. W. Corrigan (T), 3rd S. Grant (T). 154 ft. 8½ ins.

Shot—1st G. Scott (T), 2nd S. Grant (T), 3rd K. Robinson (H). 26 ft. 10½ ins.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Trenchard, 2nd Haig, 3rd Cunningham. 57.6 secs. (School record).

Individual Championship—1st S. Grant, 2nd K. Robinson.

Intermediate Section—

100 yards—1st A. Coid (H), 2nd D. Isitt (C), 3rd E. Bonar (C). 12.3 secs.

220 yards—1st A. Coid (H), 2nd D. Isitt (C), 3rd G. Neill (T). 28.3 sec.

440 yards—1st A. Coid (H), 2nd E. Bonar (C), 3rd C. Robertson (H). 64 secs.

80 yards Hurdles—1st D. Isitt (C), 2nd A. Coid (H), 3rd S. Wilson (H). 12.5 secs.

High Jump—1st D. Isitt (C), 2nd D. Jagger (C), 3rd E. Bonar (C). 4 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump—1st D. Isitt (C), 2nd A. Grey (T), 3rd C. Robertson (H). 15 ft. (School record).

Cricket Ball—1st T. Bonar (H), 2nd R. McKerron (H), 3rd D. Jagger (C). 176 ft. 2½ ins.

Shot—1st L. Curl (C), 2nd E. Bonar (C), 3rd A. Grey (T). 30 ft. 5 ins.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Haig, 2nd Cunningham, 3rd Trenchard. 55.7 secs. (School record).

Individual Championship—1st D. Isitt, 2nd A. Coid.

Senior Section—

100 yards—1st J. Welsh (H), 2nd J. Tait (C), 3rd J. Wood (H). 11.6 secs.

220 yards—1st J. Welsh (H), 2nd G. Cunningham (C), 3rd J. Wood (H). 26.4 ins.

440 yards—1st K. Boyne (H), 2nd T. Sharp (T), 3rd B. McLaughlin (C). 61.8 secs.

880 yards—1st G. Cunningham (C), 2nd A. Aitkenhead (H), 3rd P. Evans (T). 2 mins. 28.8 secs.

110 yards Hurdles—1st J. Welsh (H), 2nd K. Boyne (H), 3rd P. Gilder (C). 16.7 secs.

High Jump—1st G. Cunningham (C), 2nd J. Wood (H), 3rd J. Tait (C). 4 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump—1st J. Welsh (H), 2nd J. Wood (H), 3rd K. Boyne (H). 17 ft. 2½ ins.

Shot—1st D. Nealon (T), 2nd J. Tait (C), 3rd C. McLaughlin (C). 31 ft. 4½ ins.

Javelin—1st C. McLaughlin (C), 2nd D. Nealon (T), 3rd J. Watters (T). 110 ft. 7½ ins.

Discus—1st D. Nealon (T), 2nd M. Anderson (H), 3rd K. Boyne (H). 98 ft. 8 ins.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Cunningham, 2nd Trenchard. (Haig disqualified). 52.8 secs.

Individual Championship—1st J. Welsh, 2nd G. Cunningham.

Open Section—

100 yards (Williamson Cup)—1st K. Murray (C), 2nd D. Keltie (T), 3rd D. Robertson (H). 11.1 secs.

220 yards—1st K. Murray (C), 2nd D. Robertson (H), 3rd D. Watson (H). 24.7 secs.

440 yards—1st D. Keltie (T), 2nd D. Robertson (H), 3rd D. Watson (H). 54.5 secs.

Mile—1st E. Gillespie (T), 2nd A. Stace (H), 3rd M. Owens (C). 4 mins. 59.1 secs. (School record).

110 yards Hurdles—1st A. Stace (H), 2nd K. Murray (C), 3rd R. Newman (T). 16.2 secs.

High Jump—1st D. Scott (H), 2nd A. Morrice (T), 3rd A. Stace (H). 4 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump—1st A. Broughton (H), 2nd W. Stewart (H), 3rd M. Armstrong (H). 17 ft. 6 ins.

Shot—1st K. Douglas (T), 2nd D. Scott (H), 3rd E. Gillespie (T). 33 ft 9¼ ins.

Javelin—1st K. Douglas (T), 2nd D. Scott (H), 3rd A. Stace (H). 133 ft. 9½ ins.

Discus—1st K. Douglas (T), 2nd D. Scott (H), 3rd E. Gillespie (T). 105 ft. 10 ins.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Haig, 2nd Trenchard, 3rd Cunningham. 48.5 secs. (School record).

Victor Ludorum—K. Murray ; Runner-up—A. Stace.

Inter-house Competition—1st Haig, 2nd Trenchard, 3rd Cunningham.

House Relay Cup—Haig and Trenchard (equal).

The record-breaking relay teams were as follows :
Trenchard House junior team—J. W. Corrigan, D. McIver, I. Sneddon, S. Grant. Haig House intermediate team—R. McKerron, M. McNaughton, C. Robertson, A. Coid. Haig House open team—D. Watson, A. Stace, M. Armstrong, D. Robertson.

Athletics Match v. Rannoch School

This match was held at Rannoch on 11th June. In the junior section Queen Victoria School won all five events and the relay race, so that they were ahead of Rannoch in this section. But in the senior events Rannoch swept the board, with first place in everything including the relay. Our winners in the junior section were :—

Long Jump—A. Morrice. 17 ft. 11½ ins.

High Jump—A. Morrice. 5 ft. 0 ins.

Discus—D. Kilgour. 92 ft 10 ins.

Shot—R. Newman. 35 ft. 6 ins.

Javelin—S. Robertson. 120 ft. 1 in.

Relay—A. Broughton, J. Welsh, R. Newman, A. Morrice.

In the senior section our representatives were—A. Stace, D. Robertson, W. Stewart M. Owens, E. Gillespie, and D. V. Scott.

Rannoch won the match by 37 points to 29.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1963-64

We print below the state of the House Championship points at the last minute before the magazine goes to press. Only the Inter-House cricket remains to be decided and it looks as if Haig, with some

strong cricketers, are going to get the championship. They can be equalled, but only if Trenchard win both senior and junior cricket series, and Haig come last in both.

	Cunningham	Haig	Trenchard
Rugby—			
Senior (6, 4, 2)	2	6	4
Junior (3, 2, 1)	3	1	2
Boxing (9, 6, 3)	9	6	3
Swimming (9, 6, 3)	3	6	9
Cross Country—			
Senior (6, 4, 2)	6	4	2
Junior (3, 2, 1)	2	3	1
Rugby 7-a-side—			
Senior (3, 2, 1)	1	3	2
Junior (1½, 1, ½)	1	1½	½
Shooting (9, 6, 3)	3	6	9
Squash (3, 2, 1)	1	2	3
Athletics (9, 6, 3)	3	9	6
Athletic Standards			
(9, 6, 3)	6	9	3
Drill (9, 6, 3)	6	3	9
Totals to date	46	59½	53½

HOUSE DRILL

The House Drill Competition on 6th July was won by Trenchard House with Cunningham House second and Haig House third. We are indebted to Major A. G. D. Gordon, Royal Highland Fusiliers, Adjutant, The Glasgow Highlanders (T.A.), and R.S.M. Hamilton, Scots Guards, Regimental Sergeant Major the Glasgow Highlanders (T.A.), who judged the competition. We regret that this event came too late to be reported in more detail.

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