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EDITORIAL

It has long been an open secret that the School authorities are planning a change in the traditional "walking-out dress" of the boys. The khaki tunic with brass buttons and hook-up neck is to be replaced, almost certainly, by a kilt jacket, to be worn with the present kilt and stockings, and with a white shirt and a tie. The glengarry is to stay, for wear with the new walking-out dress on appropriate occasions. If this change goes through as planned, there may be some murmurs, and some regret that the form of uniform which has distinguished our boys for so many generations is to be abolished and to be replaced by a dress that is not distinctively of the Army. But most people will agree that the change is due. The Q.V.S. khaki tunic belongs to the Army's past. It is not, on many of its wearers, particularly smart, and the temptation for them to unbutton when they are out of sight of School staff is not always resisted. For growing necks, the hook-up collar is often uncomfortable, and frequent tailoring and exchanges are needed if the fastening is to meet without half-choking the wearer. The question of buttons that need polishing, with care to keep stains off the cloth, is a perilous one. Is it good for a boy to have to take this trouble to keep himself looking smart and soldierly when he goes out? Or is this just a tiresome failure to make use of modern materials and to eliminate unnecessary toil? We are not going to debate the question.

For ceremonial occasions the scarlet tunic will continue to be the School wear, and nobody would suggest that it ought to be changed. This is the uniform in which the boys look best, and one which is still worn with pride. True it also gives problems round the neck, and on growing schoolboys an immaculate fit is hardly to be expected. But nobody expects ceremonial clothes to be completely comfortable, and everybody is willing to sacrifice comfort to appearance when the occasion demands it.

Over the past ten years or so there have been some

problems also with the clothes that boys have for ordinary wear about the school. In 1956 the blue woollen jersey was still being worn by many boys while stocks of these ran down. It was serviceable enough, but by that time was old-fashioned and had an institutional look. It was gradually replaced by an open-necked blouse of the wind-cheater type made of soft material, and the shorts worn with it were also of a flannel-type material. These blouses turned out to be unsatisfactory. They lost their shape and went into holes, so that it was difficult for an ordinary energetic boy to avoid looking ragged. The trousers went into holes too, and the rate of repair could not always keep up with the demand, or perhaps it was just that a custom had established itself. Anyway it was not uncommon to see a boy going about with a pair of gym shorts worn over his ordinary shorts to conceal a hole in the seat. So these garments were quickly abolished and replaced by the present corduroy blouse and shorts. With them the problem is round the waist. The strip and buckle which secure the waist are not equal to the energetic tugging that they get, but otherwise these are very serviceable clothes for younger boys. The senior boys are wearing corduroy blouse and trews if they are in the fourth form, or, while still below the fourth, are so big that they are given trews instead of shorts; and the fifth and sixth form boys are wearing the trews along with battle-dress blouse and khaki collar and tie. This uniform is also worn by boys below the fifth year who are prefects.

These details about School dress may be of interest to some old boys. There are strong feelings about clothes, as there are about haircuts; and there are marginal areas, like the matter of the "plain clothes" in which monitors and prefects have for some years been privileged to walk out, and the pattern and colour of the supplementary garments, mainly for games wear, that boys can have at school. We had better not start discussing these.

Obituary

JAMES ANDERSON

With deep regret we report the death of James Anderson, an Old Boy of the School who was well known in the Stirling District. A native of Stirling, he was at the School in the years just following the first world war, and was a piper in the School band and a Highland dancer. His father had been killed in the Dardanelles. At the start of the second world war, Mr Anderson immediately volunteered for service with the R.A.F.V.R. and continued to serve, with Barrage Balloons, till he was invalided out in 1943. He then underwent a serious stomach operation, and from that time his health was never good. After working for some time in the advertising department of the "Stirling Sentinel" he joined the sales staff of Menzies Motors. Despite ill-health he was active in church and social affairs, was an accomplished badminton player, and played golf as regularly as he could. Mr Anderson was a courteous and popular personality. Old Victorians who knew him will be sorry to hear of his death, at the early age of 55, and will join local people in their sympathy with his wife and sons.

ALEXANDER L. RUSSELL, D.A.

The death occurred on the 7th April, 1965, of Mr A. L. Russell, who designed and made the Memorial Window in the School Chapel. Below is a short tribute by Mr Le Maistre, who trained under Mr Russell at Dundee College of Art.

Alex. Russell was one of Scotland's leading artists in stained glass as well as being, from 1922 to 1960, the head of the School of Design at Dundee College of Art. He was an Edinburgh man and obtained his D.A. at Edinburgh College of Art.

His work in stained glass can be seen in churches throughout Scotland, in Dundee

City Chambers, and abroad in places as far apart as Lusaka in Rhodesia, and Orleans in France.

One has only to look at our own example of his work to appreciate his superb draughtsmanship, his beautifully controlled use of colour and the deep religious conviction with which his work was approached.

The window was the principal feature of a scheme of complete redecoration for the Chapel, and officially was Mr Russell's only concern. He nevertheless gave unstintingly of his advice and experience throughout the whole project, including a sketch design for the wrought iron gates to the side chapel. He made and presented to the School the two little windows therein.

He always said that he found our window an interesting but difficult assignment. Apart from the unusually thick mullion dividing it in half there was the difficulty of including in the design sacred, civic, and military symbols.

Since that time he always showed a keen interest in all the School's activities and was a regular attender at Grand Day.

Alex. Russell was a man of wide interests and delightful humour. He was associated with the Boy Scout Movement for 57 years and was appointed County Commissioner in 1962. He was an expert photographer and had a magnificent collection of colour slides taken during his travels in Europe, the Middle East, and America. He was a Methodist and was a circuit secretary and treasurer of the overseas mission department of that church. He was president of the Scottish Polish Society and was presented with the Gold Cross of Merit for his work in connection with refugees. He was an unpretentious yet keen organist and had a great love and knowledge of music.

I shall always be grateful for the fact that I trained under Alex. Russell and knew him as a personal friend.

We have, in our chapel window, a memorial to him, too. For me, it is a memorial to a man who made a success of his life by putting in to it far more than he ever took out.

STAFF CHANGES

After two years without departures, the posting season is on us again. Major J. N. Wright, who has been Housemaster of Trenchard House for four years leaves us at the end of this term for an appointment in Edinburgh.

The House has been his main duty here outside the class-room, but he has also been in charge of miniature-range shooting, and with the assistance of Major Wilson, and members of the uniformed staff, he has greatly extended the use of the range, to boys in the first year secondary, as well as their seniors. On Wednesdays he has organised the activities of those secondary boys who are too young to be in the A.C.F., and he has been in charge of the School cinema-projector and the programme of Sunday evening films for the winter terms. For some years he has also given considerable help at the Aviemore Summer Camp. In school he has taught English and general subjects to several forms, but generally concentrated on one younger junior secondary form as its form-master, taking it for as many subjects as possible.

Another to leave us this term is Captain A. F. P. Petrie. He has been here for five years, teaching Maths with great success to secondary classes at all levels. Outside the class-room he has been very active in school games: rugby and cricket particularly. He has also been running a golf-school for interested boys as a winter hobby. Those who have been coached by Captain Petrie may then join the Dunblane golf club as junior members and go to play golf in games periods and free time. Captain Petrie is himself a notable all round games player, though his activities have sometimes been restricted by an unfortunate tendency to break or dislocate limbs even in the course of such ordinary activities as dressing and undressing. The former Commandant once suggested that he ought to marry a nurse and live at the gate of a hospital. There was something prophetic in this remark, for Captain Petrie did marry into the hospital service, but into the administrative and not the medical side. If for nothing else, he will always remember Dunblane as the place where he found a wife and where he had his first experience of house-ownership and its problems. He is now moving south to the R.A.E.C. depot at Beaconsfield.

The best wishes of all here go with Major and Mrs Wright and their family, and with Captain and Mrs Petrie.

Another change recently has been the departure of Mrs Wilson, Wavell House Matron, and the arrival to take her place of Miss M. Bayliss. Mrs Wilson was a vigorous personality with good experience in schools, and she instituted some routine arrangements in Wavell House that were useful applications of her experience elsewhere. Miss Bayliss is much travelled. She was born in Shanghai, has spent four years in British Columbia, worked in California, taught English in Portugal, and worked in various schools

in Scotland and England. She came to Scotland in 1957, and her home is now in Auchterarder. When speaking of Wavell House matrons, we must pay tribute to Mrs Martin, who has done a lot of work with the junior boys and has deputised as House matron, very successfully, in the period between departure and arrival of permanent matrons.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

11th FEBRUARY—Major-General F. C. C. Graham, C.B., D.S.O., Visiting Commissioner for the term.

24th MARCH—Major-General I. I. A. Robertson, M.B.E., M.A., G.O.C. Highland District.

20th MAY—Mrs Mulley, wife of the Deputy Secretary of State for Defence (Army), and Lady Gordon Lennox, wife of the G.O.C. in C. Scottish Command.

9th JUNE—Norman W. Graham, Esq., C.B.E., Secretary of the Scottish Education Department and ex officio a Commissioner of the School.

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

For a number of years there has been a carol service in the School chapel at the end of the Christmas term. Until Christmas 1964, it has taken the form of carols sung by a choir or by choir and congregation together, and a series of lessons read by boys of different ages and by representatives of staff and families. At the end of last Christmas term we had a change. Instead of the readings there was a Nativity Play performed by boys from forms up to the second year secondary and masters' daughters. There were one or two technical difficulties. Part of the action had to take place at too low a level to be clearly visible all through the Chapel; and the Archangel Gabriel had to be very careful not to dislodge his wings getting in and out of the pulpit. However, the play was a great success. The lines were firmly and clearly spoken, especially by the main characters, Andrew Hill and Sian Wilson; and the short readings which formed part of the play were done with confidence.

The carol service has come to be taken for granted. So it is time we paid a tribute to Mr Bruce and his choir, who again gave us an excellent performance. The boys taking part do so voluntarily and give up much of their time to practice for the carol service. In this they show a very good spirit.

Below we print the details of the service, and of the choir and those who took part in the production of the Nativity Play.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

- Congregation* : O Come all ye Faithful.
Choir : A Virgin Unspotted (Traditional).
 O Jesu so Meek (Bach).
Congregation : Once in Royal David's City.
Choir : Zither Carol (Czech folk tune
 arranged by Malcolm Sargent).
 Puer Nobis (Geoffrey Shaw).

NATIVITY PLAY

- During the performance of the play the choir sang
 O Little Town of Bethlehem.
 Silent Night.
 While Shepherds Watched.
 Away in a Manger.
 We Three Kings.
Congregation : See Amid the Winter Snow.
Choir : The Twelve Days of Christmas.
Congregation : Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
Benediction : Sung Three-fold Amen.

THE CHOIR

Trebles—M. Binks, J. W. S. Brown, R. Cowie, W. Crichton, P. Gilchrist, B. Goldie, T. Goldie, S. Grant, A. Hewgill, N. Houston, A. Jeffrey, G. Kent, R. Kent, N. McKinnon, S. McLean, W. McMillan, R. MacVicar, C. Martin, D. Moss, B. Murton, I. Playle, A. Pocock, K. Ross, P. Sherwood, R. Weir.
Altos—J. A. Allan, R. Campbell, A. S. Grey, S. Hartley, G. Hill, C. Matheson, D. McLean, I. McKenzie, B. Nicol, S. Pope, J. Robertson, B. Sutherland, D. Wrenn.

Tenors—J. Allan, T. Bonar, M. Hewgill, J. Lee, S. Leitch, D. MacIver, G. McManus, G. Slater, W. Shields, D. Stainthorpe.

Bass—J. Brough, N. Clark, I. Fraser, D. Marshall, C. McLaughlin, M. Owens, A. Richardson, D. Robertson, I. Smith.

THE NATIVITY PLAY

- Girl* : Sian Wilson.
Boy : A. Hill.
Mary : Elizabeth Jamieson.
Joseph : N. McMurdo.
Herod : G. Neill.
Herod's Servant : D. Macdonald.
Angel Gabriel : A. Burns.
Readers : A. Cassells, D. Crombie, B. White.
Wise Men : J. Murdoch, P. Docherty, K. Owens.
Shepherds : R. Bonar, K. Cockburn, M. McLaughlin.
Chorus : Elizabeth Clarke, Jennifer Urie, Heather Williams, Pamela Williams, Fiona Wright, P. Docherty, A. Martin, I. Matthews, R. Watt, J. Will.
Costumes : Louise Le Maistre and mothers of girls in cast.
Props and Make-up : Mr and Mrs Le Maistre.
Producer : Captain Frost.

ALF'S BUTTON

This year's School play was "Alf's Button". It is a comedy made from W. A. Darlington's first-war novel about a Cockney soldier who finds himself master of a genie because the new tunic-button issued to him has been made from the metal that was originally in Aladdin's magic lamp. To get first-war uniforms was too difficult, and so Captain Frost decided to transfer the period to the second world war. Then a problem arose. There are no buttons on battledress tunics, and it was rather late to start calling the play, for example, "Alf's Cap-badge". A solution was reached when it was remembered that the forage cap of the second world war had two small buttons on it.

Those who have read the story will remember that the efforts on his new master's behalf of the genie "Eustace" including whisking a society beauty from the officers' hospital at her house in England into the trenches of France, creating a fairy-tale Arabian palace for Alf and Bill near the officers' hospital, where Alf's sweetheart is a maid-servant, and staffing and equipping the palace according to the style of the Arabian Nights. The stagecraft required and the Oriental costumes and trappings gave plenty of scope for the talents of the LeMaistre family, of Messrs. Finlay and Jamieson, and of their boy helpers. Everything was magnificently done. No bit of the play aroused a greater response among the junior boys in the front rows than the setting-out of the banquet which Mustapha, the Arabian butler, thinks suitable as a meal for two. Each splendid mock-up of a huge dish of meat or confectionary was greeted with roars.

As in last year's play, the principal role was taken by Michael Owens, whose aim is to make a career in drama, and he was again the outstanding preformer. C. McLaughlin was lively and convincing as Alf's comrade, Bill Grant; and K. Owens, sometimes inaudible at the back, acted his part well, with clever mannerisms. M. Scoggins, in the role of Vicar, was dominated, as the characterisation demanded, by his fierce little wife. This was a spirited piece of acting by a junior member of the cast, M. McLaughlin. Another excellent performer, also from a first year form, was A. Hill, who had the part of the Cockney servant girl. We have to allow for the fact that the dialogue of this year's play, in spite of some dated slang, was much easier for schoolboys than it was in last year's production of "Sweeney Todd." Even so, the diction and movements were certainly better this year. Words were much better heard at the back of the hall; and there was never a time when the action dried up into a mere exchange of words. The cast got into the spirit of the play, and made us feel we were seeing Darlington's characters, not just old so-and-so dressed up.

This was the third, and unfortunately the last of Captain Frost's productions at Queen Victoria School, for his tour of duty here will end at Christmas. He has done a great deal for drama in the School;

and now we hope that someone else will be able to keep up the interest, and carry on the work which Captain Frost has done so well.

CAST (in order of appearance)—

Bill Grant—C. McLaughlin.
Soldiers—S. Leitch, J. Robertson.
Lance-Corporal Greenstock—P. Gilder.
Sergeant Lees—I. Smith.
Alf Higgins—M. J. Owens.
The Slave of the Button—R. Irvine.
Captain Richards—G. Neill.
Lieutenant Allen—D. Marshall.
Orderly—A. Burns.
Lady Isobel Fitzpeter—K. Owens.
Mustapha—A. Kay.
Slave Girls—R. Bonar, A. Cassells, D. Crombie, K. Cockburn, I. McKenzie.
Male Slaves—G. Cunningham, P. Docherty, N. McConnell.
Liz Walker—A. Hill.
Reverend Julian Davies—M. Scoggins.
Mrs Davies—M. McLaughlin.
Lord Dunwater—A. Morrice.

Producer—Captain M. J. Frost.
Stage Manager—Mr J. Finlay.
Settings—Art and Woodwork Departments.
Painted by—M. Hewgill, J. Sharp and E. Gillespie.
Wardrobe and Make-up—Mr V. H., Mrs M. F., Misses M. L. and J. W. Le Maistre.
Costumes Supplied by—Wm. Mutrie Ltd., Edinburgh.
Lighting—Mr A. N. Jamieson, P. Evans.
Stage Crew—C. A. Lannen, J. R. Willmott, J. W. Moore, J. S. Grigor, G. H. Fox.

NATIONAL TRUST CAMP, KINTAIL, 1965

Last year a party of school-leavers went to the National Trust camp at Brodick Castle on Arran. This year a similar party was sent to another National Trust camp, this time at Invershiel, near Kyle of Lochalsh, in Kintail. The party leader was again Mr Paterson, who has a wide experience of hostelling, and the boys who went were M. Owens, J. Welsh, N. McConnell, A. Broughton, N. Clark, D. Nealon, J. W. Corrigan, R. Hewitt, E. Bonar, L. Curl, and J. McPhail.

These National Trust "adventure camps" are organised for school parties of from 12 to 20 people. There are three in Scotland. Hostel-type accommodation is provided, the campers cooking for themselves, and the parties spend a total of six days at the camp, three of which are occupied in working for the National Trust, and the remaining three in recreation or other activities. On Saturday, 12th June, a bus-load of Glasgow schoolgirls plus Messrs. Bonar, Curl, Corrigan, and McPhail, along with Mr Paterson, left the School for Kintail. Three other members of the party were conveyed to the camp by the Commandant. The remaining four, who had been engaged either in

the A.C.F. athletic sports in Edinburgh, or with the pipe band at Edinburgh Castle, were set the test of making their own way to Invershiel (170 miles away) on a small allowance of money. They started on Sunday morning. J. Welsh and A. Broughton reached the camp at 6.45 a.m. on the Monday morning, having spent 1/3d each. M. Owens and N. Clark came in just after midday on Monday, at a cost of 14/11d each, having indulged themselves in lodging at a Youth Hostel.

Invershiel was found to be no more than the hostel, the Kintail Lodge Hotel, and two or three cottages, perched on the pebbly eastern shore of Loch Duich, and encircled by the Wester Ross mountains. The nearest shop of any description, which was also a cafe, was at Shiel Bridge, a mile away, and the nearest grocer's shop was in Dornie, nine miles away. Funnily enough the nearest public bar was barely fifty yards away from the hostel. The hostel itself was an old whitewashed Highland cottage with a rough flagpole outside the front gate. There was a wooden extension at the back of the house, where four boys slept. Inside there was a joint common-room and dining-room, with a long table, benches, a wooden sofa, a deep freezer, and one dart board complete with one dart. Adjoining this room was a dormitory with sleeping facilities for eight, and the kitchen. There was also a shower-room, which nobody used except Mr Paterson, because the water was cold. This was our home for six days, and very glad we were to get there after the day's work.

The day's routine began with reveille at 7 a.m. for the two boys who had been detailed as cooks for the day, and the table-layer-and-clearer, also detailed for the day, got up at 7.15. The rest were wakened some fifteen minutes later, and breakfast was about eight. After the washers-up for the day had done their job, and the hostel had been swept out and the bunks made, the day's work or "recreation" began. We generally got away between nine and ten, Mr Paterson driving us in what now must be a legendary dilapidated Bedford "Workobus" to wherever our work or other activity was to take place. Sometimes we went back to Invershiel for lunch; sometimes we took packed lunches of sandwiches. Work usually finished about five o'clock, but by the time we had been driven back, put tools away, and cleaned up, it was normally seven o'clock before the evening meal was dispensed. The evenings were our own. There was a rowing boat at our disposal, in which some boys, under the eye of Mr Paterson, fished unsuccessfully on Loch Duich. Others went out for walks in the immediate neighbourhood, or stayed in the hostel playing "dart", a game peculiar to Kintail. Supper was at nine, and we usually went to bed between ten and eleven. We were surprised to find how full and tiring the day could be.

Work and recreational activities were varied and interesting. On our first work-day we dug a hole with picks and shovels, to find a water-pipe line. Eventually we found it, and watched two men doing the intricate job of joining two metal pipes. On another day we loosened rocks and earth, excavating

under tree-stumps so that these could be removed from the earth by the roots. This job was done to clear a piece of ground for a prospective caravan-site. Our third task was doing what is known as "brashing." That is cutting off the lower limbs of trees to a height of six or seven feet up the trunk. These branches are cut off to stop knots forming in the trunk as the trees grow thicker. On Sunday we climbed the hill known as the "Brother", just behind the hostel, before lunch, and in the afternoon an expedition set out to the Falls of Glomach, where the water cascades over sheer rocks for 370 feet. On our second free day, the Wednesday, the weather was too bad for hill-walking; so Mr Paterson took us to Skye in the van instead. The last free day, the Thursday, saw us toiling up the "Five Sisters of Kintail," five mountains side by side on the north side of Glenshiel, joined by a rocky, and occasionally very narrow ridge. We had hoped to reach all five summits, but in fact climbed only four of the "Sisters," going round the "Brother" on our way back to the hostel. All these activities, whether work or leisure (if that is the right word) we enjoyed very much, in spite of the weather.

At about a quarter to eight on the Saturday morning (19th June) the bus arrived to take us back to Dunblane. The company of sixteen girls returning home after a week at Balmacara Adventure Camp made the return journey less tedious.

Some incidents of the camp will be remembered. There was Curl's pet duck that went into Loch Duich for a swim, dived, and was never seen again; the burnt custard served by Owens; the time part of the chassis fell off the van on our way back from Skye; McConnell's tonsillitis that enabled him to do almost no work; not least the barbecue to which Owens, Welsh, Broughton, and Clark were invited by two girls working in the Kintail Lodge Hotel, and which they did not attend because Mr Paterson was adamant that it was too late at night. But the whole party was grateful for the chance to attend this camp.

M.J.H.O.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY NEWS

The Society's second year has been as successful as its first. Next year promises to be even more successful, for we now have another enlarger and a good camera which members can borrow. The problem of numbers is still with us. With too many members, the society cannot function properly. For this reason, next year we can keep only the keen members of the society remaining from this year. However, as there are many members of the society leaving this year, there should be room for most of the people wishing to join next term.

Recently a few senior boys, who will be nameless, criticised our prices, saying that sixpence for a post-card size print is far too much. They have worked out carefully with their slide rules that we are making something in the region of 200% profit on each print.

There are many financial arguments against this accusation (we have thought of raising our prices) but I need not go through them. We are offering a cheap service to the School, and can do without orders from anyone who thinks our prices excessive.

During the year we held a competition for members. It was divided into two classes: Class A—the best picture depicting some aspect of school life. Class B—the best photograph of any other subject. Each competitor was allowed to enter two photographs for each class.

Results:

Class A—First K. Robinson, Second R. Long, Third K. Robinson.

Class B—First R. Morrice, Second R. Long, Third A. Warwood.

N.S.D.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The beginning of the Easter term saw the retirement of A. I. Warwood as the secretary. He was succeeded by P. Gilder. The Society does not meet in the summer term.

A number of our debates and topics for sharp practice reflected the blood-thirsty nature of the typical senior form pupil.

The motions discussed were as follows:—

THURSDAY, 14th JANUARY—

A "sharp practice" was held. 9 motions were discussed.

THURSDAY, 21st JANUARY—

"This Society considers that BEER is best."

Proposer A. Kay, Seconder A. Warwood.

Opposer R. Newman, Seconder S. Robertson.

The motion was defeated by 5 votes to 4.

THURSDAY, 28th JANUARY—

"This Society suggests that executions should be re-established and made public."

Proposer M. Scoggins, Seconder R. Irvine.

Opposer R. Newman, Seconder S. Robertson.

The motion was carried by 6 votes to 4.

THURSDAY, 4th FEBRUARY—

"This Society considers that the youth of today has lost the taste for adventure."

Proposer P. Gilder, Seconder M. Scoggins.

Opposer A. Warwood, Seconder A. Kay.

The motion was defeated by 6 votes to 2.

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY—

"This Society considers that Hitler was a great man."

Proposer A. Morrice, Seconder S. Robertson.

Opposer R. Newman, Seconder M. Hewgill.

The motion was carried by 6 votes to 5.

THURSDAY, 25th FEBRUARY—

“This Society considers that the Royal Air Force is the best service.”

Proposer A. Morrice, Seconder M. Scoggins.

Opposer A. Kay, Seconder R. Newman.

The motion was defeated by 5 votes to 4.

THURSDAY, 4th MARCH—

A “sharp practice” was held. 9 motions were discussed.

THURSDAY, 11th MARCH—

“This Society considers that blood sports should be abolished.”

Proposer A. Kay, Seconder A. Warwood.

Opposer D. Marshall, Seconder R. Newman.

The motion was defeated by 6 votes to 2.

EXERCISE “BRUCE SIXTY-FIVE.”

At 8.15 a.m. on Sunday, 30th May, the Headmaster and forty boys left the School by 'bus, to take part in a Civil Defence exercise. Until that time, we had known nothing about the exercise, except that we were to act as casualties. On the 'bus, the Headmaster handed round copies of the orders of the day, which helped to enlighten us.

The orders were headed “Exercise Bruce Sixty-Five.” The exercise itself was to take place at the Civil Defence training ground, Bishopbriggs, and its object was to give practice to C.D. volunteers. In addition, we were given the following fictitious information :

“Following a series of frontier incidents, combined with hostile troop movements, a state of emergency has been declared.

The U.K.C.D. has been put on a war footing, with all Civil Defence controls manned and all mobile forces concentrated at their depots.

At 0732 hours on Sunday, 30th May, a ground-burst 500 KT nuclear weapon exploded at Bridge of Allan. The target was believed to be a B.M.E.W.S. on Sheriffmuir.

Area control survived with some slight damage, with no casualties, and is still operational.”

U.K.C.D.—United Kingdom Civil Defence

B.M.E.W.S.—

Ballistic Missiles Early Warning System

As soon as we arrived at Bishopbriggs we were shown to a dormitory and given refreshments. It was only 10 o'clock, and the exercise began at 11.30. Just as we were settling down, Major MacKenzie, who was in charge of the exercise, asked for volunteers. Another boy and I volunteered, and were told to build fires and make smoke, to make the exercise more realistic.

A thunderflash heralded the start of the exercise at 11.30. The rest of our party had already been placed in their positions, suitably and more often than not too realistically made up, to wait for the C.D.

workers to find them. Some were allowed to shout, but others were supposed to be unconscious, and had to stay silent. N. McConnell, was so well trapped in a small den of concrete blocks and iron bars that an oxy-acetylene cutter had to be used on the metal bars to free him. Casualties were taken to the first-aid posts to be swathed in bandages, and gulp down cups of tea. C.D. volunteers carried around labels which had such morbid details printed on them as ‘Time of death’, ‘Whether found dead or alive,’ ‘Description of injuries’. At one point we two ‘fire-raisers’ were invited into a first-aid post for tea, and were nearly mummified by the enthusiastic first-aiders. As well as our own party, there were scouts and Stirlingshire schoolchildren taking part.

The exercise finished at 2 o'clock and after lunch we returned to School by 'bus. There were a few complaints about not having had anything to do, but most of us had enjoyed taking part in exercise ‘Bruce Sixty-Five.’

C.McL.

HOUSE APPOINTMENTS, 1965

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Monitor : M. J. Owens

Prefects : A. I. Warwood, C. McLaughlin

HAIG HOUSE

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

Prefects : D. I. Marshall, J. R. Welsh

TRENCHARD HOUSE

Monitors : E. D. Gillespie, N. S. Donaldson

Prefects : N. McConnell, A. W. Morrice

WAVELL HOUSE

House Captain : B. R. Murton (Abercromby)

Dormitory : A. J. Martin (Abercromby)

Leaders : I. Burgess (Lynedoch)

I. A. Robertson (Lynedoch)

J. S. Murdoch (Moore)

A. Hewgill (Moore)

SCHOOL COLOURS

The boys now in the School who hold School Colours are listed below :—

J. Allan—Cricket, 1965.

I. Fraser—Cricket, 1965.

E. Gillespie—Rugby, 1962-63-64-65. Cross Country Running, 1965.

D. Marshall—Cricket, 1965.

N. McConnell—Rugby, 1964-65.

A. Morrice—Rugby, 1964-65. Shooting, 1965.

M. Owens—Cross Country Running, 1963, 1964, 1965. Rugby, 1963-64.

D. Robertson—Rugby, 1962-63-64-65. Cricket, 1963, 1964. Cross Country Running, 1965.

R. Newman—Swimming, 1965.

VALETE

January, 1965

Form V

A. D. M. RICHARDSON—R.A.F.—Joined September, 1957. Cunningham. Prefect. Best Shot 1963. Shooting Colours 1963-64. A.C.F. Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Drummer in Band. Life-saving Bronze Medallion. S.C.E. Ordinary Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, History. Higher English, French. To R.A.F. as Officer Cadet. Home address : 1 Easter Currie Terrace, Currie, Midlothian.

April 1965

Form IIIA

J. N. CAMPBELL—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1960. Haig. A.C.F. Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Employment not yet known. Home address : 37 Fintryside, Fintry, Dundee.

May, 1965

Form V

J. R. SHARP—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1958. Trenchard. Rugby 1st XV 1964-65. A.C.F. Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Piper in Band. S.C.E. Ordinary English, History, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry. Continuing education at home. Home address : 171 Knowsley Heights, Huyton, Liverpool.

Form IV

S. A. ROBERTSON—Gordon Highlanders—Joined September, 1960. Cunningham. 1st XV 1964-65. 1st XI 1964, 1965. A.C.F. Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Librarian. Life-saving, Intermediate Certificate. Apprentice draughtsman. Home address : 10 Escott Street, Burnley, Lancashire.

July, 1965

Form VI

A. C. KAY—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1957. Haig. Monitor. 1st XV 1963-64-65. School Squash Team. A.C.F. Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Addison Smith Competition, 1st Prize 1964. Joint Editor of "Victorian." Dux of School 1965. Life-saving, Award of Merit. S.C.E. Ordinary, Arithmetic, Higher English, French, History, Maths, Science. To Edinburgh University. Home address : 13 West Savile Terrace, Edinburgh, 9.

M. J. H. OWENS—Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders—Joined September, 1958. Cunningham. Monitor. 1st XV 1963-64-65. Colours 1963-64. Senior Cross Country winner 1965. Colours 1963, 1964, 1965. A.C.F. Sergeant, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Boy Drum-Major. Life-saving, Award of Merit. Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. S.C.E. Ordinary Art. Higher English, French, History. To The Rose Bruford Training College of Speech and Drama, Sidcup. Home address : Custodian's House, Dunblane Cathedral, Dunblane.

Form V

N. McCONNELL—A.C.C.—Joined September, 1958. Trenchard. Prefect. 1st XV 1964-65. Colours 1964-65. 1st XI 1965. School Squash Team. A.C.F. Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Piper in Band. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze Series. S.C.E. Ordinary Arithmetic, English, Maths, Physics, Technical Drawing, Woodwork. Trainee Engineer Officer, Shell Tankers, Ltd. Home address : 35 Silverknowes Crescent, Silverknowes, Edinburgh, 4.

D. C. K. ROBERTSON—R.E.—Joined January, 1959. Haig. Senior Monitor. 1st XV 1962-63-64-65. Colours 1962-63-64-65. Captain 1964-65. 1st XI 1963, 1964, 1965. Colours 1963, 1964. Captain 1964-65. Cross Country Running Colours 1965. School Squash Team. A.C.F. Sergeant, Cert. A parts 1 and 2. Boy Pipe-Major. Life-saving, Instructor's Certificate. Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Silver Series. S.C.E. Ordinary Arithmetic, English, History, Chemistry, Physics, Maths. Continuing education at home. Home address : 20 Westbanks Terrace, Wick.

A. I. WARWOOD—London Scottish—Joined September, 1958. Cunningham. Prefect. A.C.F., Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Librarian. Joint Editor of "Victorian". Cranston Memorial Essay Prize 1965. S.C.E. Ordinary Arithmetic, English, French, History, Maths, Physics, Chemistry. Candidate for Aberdeen University. Home address : The Kirkhouse Inn, Strathblane, Stirlingshire.

Form IV

A. L. BROUGHTON—A.T.S.—Joined September, 1958. Haig. 1st XV 1964-65. 1st XI 1965. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Librarian. Life-saving, Intermediate Certificate. Candidate for post in British Linen Bank. Home address : "Hillcrest", 4 Ferniehill Avenue, Gilmerton, Edinburgh, 9.

N. R. CLARK—R.A.F.—Joined September, 1958. Trenchard. A.C.F., Corporal, Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Piper in Band. Life-saving, Intermediate Certificate. Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Bronze Series. Employment not yet decided. Home address : 10 York Crescent, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

P. GILDER—R.A.S.C.—Joined September, 1959. Cunningham. 1st XI 1964, 1965. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Librarian. Employment not yet decided. Home address : 26 Broadway Grove, Broadway, York.

R. IRVINE—R.A.F.—Joined September, 1959. Haig. 1st XV 1964-65. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Piper in Band. Employment not yet decided. Home address : 9 Sycamore Avenue, St. Athan, Nr. Barry, Glamorgan, S. Wales.

D. C. NEALON—Royal Scots—Joined September, 1959. Trenchard. 1st XV 1964-65. School Squash Team. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, Intermediate Certificate. Employment not yet decided. Home address : 107 Hillside Road, Edinburgh, 4.

J. R. WELSH—R.T.R.—Joined September, 1959. Haig. Prefect. Senior Athletics Champion 1964. A.C.F., Certificate A Parts 1 and 2. Librarian. Colour sergeant. To police cadet training college. Home address : 7 Oakwood, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

Form IIIA

J. MCGINLAY—R.A.F. Regiment—Joined October, 1962. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Continuing education at home. Home address : 27 Regent Street, R.A.F. Seletar, c/o G.P.O., Singapore.

Form IIIB

E. W. BONAR—Black Watch—Joined October, 1962. Cunningham. Rugby. School Seven. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Junior Secondary Certificate. Future employment not yet decided. Home address : 4 Eastwood Park, Giffnock, Glasgow.

K. J. BOYNE—R.A.P.C.—Joined September, 1960. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, Award of Merit. Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Silver Series. Junior Secondary Certificate. To Army Apprentice School, Carlisle. Home address : c/o Sgt. J. D. Boyne, Command Pay Office, Singapore.

N. J. BURNS—Black Watch—Joined September, 1961. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Junior Secondary Certificate. To Merchant Navy. Home address : 84 Lethe Grove, Monwick Estate, Colchester, Essex.

J. W. CORRIGAN—R.E.—Joined September, 1960. Trenchard. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. School Dancing Team. Life-saving, Bronze Cross. To Junior Leaders R.E., Dover. Home address : c/o Captain J. Corrigan, 8 C.P.D., B.F.P.O. 34.

L. F. CURL—R.A.C.—Joined October, 1962. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Junior Secondary Certificate. To Junior Leaders Bn., Oswestry. Home address : 4 St. George's House, St. Andrew's Street, Northampton.

R. HEWITT—H.L.I.—Joined September, 1959. Trenchard. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, Bronze Cross. Junior Secondary Certificate. To Army Apprentice School, Arborfield. Home address : 34 Mount Pleasant Crescent, Milton of Campsie, Glasgow.

A. D. MCKEAN—Royal Scots—Joined September, 1961. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Drummer in Band. To Royal Navy. Home address : 19 St. Catherine's Crescent, Edinburgh, 9.

J. G. McPhail—Gordon Highlanders—Joined September, 1959. Trenchard. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Junior Secondary Certificate. Candidate for Merchant Navy. Home address : 42 Dent Drive, Eastmoor, Wakefield, Yorks.

Form IIB

W. G. Nelson—Cameronians—Joined September, 1961. Trenchard. A.C.F., Cert. A Part 1. Apprentice Motor Mechanic. Home address : Not yet known.

SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

A notable event this term was the visit of the bands of the Black Watch (Bandmaster Holmes, Pipe-Major Anderson, and Drum-Major Cuthbert) to beat the retreat on the School field. This excellent performance drew a number of visitors from outside. The technique of the experts was keenly watched by members of the School pipe band.

There have been two distinguished visiting preachers at chapel services this term. The first was the Reverend G. M. R. Bennett, B.D., Assistant Chaplain General. In his address he referred to an Old Victorian who had been with him in a Japanese prison-camp, one of the finest men he had ever met. This was the late Major J. R. Pirie, Royal Scots. His courage and strength of character were an inspiration to his comrades, and an example to the Victorians of later generations. The other visiting preacher was the Very Reverend A. C. Craig, M.C., D.D., former Moderator of the Church of Scotland. In a sermon that held the boys' attention all the way, he gave his own modern parable of the talents, comparing a man's natural gifts to the cards that are dealt to each person in a game of whist.

We also had two visiting parties this term. A party of Commonwealth teachers, as last summer, was brought here from the Dundee College of Education to see Q.V.S. at work. Then there was a party of Swedish students of both sexes, who were also shown round the School to see its activities. They went into the Play Hall where the cast of "Alf's Button" were busy rehearsing ; and gave the actors a polite round of applause before they left.

Four more boys have been sent on Outward Bound courses this year. L. Heron and K. Boyne attended the junior course in the Easter term, and at the time of writing, E. Gillespie and A. Kay are away on the senior course.

As mentioned in the report of pipe band activities, the School was honoured this year by an invitation to the band to beat the retreat on the esplanade at Edinburgh Castle on the Queen's birthday. Captain E. R. Sansom led the party. Another honour was the invitation from the Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, for a party from the School to attend the ceremony at Holyroodhouse, of the presentation of colours to the battalion by Her Majesty the Queen. The Q.V.S. party consisted of Captain Frost, Drum-Major Morrison (late Scots Guards), and the Scots Guards sons in the School, 14 in number.

The annual Relay Baton sports meeting had to be cancelled this year because of very bad weather conditions. This now takes the form of an athletic competition between teams from various schools, held annually on our School field. Q.V.S. generally tails behind in the competition, because we simply

have not the numbers of senior boys that the other schools have. There are always some good times and distances at the meeting, which serves as a try-out for athletes going on to the Scottish Schools competition. However, we have sometimes produced strong individual athletes, like Robin Watson a few years ago, who are capable of winning their events. It appears from the records of past school sports that the baton was originally a prize for a relay race only. That was an invitation race over 660 yards. The baton was given by the Commissioners in 1949, and we see that in 1950 several schools sent in teams to compete for it in a relay race at our own School sports.

On 23rd June, a party of some 40 boys, with the Headmaster, Messrs. Finlay and Malkowski, and Miss Bruce, the Hospital Matron, had the privilege of a trip on the frigate H.M.S. "Puma." This was in connection with the scheme "Look in on the Navy." When the party reached the "Puma" via another ship, the "Empire Rosa," they first had an issue of life-jackets and sea-sickness pills. They then toured the ship as she sailed down the Clyde. When the weather cleared, two group photographs were taken. After a meal they were shown films about life in the Navy. Then there was an impressive display of gunnery, and visits to other sections of the ship. The trip ended at Gourock, where the boys were given pamphlets about the Navy and copies of the photographs taken earlier. The party found it a fascinating excursion, very well organised. Only one boy was sea-sick, though back at the School the state of the weather caused some speculation about what might be happening at sea that evening.

The most notable leaver this term, recorded in the Valet column, is the Senior Monitor, Dougald Robertson. He has just completed the fifth year secondary, and is awaiting the results of S.C.E. examinations. He has decided to spend the last year of his school education at home, attending Wick High School. As will be seen from the details in the Valet, he has been an outstanding figure in several departments of School life, as Captain of Rugby and Cricket and Boy Pipe-Major. Unfortunately an operation for appendicitis limited his activities in his last term. This has been a blow to School cricket particularly, for, with due respect to other members of the School eleven, Dougald was estimated to be worth three or four of them in the tally of runs scored. He has been a tremendously popular figure in the School, and takes with him the special good wishes of all Victorians.

New buildings are still going up, and more new projects are in hand. The new library is taking recognisable shape inside, with carpenters busy at bookshelves; and work continues on the new staff quarters. The renovation of the pipe-band room and the drum-store is well on. A play hut for Wavell boys, a new pavilion, and hard tennis courts are also promised. One bit of work that gives little cause for

satisfaction is the raised area on the playing-field that was to provide new rugby or football pitches. A great deal of fresh digging has been done in an effort to drain it properly, but the fact remains that after three years the area is quite unsuitable for games and still looks far from being ready for play.

This summer there were over 100 candidates for admission to the School, some of whom had to be eliminated before the Admissions Board sat, on account of age. The board selected 44 boys. The distribution of places by father's category was as follows:—Royal Navy 2, Scottish Regiments 18, Other Army 14, R.A.F. 10. Among these were some sons of Old Victorians, to whom we refer in the Old Boys column. Admiral Crombie, who has long given his services on the Admissions Board, has now retired from this work, and his place was taken this year by Major-General Graham, who will in future serve on the Board, the other members being the Commandant and the Headmaster.

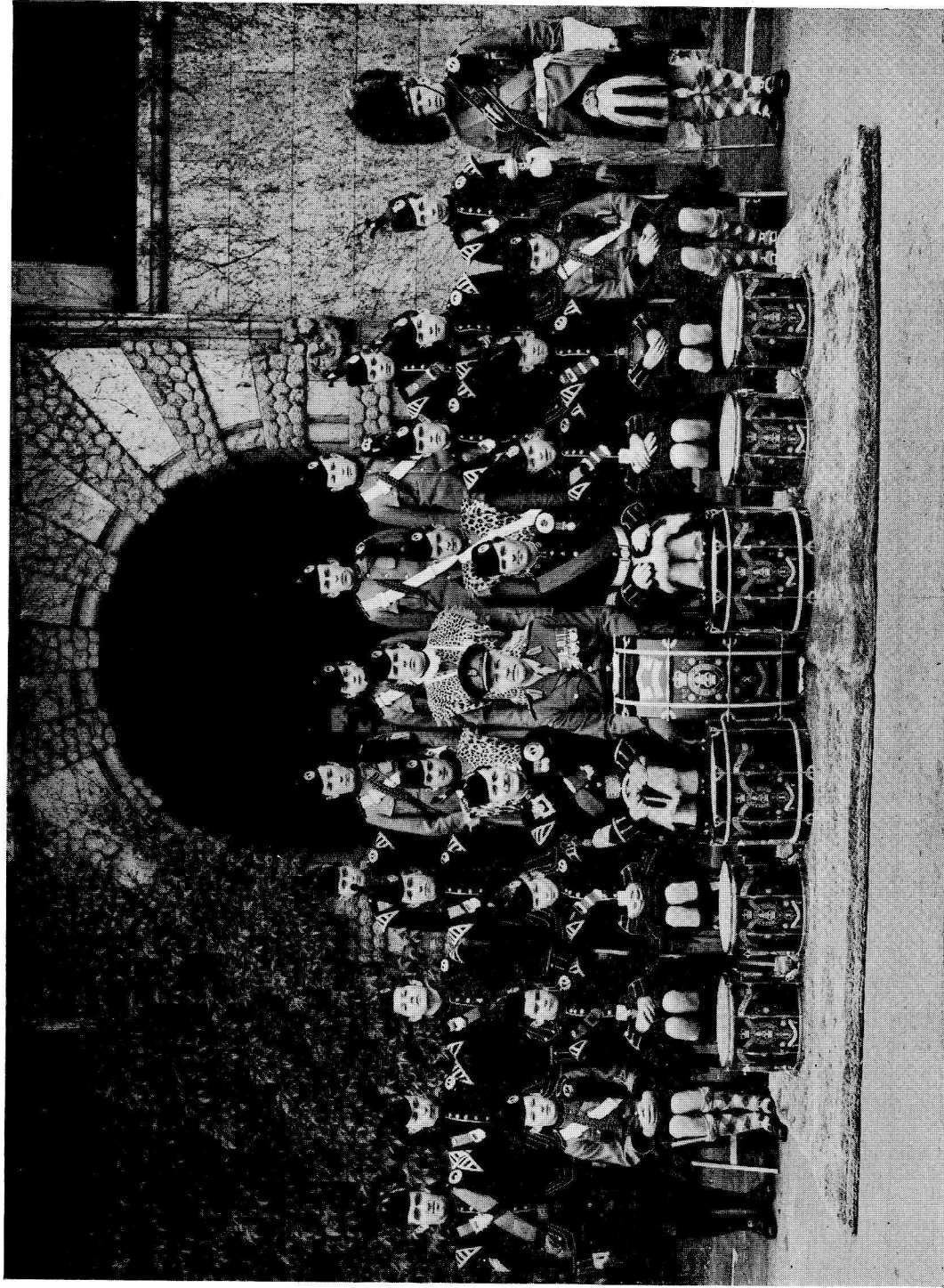
From the silver collection taken at the School play, a sum of just over £8 was donated to the Erskine Hospital for permanently disabled servicemen. From the chapel collections fund, £50 went to the general fund of the Church of Scotland, £10 to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dunblane, £10 to Quarrier's Home for Children and £10 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, Scotland. There has also been a donation to the Scottish Council for Spastics from fines imposed on boys who leave their property about. When this term's contribution has been completed and sent off, the total given to this fund in two terms will be well over £5. A pleasing feature of this collection has been the disposition of a number of boys to put in a bit more than their fine. Also, when the collecting-tin was being shaken under the noses of senior late payers, there was a rush of Wavell House boys offering to put in their pocket-money.

Following the example of Keith Douglas last year, A. D. M. Richardson this year attended the Flying Award training scheme, and, like Douglas, is now a qualified pilot, and has gone to the R.A.F. with a direct commission.

All Victorians, and especially those who were here between 1957 and 1963, will be glad to hear, if they do not know it already, that our Headmaster of that period has recently been promoted and is now Colonel A. L. Fowler.

Two senior members of the School have been to Holyroodhouse on official occasions this term. D. Marshall represented the A.C.F. at the royal garden party to which Scottish and Commonwealth students and representatives of young people's organisations were invited. Two days later, M. Owens went there to receive from H.R.H. Prince Philip the Gold Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

PIPE BAND. 1965



Back row (left to right) : D. MacLean, J. Dempsey, A. Smith, G. McManus, R. Gill, G. Slater.

Centre row : Boy Pipe-Major D. Robertson, N. Clark, D. Fingland, R. McDougall, A. McKean, I. Smith, A. MacLean, I. Fraser, A. King, J. Wood, Boy Drum-Major M. Owens.

Seated : L. Heron, I. Roe, A. Hill, Pipe-Major J. M. Mackenzie, the Commandant, Drum-Major A. Morrison, G. Fox, A. Brown, G. Scott.

THE NEW LIBRARY

(We are indebted to the Commandant for the following note about the new School library)

The new library, which has been presented to the School by the MacRobert Trust, is now nearing completion. The Trustees of the MacRobert Trust have recently made a further generous gift to the School which will pay for the internal furnishings.

It is hoped during the next three years to increase the stock of books considerably, particularly in the specialist subject sections. The result will be a library of which the School will have every reason to be proud, and which will provide a splendid recreational, cultural and study centre.

It is expected that the MacRobert library will be formerly opened by a representative of the MacRobert Trust on Grand Day 1966.

OLD BOYS

This time we have no shortage of news from Old Boys. The Commandant and Headmaster have had many letters. The news-letter which the Headmaster sends out at Christmas has been widely appreciated, and has stimulated a mass of correspondence, with many compliments to the Headmaster on his interesting news of Old Boys. We start with the usual apologies for any omissions or errors that may be noticed and for not getting everything into a nicely systematic order. We are not always sure of the periods in which Old Boys mentioned were at School here, and the research into school records needed to establish their dates would be a gigantic task, complicated by the fact that we nearly always find several people of the same name. It would be a help if Old Boys writing to the School would mention the years in which they were here, or give their numbers.

First we have to record that four sons of Old Boys will be joining the School next September. One of these is John Harrison, grandson of H. R. Harrison, and son of Warrant Officer H. F. Harrison, R.E.M.E., who is also an Old Boy. This must surely be the first time that we have had a third-generation Victorian, and is a milestone in the School's history. Two of the new entry are John and Peter Sayer, sons of C.S.M. Sayer, K.O.S.B. The other son of an Old Boy is Michael Ferrigan, son of Sgt. M. D. Ferrigan, R.A.F., who was here from 1938 to 1944.

The "People's Journal" last November had an interesting story about Mr George Fox of Leith. When he was serving as Pipe-Major with the 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders in the Khyber Pass in 1931, a portrait of him was made in pastel colours by the official artist of a French expedition to Afghanistan returning home through the Pass. Thirty-three years later Mr Fox heard that the portrait was still in existence and believed to be in the Bridge of Don Barracks, Aberdeen. He wrote there and learned that the picture was now hanging in the C.O.'s room at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh. The result was that Mr Fox was invited to Redford

where he got a V.I.P. reception. The newspaper's correspondent quotes Mr Fox's recollection that when he joined the Army he was 14 years old and just under 4 feet in height. He thinks he must have been the youngest and smallest recruit ever to join the British Army. But at that height and age he was already a pipe-major, having been Boy Pipe-Major at Q.V.S. He was here from 1912 to 1919. In a recent letter to the Commandant, Mr Fox refers to another Old Boy who served with him, and whom he believes to have been killed in the second world war. The name is not on the School war memorial, and we do not mention it now till confirmation can be got.

One of the "First Hundred" Victorians, Mr W. Monaghan, School number 78, has written to the Headmaster from his home in Tucson, Arizona. He has been corresponding with Mr H. R. Harrison, and is now re-establishing his connection with the School by becoming a life member of the Old Boys' Association. He would love to visit the School, he says, but doubts if he could take our climate. Another Old Victorian living in the United States is mentioned in a letter from Mr G. Munro of Edinburgh. He is David Aiton, a contemporary of Mr Munro's, now living in California, who was Boy Drum-Major here, and then served with the Royal Scots. Mr Munro says that he became the youngest Drum-Major in the British Army, early in the second war, at the age of 20-21. A sad piece of news from the U.S.A., sent to us by Mr J. Grassick from London, is of the death on 26th March in a New York hospital of Roddie Smith (School number 526), who is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, New York. Mr Grassick tells us that Mr Smith was one of five brothers, who were all Victorians in the years between 1917 and 1928. He went from School to the Merchant Navy.

At this point, we look at the letters and notes that remain to be mentioned here, and despair of putting them into order by seniority or time. So we have divided them into two groups: the "older" and the "younger," and have taken "younger" to include anyone who has been in the School within the last ten years, which happens to be the span of the editorial memory of Q.V.S. boys.

There is a letter to the Headmaster from Major W. C. Hawkins, ex-instructor of Q.V.S. and honorary Old Boy. He has, we are sorry to say, had a long period of illness since he visited the School last year, but was, when he wrote, getting back rapidly to normal, though a reduction of two stones in weight has caused him what he describes as "an expensive problem with his tailor." Major Hawkins takes up Mr Harrison on the point of Regular Army and T.A. Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. To possess both, like John McIlroy, is, says Major Hawkins, not so rare as Mr Harrison seemed to think. After World War 1, many who had been mobilised from the T.A. in 1914 found themselves in 1918 in possession of the T.A. medal because each year of their war service counted as two and the qualifying period was only twelve years. Many of these stayed

on in the Regular Army and had by the outbreak of the second world war qualified for the regular medal. Major Hawkins says he has seen girls of the W.R.A.C. wearing both medals. Again many holders of the Regular Army Medal have subsequently joined the T.A. and qualified for its medal. We leave it to Mr Harrison to answer that one. The subject of medals leads us to mention Mr John Barnatt (School number 1795). He read what was said about the medals won by Andy Swan and Brigadier Mackenzie with special interest because he is himself a keen numismatist (coin-collector, to save anyone the trouble of turning it up in a dictionary) and has gone on to collect medals. Of these he possesses 157, including a 1914 D.S.O. and three Indian G.S. medals. He blinds us with science in his account of the various Indian medals, a subject in which he is clearly an expert, and he has offered to send coins for any numismatic club that may be formed in the School. At present we have none. In fact we recall only one boy in recent years who had this hobby. Colonel Archie White has written with a note about the School's first graduate. This was Robert Bayne, who, with other older boys of the School, went to classes at the McLaren High School, then to Madras College, St. Andrews before going on to St. Andrews University. Following up his inquiry, Colonel White got a letter from Major D. M. Naulty, H.Q. 43 Division, who wrote to St. Andrews and learned that the Bayne mentioned was probably the Robert Bayne shown in the records as having graduated with honours in 1928. He went on to teach Science in Leslie High School, and died about the beginning of the second world war. We cannot be absolutely sure of the correctness of this information. Major Naulty, incidentally, was a master here some ten years ago. In the "Stirling Observer" of 18th May, we read of the appointment of Mr Frederick Pegg to be headmaster of the Holy Trinity Episcopal School, Stirling. Mr Pegg, a former Senior Monitor of the School, was here just before the late war. He joined the Royal Engineers, rising to the rank of Captain in India. After the war, he trained as a teacher at Moray House, Edinburgh, and then taught in his home town of Tillicoultry, before going to the Persian Gulf to the Kuwait Oil Company's Anglo-American school and the Indian-Pakistani school. He came back to Borestone Primary School, where he was first assistant. Mr Pegg is married with a seventeen-year-old son, and is a keen traveller who records his journeys on ciné-film. From Aberuthven, near Auchterarder, Mrs Munro has written to the Commandant to tell about her son Tony Ward, who was at Q.V.S. with his brother Peter. Tony Ward, after nine years' service with the Black Watch, joined the police force. He has now passed out from the Police College, Fife, winning the gold medal. His brother Peter is a P.O. in the Royal Navy. Again from the "Stirling Observer", we have news of the career of Bill Nicol, manager of the Drumossie Hotel, outside Inverness. He started as a page-boy in Stirling, then went to sea, in cargo boats and later with the Cunard line. He was assistant chef

on several of their great liners, including the "Queen Mary," and had a year in the hotel trade in France, before coming to a managerial post in Stirling at the "Golden Lion", and going on to the 101 Restaurant in Glasgow and the Braid Hills Hotel in Edinburgh. He has now been two years at the Drumossie Hotel, which we therefore recommend to readers who want to be catered for by a man of real experience. There is no charge for this advertisement. From Virginia Water, Surrey, there is a letter from A. A. S. Dupuy, who has recently moved there on being appointed circulation manager of his newspaper. He has been put in touch with the London Old Boys' organisation, as he requested. J. O'Brien, now living in Northumberland, has also written to the Headmaster. Like many Old Boys he thinks of the School's pipe band and Highland dancers, of whose performance he has vivid memories from his own school-days, and he has asked if any recording of the School band can be got. Here we are beaten. There certainly was such a recording a number of years ago, but we cannot trace it. Perhaps it is time another was made.

London Old Boys are kept very well in touch with the School through the services of Mr Jimmy Grassick, and he would blush if he read the tributes that have been paid to him by other Old Boys of the London area writing to the School. Brigadier W. T. Lunt, M.B.E., has accepted the office of Vice-President of the London Old Boys, who met on 20th March. Thirty-four members were present, whose enthusiasm, says Mr Grassick, was not dampened by the wetness of the day or by Scotland's bad luck at Twickenham that afternoon. His report showed that the membership had doubled in the past year to a total of 66. It is quite evident that the increase in number of members is largely due to the indefatigable work of Mr Grassick himself, both in correspondence and in personal contact. In one of his letters Mr Grassick tells us of the 7th Festival of Scotland Highland Gathering held at the Richmond Athletic Ground in May, in aid of the Royal Caledonian Schools and the Royal Scottish Corporation. This gathering has become a great meeting-place for Victorians. Notable Old Boys taking part included Pipe-Majors J. B. Robertson and W. MacLeod, judges of the piping and drumming, and Major J. R. Cosgrove, our former Administrative Officer, judge of the Highland dancing. J. M. Robertson won three prizes in the piping events; and Alex. Robertson, a member of the London Scottish Rugby Football Club was a steward. Earlier, in April there was the 26th Annual Piping Competition of the Scottish Piping Society of London, where that distinguished piper, Pipe-Major J. B. Robertson, late Scots Guards, was also a judge, and his son had third prize for March, Strathspey and Reel, for the Society's Bronze Star. Another performer was Andrew Hill, a talented young member of the School's present pipe band, who won second place in the Amateur Piobaireachd for the London Highland Club Challenge Cup.

An inquiry from Mr Grassick to the School was about G. C. Morris, an Old Boy formerly living near

Ashford in Kent, whose address he wanted to trace. We could not help him with this, but perhaps some reader will know where Mr Morris now is.

Coming north again, Mr Joe McLeod of the Glasgow Branch, Old Victorians, is still hoping for more support from Old Boys in his area. The only seven old faithfuls are J. Harvey, M. Anderson, J. Henderson, G. Maitland, W. Cosgrove, R. Stewart, and Joe McLeod himself. He notes that Brian Fitzpatrick is now working in Glasgow and hopes Brian will bring in some younger members to give the branch new life. It seems that distance makes the heart grow fonder, for while Old Victorians get together in London, Mr J. M. Anderson a Perth Old Boy, who was here from 1930 to 1936 regrets that there now seem to be few interested Old Boys in his district.

A few other notes about what we classed as the "older" group. Miss P. Shand of Slough, Bucks has written to inform us of the death of her father Andrew Gordon Shand. School records show that he was here from 1926 to 1932, but we have unfortunately no details of his later career. A recent visitor to the School, after many years was Mr W. B. MacKay, now with North East Motor Factors in Aberdeen. We are able to record his visit because he left his card with us. To many other Old Victorian visitors of the older generation we apologise for not taking notice of them by name. Many do sign the Old Victorians' Visitors book, not always as legibly as we would wish. Finally it may be of interest to the earliest Victorians that there recently came into our possession a vintage postcard photograph. A friend of Mr Robertson, our Senior Maths Master, had this and passed it to him. It is of the School pipe band and was taken at the Royal Naval and Military Tournament at Olympia in 1913. What Old Victorians can recall that they were in this group?

The younger generation of Old Boys are more frequently visitors than correspondents, and we have been pleased to see many of them here during the past two terms. We start with a bit of news from Canada. The "Rutherglen Reformer" early this year reported the ceremony in Toronto at which Craig Walker received the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, won by him while he was at Q.V.S. The presentation was made by Sir Percy Wyn-Harris of the London office of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Among the distinguished people present was General Sir Neil Ritchie, formerly Vice-President of the Commissioners of the School. In April the Headmaster had a letter from Rodney Maxwell, just about to begin his final term at Sandhurst, and hoping to be commissioned into the Royal Corps of Transport, and to go on to Shrivenham. He is a Junior Under-Officer and plays in his college Rugby team. Murdoch Gillespie, Michael Nixon and Michael Armstrong are all in the same college, but not in the same company, so that Maxwell has not been able to see much of them. But Gillespie and he went on the college Rugby tour together. All Victorians at Sandhurst seem to be doing well, from

the accounts we hear from them. Armstrong's Company Sergeant-Major is C.S.M. Langlands, "a terrific character", who has two sons in the School. Maxwell also tells us that his company "The Somme Company" has had a talk on the battle of the Somme from Colonel White, who won the V.C. there. The cadets had, he says, naturally covered the military side of the battle before, but found it a fascinating change to listen to the account of someone who had actually been there. At Cranwell, Neil Burrows is also in his final term, and should be passing out within a day of his 21st birthday.

A distressing piece of news is that John Bell, serving with the R.E. at Ripon was badly injured by the explosion of a mortar-bomb fuse. The most serious damage was to his hand, and there were fears that he might have to lose it. He is undergoing a long process of plastic surgery, the full result of which cannot yet be predicted. What astonished people was the extent of his physical toughness, courage and cheerfulness. He has been making a fighting recovery, and is able to get up and about. The accident is particularly bad luck on John Bell, for he had won his colours in the Junior Army Rugby team, and was already marked as a likely candidate for senior representative Rugby. There is happier news of his elder brother Cameron, also in the R.E. Cameron's son is to be christened in the school chapel on 4th July and there are hopes that John will be able to attend the ceremony. Cameron is on leave after service in Aden and Cyprus, and is going next to Germany. The Bell family seem to make their home in Glasgow a kind of second home for many Victorians, and keep up a great interest in the School. They find Victorians everywhere. When Mr Bell went to see John in Catterick Military Hospital, he at once recognised an orderly in the ward, Roderick McKenzie of the R.A.M.C.

Many Victorians of recent years are in boys' units of the Army or R.A.F. A year or two ago we did try to get a complete list, by writing to units throughout Britain. We got many replies, but could never be sure the list was complete. We know when boys go straight to the services from here, but not always when they join afterwards. Any Victorian in a boys' unit, or any other unit for that matter, who writes with news of Victorians serving along with him is giving us material that will interest some of our readers. But please give full names, and say when the people were at School. This applies particularly to those with common Scottish names. W. J. Logue has written from the Carlisle Army Apprentice School. He mentions the names of W. McFarquhar, P. Barbour and I. Johnston, in their second or third years at Carlisle, of two new recruits, A. Aitkenhead and G. Cassells, and of J. H. Watters and the brothers McLaughlin, Terry and Barry. Terry gained his first stripe at the end of last term. He has boxed several times for the school and won all his fights. His younger brother is also making his mark as a boxer. Malcolm Arnett writes from Malaya, where he is with the R.A.F. detachment at Kuantan, and has not recently come across any Victorians. The

Spring Term edition of the "Junior Sapper" mentions among those passing out Junior L/Cpl. Edward Mayo, of "Queen Victoria's Military School". A recent visitor to the School was Charles Brown, who is now in the Royal Navy, serving on an anti-submarine frigate, H.M.S. Wizard, and expecting soon to be visiting the Kiel Canal and France. He finds that the collision of hammocks when the ship sways causes tempers to be "slightly frayed in the mornings". Another visitor from the Navy was Peter Keenan, serving with minesweepers and recently back from a tour of the Far East. A third sailor visitor was Ian Wilkie, from whom we had some news of his brother James. In last summer's "Victorian" we mistakenly said that James Wilkie was an officer of the Merchant Navy. We were misinformed or picked something up wrongly, for Ian says his brother has never been in the Merchant Navy. We hope we are repeating the information correctly this time when we say that he is in the San Francisco district, is, or was, going to a university or college with the aim of becoming a teacher, and is, or was, contemplating marriage. James Docherty writes from London, where he is in the Metropolitan Police and nearing the end of his probation period. He seems to like the life, and offers to write with information to any boy in the School who thinks of taking up a similar career. Denis Owens has been upgraded in the Civil Service, and is now an Executive Officer and with the Scottish Home and Health Department in Edinburgh.

Old Boys' Day at the School on the first Sunday in May was a day of rain and wind. The football match was played—Old Boys 6, School 4—but the beating the retreat by the School band had to be cancelled. There was a good representation of Old Boys at the morning service in the School chapel, and 51 were at the Old Boys' meeting in the Play Hall attended by the Commandant, Headmaster, and R.S.M. The Old Boys' football team—J. Ross; R. Watson, R. Anderson; D. MacLennan, B. Fitzpatrick, D. Owens; A. Hamilton, G. Matthews, D. P. Johnstone, E. Leigh, K. Hill.

Below we print Mr H. R. Harrison's news of the First Hundred boys of the School. He tells of the deaths of some of the veterans. When such news has come in letters from Old Boys, we have left the announcements to the Old Boys and First Hundred columns, instead of writing separate obituaries.

NEWS OF THE "FIRST HUNDRED"

During the past year I have received news of the deaths of three of the "First Hundred". Ronnie Swan (40), Tom Smith (47), and Willie Johnston (61). These sad losses bring our number down to 42.

Ronnie Swan who was a native of Perth died very suddenly in the Infirmary there on 31st May. He and his wife had spent a very pleasant holiday in Ayr with their daughter and her family and returned home on the Saturday. He became ill on the Sunday, was

moved to the Infirmary on the Monday and died there the same evening.

Ronnie joined the Black Watch in 1913 and served for nearly twelve years. Until his retirement last July he was employed as a clerical officer with the Records Office (Highland District) in Perth.

Tom Smith was one of the "Hundred" whom I failed to trace during my search for them. In October last I attended the social evening held by the London Branch of the Old Boys' Association and there I was fortunate enough to meet his brother and sister who informed me that Tom had died in March, 1961. Although under age he had joined the Monmouth Regiment in 1915 and was wounded in France in 1916 and then again in 1918, this time very seriously. Over the years he suffered severely from the effects of his injuries and underwent many operations. Until shortly before his death he was employed at the Ministry of Works in Kingsway, London.

Willie Johnston lived in Dunoon and passed away there, after a long illness, in January, 1964. He returned home on leaving school and in 1918 joined the Highland Light Infantry, later transferring to the Seaforth Highlanders, serving with them in India and elsewhere. He finally settled in Dunoon where, for 30 years he was employed as a painter. Willie was the father of a large family of ten boys and one girl of whom he was very proud and he told me many times how happy he was that he had been able to apprentice all ten boys to a trade. Most of them are now in New Zealand where they are all doing very well.

Over the years I have managed to account for 81 of the "Hundred" which leaves 19 still to be traced but I have high hopes of finding a few of them. I have knowledge of the whereabouts of some of them but lack the one clue which would enable me to pin them down. In all, I know that of the 81, 39 have died and 42 are still with us, scattered all over the world. I am in touch with those 42 and I do hear from most of them at least once a year.

Before closing this news report I would like to thank Brigadier D. A. L. MacKenzie for his reply to my query as to which old boy had the highest number of medals and to congratulate him on his record.

The good wishes of the "First Hundred" are extended to the Commandant, Headmaster, members of the staff and to all boys old and young wherever they may be.

SPECIAL FLYING AWARD

In June, 1964, I was awarded one of the flying scholarships offered to schoolboys by the R.A.F.

I began my flying training at Scone aerodrome the next March. The course began with a thirty-minute flight to get the student pilot used to the type of aircraft he would be flying in. This flight also helped to dispel my hopes that flying a plane would be similar to driving a car. When the plane reached

3,500 feet, the instructor told me to tighten my seat harness. He then reduced the power of the engine and brought the nose up, so that our airspeed dropped rapidly. For a few seconds we appeared to hover in the clouds; suddenly we lurched forward, and then turned to the right. As the aircraft spun increasingly faster, the ground below became a dull shade of khaki. When the instructor brought the plane out of its spin, I gave him my bravest smile, and secretly wondered how often I would have to go through it.

My first solo flight, after five and a half hours of flying, was probably the most thrilling thing I have ever done, or ever will do. Certainly my landing excelled my hopes, and had I not left my "flaps" down while taxi-ing back to the dispersal bay, I could have convinced myself that I had reached the highest standard in flying. Three consecutive days of studying navigation and meteorology and one hour's dual flying, sadly disillusioned me. I found that I had hardly dented the syllabus of the course.

Towards the end of my 30 hours' flying, I was taking the aircraft away for long periods on my own, practising forced landings, steep turns, stalls, and navigated flights. I even managed to spend twenty minutes over Queen Victoria School, trying to impress everyone with my flying. I found later that only one person in the School had even noticed the aircraft.

When I passed three written examinations, I was faced with my first flying test. After 50 minutes it was abandoned because of bad weather conditions. The second test saw me through. At the end of the 28 days' course, I received my Private Pilot's Licence.

A. D. M. RICHARDSON.

THE MAKING OF A PRIME MINISTER

When I leave school, I will join a Young Conservative or Labour Association. It does not particularly matter which one I join. Personal politics and beliefs do not enter into this. For obvious reasons, my ambition prevents me from joining the Liberal Party.

When I am about 27, I shall get myself adopted as a candidate for Parliament. Assuming that I have to stand twice before being elected, I will be in Parliament by the time I am 33. As a back-bencher, I will not speak too often, and only on important subjects I know nothing about. By these means, I should be a junior under-secretary when I am 40. I shall spend several years making a name for myself and improving my connections. I may even write a column for the "Sunday Express" or "News of the World" or some such mass-circulation paper.

After one of the inevitable cabinet "reshuffles" I will be in a strong enough position to secure an important cabinet job. I rather fancy being Chancellor of the Exchequer. After two budgets designed more to further my popularity than to help the country, my party will retire from office, leaving our opponents to take the blame for the ensuing mess.

While in opposition, I will deliver my master-stroke. As the annual party conference draws near,

I will start rumours of a leadership crisis. During the conference, the leader will be attacked by people apparently unconnected with me. The customary process of stabbing in the back all my main competitors for the leadership will be conducted with due decorum. At the end of the week, I will reluctantly have to accept the leadership, for the sake of the party and of Britain. At the next General Election, my party will be voted into power and I will be Prime Minister. If I fail in the final stage, I can always sell my view of the leadership crisis to one of the Sunday papers.

A.C.K.

ANOTHER LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

At last the letter arrived with the prospectus of Queen Victoria School. Inside was a pamphlet entitled "How to Make Sure Your Son Benefits Mankind." It was divided into two sections: one section for each grade of pupil, L.C.O.T.F. and M.L.F.T.F.

L.C.O.T.F.

(Leaders and Controllers of the Future)

At Queen Victoria School there are the best facilities possible for ensuring that your son will become a leader or controller of a country or large business. We have the most advanced equipment for preparing your son for his purpose in life. Your son will get the benefit of the latest micro-computer which is so small it can be grafted into the brain. This computer contains all the knowledge he could possibly require, and transmits it to his brain. Scientists have been able to isolate the part of the brain which controls people's emotions and it can now be safely removed. On our staff we have Smirnoff who pioneered this branch of surgery and he takes care of all necessary brain operations.

If your son takes the L.C.O.T.F. course you will gain three credit points on your pink ration card which will enable you to buy a framed picture of the school.

M.L.F.T.F.

(Manual Labourers for the Future)

There is an ever increasing demand for manual workers from all over the world. By sending your son to us, you are assured that he is being put to the best possible use. We have all the newest drugs to build your son into a machine which will not be hindered by climate or working conditions. We have contracts with all the leading firms who ensure that after your son has completed his work-cycle he will be disposed of by the expensive disintegration method. This ensures that you will not incur a fine for polluting the earth's surface.

If your son takes this course, you will gain twelve credit points on your green ration card, which will enable you to buy an article up to the value of one thousand pounds on the gold currency system.

QUALIFICATIONS

Your son must be alive on arrival at our school. We can accept no responsibility for dead arrivals as we have not yet found a way of making the dead useful."

I compared the two courses. If I sent two sons on the M.L.F.T.F. course I would be able to afford the best antigravity car on the market ; on the other hand if I sent them on the L.C.O.T.F. course my status would rise considerably in the district. I decided to send one of my sons on the M.L.F.T.F. course and another on the L.C.O.T.F. course. All that remained was to find two of my sons and pack them in their crates.

THE SPAZ-LADS OR PLEBS

It all started when most of IIA couldn't get a game of football with bigger boys on the small square. We decided to have our own game of football. To begin with we kicked a bit of wood around ; then gradually we progressed to a rolled up pad, a table tennis ball, and finally a small rubber ball.

If you think our football is the same as anyone else's, you're wrong. In our version of the game, the ball is little bigger than a golf ball, thus making it more difficult to control or shoot. The smallness of the ball also makes it much easier to over-run. This makes the game seem funny to outsiders.

After a while people began to notice how pathetic our football was, and they christened us the "spaz-lads."* The football died away, but we continued as a gang, going around together. We went out on pass to Dunblane, and on hikes to Sherrifmuir, and we were photographed together.

Of late we have been calling ourselves the "Plebs." One day we were doing Latin History, and we came across the word "plebeian" meaning common people. We saw the aptness of the name straight away, held council, and changed our name from the "Spaz-lads" to the "Plebs." As the society of the "Plebs" is still going strong, we feel this is as much as you need know.

Watch out for further details in future "Victorians."

K.L.R.

* weakling. A common term of abuse.

STALAG-LUFT Q.V.

After I had read a war comic, I dreamt of the dormitory inspection the next day. It had a difference, for all the prefects and masters were Germans, and we were British prisoners-of-war.

The Feldwebel shouted : "Get up you lazy lot and tidy your lockers or you will be shot."

"Tidy them yourself if you want them tidy," replied an angry prisoner.

"Who was the dog dat said dat?" asked the Feldwebel.

"Shut up and get out. We'll tidy our lockers later," said a prisoner who was lying on his bed reading.

It was the inspection day. We were lined up at the ends of our beds. The Feldwebel was late. Everyone decided that we would lie on our beds smoking. Then the Camp Commandant and the Feldwebel walked in. Everybody started slowly to get off his bed.

The Feldwebel shouted, "You have ten to be fallen in !"

Then they walked very slowly round the dormitory, if you could call it that. The Feldwebel said, "Tonight you will all be shot for having untidy beds and lockers and dirty shoes."

That night everybody ate his last meal. It was not much. It was Klim, weak potato soup, and two slices of mouldy black bread, with a little helping of margarine.

About 10.30 p.m. we were lined up to be shot. The alarm bells went suddenly. I put on my great-coat and shoes and went out with everyone else for the fire-drill.

C.J.R.

YOUNG BROTHER

My brother is nine years old, thin, small and cheeky. The trouble with him is that he copies me in everything I do and follows me everywhere I go, which irritates me very much.

If I go to the cinema, I have to be very secretive about the whole idea. Just as I am leaving the house, a voice yells out, "Where's he going? He's going to the pictures, isn't he? I'm going too." So off he goes with me to the cinema.

In the summer holiday, I spent my leisure hours swimming with him. He isn't a very good swimmer. So I have to keep an eye on him all the time, and I can't leave him in case he gets into difficulties and drowns.

The most depressing time is when we go on a bicycle ride. His bike is very small in comparison with mine, and we have to stop every five minutes so that he can get his breath back. It takes us hours to get from one place to another. I can't stand his chain-guard. It rattles every time his pedal does a turn.

Shopping with him is very tedious. He wants everything. "Can I have this, and can I get that?" "Will you buy me a dinky toy?" If I don't, he just sulks, and he is very obstinate. If I buy something, he wants it too and will try anything to get it. I bought a guinea pig ; so naturally he had to have one too. Now I have to clean out the cage, and he won't lift a finger for it.

But he isn't a bad wee fellow. He isn't a miser. He will always share his things.

I.H.C.R.

A NIGHTMARE

In East Africa, six years ago, I had a very frightening nightmare. Now it seems ridiculous, but at the time I was terrified.

In my dream I found myself in the swimming-pool across the road from the hotel in which we were staying. I was sitting on one of the seats around the pool resting before having another swim when I heard a noise behind me. I whipped my head round and saw, suspended in mid-air, a set of teeth; it seemed as though there was an invisible person there with only his teeth visible. I stood up and walked away from the teeth, but instead of staying still, they followed me as I went. I walked to the cafeteria and bought a bottle of Pepsi-Cola. I sat facing the wall. No one in the cafeteria seemed to have noticed anything, except perhaps my uneasiness. On the wall was a mirror, and on looking into this I saw, plain as daylight, the teeth about twelve feet behind me. My heart jumped when I saw them, and without thinking, I hurled the empty bottle at them. I missed the teeth, but people began to whisper and make signs to each other.

I dashed out of the cafeteria, threw off my shirt, dived into the pool, and headed for the other side. Only once did I look round, and I saw the teeth still behind me. From their movement the teeth looked as though somebody was swimming the crawl, but strangely there was no splashing of the water. Once out of the water, I made straight for the changing cubicles to collect my clothes and leave the swimming-pool as fast as possible. While I was putting on my clothes, I heard a knock at the door. I looked under the door but could see nothing at all. Then suddenly the catch on the door began moving slowly open, and I began to pray. Then the door was flung open, and directly in front of me were the teeth looking as if they were grinning. At that moment I remembered my sheath knife which I carried round in case I was attacked. The knife, whose blade was eight inches long, lay beneath the pile of clothes. Quickly I threw them aside and grabbed the hilt of the knife. The teeth were still there grinning at me, but as I drew the knife out of its sheath, the teeth ceased to grin. I lunged at the probable area of the body, and to my relief I felt the blade sink into something. I pushed the knife in right up to the hilt, drew it out, and got a fright. The blade was dripping with blood. By this time the teeth were lying on the ground. After one look at them, I put the knife back in its sheath, and woke up.

I was covered with sweat and my hands were trembling. I looked at my knife, which was on the bedside table. There was no blood on it. I didn't get to sleep for a long time afterwards.

M.T.L.

SMALL-SQUARE FOOTBALL

A year or two ago we published an account of the Q.V.S. game of football as played on the big square during the period of building, and later of the wall-game which largely superseded big-square football when ball-games were again permitted there after we had occupied the new building. By then football had moved to the small square, and when the number of broken windows caused ball-games on the big square to be banned again, small-square football came into its own as the main "coarse" game at Q.V.S. From one main contributor in 3A, with a few finer points explained by other members of the form, we have this account of the game as it is now played.

Victorians of earlier generations will think of the small square as the sloping space between the main building and the gym, with the old pipe hut occupying a large part of the area. But that space has lost all title. The "small square" now means the rectangle of tarred surface between the swimming-bath and the work-shop and store huts. It has many uses: for A.C.F. parades, pipe-band practices, and parking of visitors' cars on certain occasions. But the boys regard it mainly as a football pitch.

A game starts with the owner of a ball, and a few of his friends arriving there and waiting for the other enthusiasts to gather. If by any chance there are primary boys playing on the square, they are ordered off, with the justification: "You'll be able to do the same next year." The pitch procured and the players gathered, sides are then picked. The two boys recognised as the best players do the picking. They decide who is to have the first pick by the ordinary method of tossing a coin, if anybody has one. If not, the matter is decided by the system of "tick-tacking." The two captains face each other about five paces apart. One of them puts one foot in front of the other, heel touching toe, and says, "Tick!" The other does the same and says, "Tack!" The process goes on till one of them, in moving his foot forward, makes it rest on the leading foot of the other. The one with the foot on top gets first pick. The process is done with great rapidity, and takes far longer to explain than it does to carry out. After the teams have been chosen and the game begun, it is still permissible for other players to be added. When two arrive to join the game, and only one is needed to keep the sides even, the two will ask, "Can we go cock-and-hen?" They agree that one is "cock" and the other "hen." Then the captain who needs a player calls "cock" or "hen," and gets the one who has taken that name. This ritual also is done in a few seconds.

The rules of small-square football differ in some respects from those of ordinary association football. If a ball kicked out of play bounces off the swimming-bath wall and back onto the pitch, play goes straight on without a throw-in. If a ball kicked from behind the half-way line passes between the bricks which mark the goal, no score has been made, because the pitch is so much smaller than an ordinary football field. "Corners" are thrown in and not kicked.

Annual Inspection

WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY, 1965, at 3.45 p.m.

Inspecting Officer :

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR GEORGE C. GORDON LENNOX,

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

General Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command

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 "The Greenwoodside."

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 "The Back of Benachie," 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.

Lady Gordon Lennox, the wife of the Inspecting Officer, has kindly consented to present some medals and trophies.

The Senior Monitor (D. C. K. Robertson) calls for three cheers for Lieutenant-General and Lady Gordon Lennox.

MARCH OFF

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

TEA

Programme

1. DISPLAY : Physical Training. (Physical Education Master, Mr G. Reid.)
2. DANCING DISPLAY : (Dancing Instructor, C.S.M. J. Mortimer, Late K.O.S.B.)

The Ninesome Reel

The Reel of the 51st Division

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

Retreat Marches	....	....	....	Colin's Cattle and Lochanside.
Slow Marches	....	....	....	Skye Boat Song and Hearken my Love
				Rab's Wedding and Farewell to the Creeks
March	....	....	....	Dundee Military Tattoo
Strathspey	....	....	....	The Marquis of Huntly
Reel	....	....	....	The Fairy Dance
Marches	....	....	....	Bonnie Dundee and Hot Punch
March	....	....	....	The 51st Highland Division
March Past	....	....	....	Highland Laddie

ARTS AND CRAFTS

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

When there are few players on each side, a player can "shy" the ball to himself. The goal-keeper may be either a "fixed goalie" or a "fly goalie." The latter means that anyone can act as goal-keeper. The length of a game is variable. It can last anything from ten minutes (morning break) to four hours (Saturday afternoon). In the long games, it is exceptional to finish with the same team that you started with.

The season lasts throughout the two winter terms, with intervals when the ice-patches are too dangerous. They have to be pretty bad to stop play. It goes on into the summer term, until one sunny day a boy appears carrying a bat and a ball onto the small square. That marks the end of the football season.

20 YEARS AGO

The "Victorian" closed down in 1939, with the outbreak of war, and was not published again till 1943. The Grand Day "Victorian" of 1945, records the School's celebration of the victory in Europe. This was a two-day affair, V.E. and V.E. plus 1, the schedule for which had been worked out in advance. On the first day there was a late reveille, and the rest of the morning was occupied with a thanksgiving service and swimming. After dinner there were late passes or swimming, as preferred (the weather was too wet for games outside), but the pipe band and the military band were at Stirling playing a victory programme in King's Park. The next day there were more games and swimming in the morning, and in the afternoon a parade of the whole School, headed by the pipe and military bands, to a victory service in Dunblane. The boys returned to a special tea, "the likes of which we have never had in the School before". Those who remember the austerities of the war years can imagine how much that tea would be appreciated. After supper, the School paraded again on the big square. A guy, representing Hermann Goering, with medals and paunch, was marched round the square and up to the bonfire site, to be ceremonially burned. The only unhappy faces, records the writer, belonged to two Monitors who had been on telephone duty during most of the proceedings.

Besides the reference to "telephone duty", there are mentions of other School institutions that have since changed or disappeared. There were many more monitors. We read that six monitors had just left; but the list that follows shows only five names. They are Senior Monitor J. Kidney, and Monitors P. Thomson, V. Southon, D. Parkinson, and K. Kitney. Later in the magazine there is a note that James Kidney had a very long stay at the School, from September, 1937 to April, 1945. Now this stay of just under eight years is regularly surpassed by boys who join us at the Primary VI stage and go on to the full six years of the secondary course. Boys who joined or left the School in 1945 are shown under two headings: Q.V.S. and D.Y.R.M.S. That was

because boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover were accepted as "evacuees" at Q.V.S. A curious thing is that in the same issue of the "Victorian" a dozen D.Y.R.M.S. boys are shown as being admitted to the School, while one, K. Whatmough is shown as having "returned to D.Y.R.M.S.". Members of the staff will remember the last of the D.Y.R.M.S. contingent. That was Norman Poulson, who left in 1956. There was still an annual prize for the best boy in the "Dukies" section of the School. He won that without opposition, for two years at least. Where is he now? Hockey is mentioned as a regular School game in 1945, in the summer term along with cricket; but the rules were not well known by all who played, for there is mention of one player who tried to stop an opponent by throwing his stick at the ball. A note about summer leave says that the boys "wished Dunblane good-bye for the following five weeks". Tailoring was a regular "trade", at which boys worked under the control of Mr Henderson. Two ex-tailor monitors are said to be taking turn about at telephone duty, while the others were away at the numerous band engagements. So it looks as if monitors had the privilege of this duty. The correspondent for the tailors mentions the prospect of a return to the red jacket for ceremonial wear, which is going to mean more work for the boy tailors. There is an article called "Advance into Time." in which the writer describes how, as Commandant's orderly, he is sent to fetch a master who is taking a History lesson about the Napoleonic wars with a sketch-map of France on the board. Suddenly the orderly finds himself transported into the future in the same room where a master is now dealing with the war of 1939-45. If the article is true to fact it looks as if the Commandant's orderly really had to work as a message-carrier in those days. There is mention that the author is Commandant's orderly "that day." He therefore has "nothing to do", but sits waiting for the three rings of the bell that will summon him to do an errand for the Commandant. The duty now is a ceremonial one. The Commandant's orderly is a boy of the first year secondary, chosen for smartness in drill and bearing, who accompanies the Commandant to church, and marches with the inspecting party on Grand Day as the Commandant's attendant. The white pouch that he wears does not carry any dispatches. The article is signed "N.McL.D." These are the initials of Norman Dick, a regular contributor to the "Victorian" at that time and one of the sub-editors of the summer-1945 number. We identify him with the Norman Dick who is now an R.A.F. officer at Leuchars. He visited the School not long ago, for the first time in many years, and was also at Old Boys' Sunday. A review of the films shown to the School, and an article on the pipe band, are both signed J.F.P. We surmise that the writer was J. F. Phillips, primus that year, and later B.D.S. of St. Andrews University.

There is a great deal about bands in the 1945 magazine. At that time the School was running not only the pipe band (Mr Sanderson) and the military

band (Mr Lax), but also a bugle band (C.S.M. Duglison). The programme of music for Grand Day includes items by all three, a cornet solo by Cpl. M. Emmett, and a vocal solo (L/Cpl. N. Dick again). In "Pipe Notes" the correspondent says, "This being only half-way through the summer term, we have not fulfilled many engagements." He then lists six. For the standing-down ceremony of the Home Guard, the School provided two bands simultaneously, one at Comrie and one at Dunblane. A regular engagement was to play at the crowning of the May Queen in Stirling. The newly appointed Boy Drum-Major was A. Morrison, now Drum-Major at the School. With band practices, engagements, and competitive kit-inspections, one wonders how much time there was for ordinary lessons. But the "Educational Notes" say it was a memorable year in the educational history of the School, "records having been broken" and results being "well above average". One boy passed the Army Special Certificate examination, said to be accepted by some universities as equivalent to their entrance standard, at the age of 14 years and 10 months, and this was thought to be perhaps a record for the whole Army. Thirteen boys passed the First Class Certificate, and 31 the Second Class Certificate examination. It is added that 3 boys were awarded Junior Secondary Certificates by the Perth and Kinross Education Committee. It was some years yet before the School began to present boys for the Scottish Certificate instead of for the Army Certificates.

There are several letters from Old Boys, telling of their war experiences and encounters with other Victorians. One is from Donald Macintyre, serving with the British force in Norway. The soldiers there still had to carry rifles and ammunition when leaving billets, for the Germans still outnumbered them by about 200 to 1 and were still armed. He mentions the prices offered to the troops: £50 for a pound of tea, and £20 for half-a-pound of tobacco. A visiting Old Boy, Captain H. H. Stevenson, 6th Ghurka Rifles, who was on leave from the Burma front, told somebody that another Old Boy, "Nealan", had also been commissioned in India, but he did not know what had happened to him. We think the reference must have been to Lt.-Colonel Nealon, whose son leaves the School this year. If so, we can say that plenty happened to him. An account of his military career was printed some years ago in the "Victorian."

Two other items of news in 1945. The Meritorious Service Medal was conferred on Mr J. Strathdee of Ramoyle, who had 23 years' service in the H.L.I. and then was "Master Cook" at the School for 22 years. The medal was presented to him on parade in the presence of the whole School, and Mr Strathdee took the salute at the march-past that followed. The Strathdee family have been well represented in the service of the School. Two of Mr Strathdee's sons worked here, and another member of the family is Nurse Kay of the School hospital. The other item is the short obituary notice recording the death of

Mr J. B. Penny at his home in Whitecross. Victorians of older generations may find it surprising that "Jock Penny's" no longer means anything to the present School. His little shop, so conveniently situated near the School gate, was long patronised by many of our boys, but has now been closed for some years.

The editorial reports the appointment of Lieutenant-General Ritchie as G.O.C. in Scotland, and therefore also as Vice-President of the School's Commissioners. As we tell in the Old Boys' column, he was present at the ceremony in Canada when Craig Walker received his gold award, Duke of Edinburgh's scheme.

Finally we would like to mention an article published anonymously in the 1945 magazine. It is called "Adventure in Greece," and it describes vividly the experiences of members of an R.A.F. unit who became prisoners of the E.L.A.S. forces. We have no idea who wrote this, but it would be interesting to find out. We would like to reprint it in full, if space permitted, and may be able to do so in some future number. It is certainly an outstanding piece of writing, with its straightforward unpretentious account of the hardship and misery.

PIPE BAND AND DANCERS

We have some notes from senior members of the band and the dancers, but are not printing these in full. The stereotype for these notes is a list of engagements, generally with an implication that there are not enough of these, compliments to the instructors, praise of own performance, and optimistic forecasts of big engagements rumoured for the future, these usually involving nights away from School. So we are using the notes as a basis, saving the band and dancers the embarrassment of self-praise, and cutting out the forecast.

The pipe band, which we can assure Old Boys is still a highly-honoured School institution, has been away five times this term, once at Dunfermline, twice at Gleneagles, once at Dumbarton taking part in a K.A.P.E. display (Keep the Army in the Public Eye) and, most important at Edinburgh on June 12th, the Queen's official birthday, when the band had the honour of beating the retreat on the esplanade at Edinburgh Castle. There has been a fairly small band this year, and it has been handicapped by absences, for medical or surgical reasons, of some leading pipers. But, by general agreement, it is a very good band, and has rightly earned compliments wherever it has played, especially for its performance at Edinburgh Castle, where it rose splendidly to the occasion. Pipe-Major Mackenzie and Drum-Major Morrison have reason to be proud of the results of their tuition; and we understand they are specially pleased with the progress of the young boys who will be ready to take their places in the band next term. Three veteran pipers are leaving: D. Robertson, who is Senior Monitor and Boy Pipe-Major, N.

McConnell, who has deputised for Robertson in the period when Robertson was off with appendicitis, and N. Clark, another good piper. The drums are losing M. Owens, the Boy Drum-Major, and only one other, A. McKean. Prospects and progress are very healthy. There is one more engagement to come at the time of writing, at the local agricultural show.

Mr Mortimer's dancers are also doing well, and they too have some very good youngsters coming up. Our correspondent reports the introduction of two new dances: the "Bumpkin" and the "Reel of the 51st Division." Mentioning that the dancers performed at Dunfermline and Dumbarton, he adds ambiguously that the Pipe Band "accompanied" the dancers on these occasions. Mr Mortimer is now teaching Scottish Country Dancing as well as Highland dancing, thus giving a fresh interest to a number of older boys.

The great keenness among younger boys and their willingness to improve themselves by hard private practice are very encouraging. Among older boys there has sometimes been a tendency to rest on their achievements once they have got into the band or dancing team. Competition from below should help to keep the more experienced performers on their toes.

The Dancing Team: D. Jagger, J. S. Grigor, J. Lee, G. Johnstone, J. W. Corrigan, J. Learmonth, S. Corrigan, A. S. Grey, A. Kirkwood, R. Stevenson, R. Grant. (Names of the members of the pipe band are shown below the photograph of the band.)

COMPETITION IN PIPING, DRUMMING, BUGLING AND HIGHLAND DANCING

These competitions were held on 21st June. We are grateful to the following gentlemen who acted as judges:

Piping—Captain G. B. Murray, Queen's Own Highlanders.

Drumming and Bugling—Drum-Major D. Hickling, Scots Guards.

Highland Dancing—L. Georgeson, Esq.

Prize Winners

PIPING (Boyd prizes)

Class A

March—I. Fraser.

Slow March—J. Wood.

Strathspey and Reel—I. Fraser.

Class B

March—A. McDonald.

Slow March—A. McDonald.

Best Piper, Class B—A. McDonald.

Class C Chanter—J. Pryde.

Scots Guards' Prize for best progress—J. Wood.

Best Piper—I. Fraser.

DRUMMING AND BUGLING

Senior Bugling—J. Dempsey.

Senior drumming—J. Dempsey.

Tenor drumming—I. M. Smith.

Junior drumming—J. Buchanan.

Junior bugling—J. W. S. Brown.

Best junior drummer and bugler—B. R. Murton.

Best drummer and bugler (cup)—J. Dempsey.

HIGHLAND DANCING

Class A

Sword Dance—R. Stevenson.

Highland Fling—G. B. Johnstone.

Class B

Sword Dance—N. Houston.

Highland Fling—B. Webb.

Best Junior dancer—S. Young.

Junior dancing (best progress)—S. Young.

Inter-House Dancing—Wavell House.

Winning team (Shaw-Stewart prizes)—P.

Docherty, J. Shannon, N. Houston, B. Webb.

Best Highland dancer—G. B. Johnstone.

It is worth notice that the Wavell House (Primary boys) team won the inter-house dancing contest, in competition with the senior houses.

THE ADDISON SMITH COMPETITION

The Addison Smith competition in public speaking was held in the play hall on 2nd July. This year competitors were required in the first part to read out an item of their own choice from a newspaper or periodical, to which they could, if they wished, add a few words of their own comment. In the second part they had to deliver a speech on one of a number of set topics. The items chosen for reading turned out to provide a comment on several different aspects of the modern world: bombing in Vietnam, teenage restlessness and dissatisfaction, drug-taking by young people, a clergyman's efforts to get "with it" in his services, the invasion of privacy by new techniques of eavesdropping. Two of the speakers appealed for a charity, D. Marshall making a serious appeal for help to the blind and M. Scoggins a facetious one for a rest-home for tired masters. C. McLaughlin chose to make a speech of thanks for a presentation he had received on leaving some organisation to which he belonged: a collective farm in a "people's republic," the present being a stabbing-knife. M. Owens spoke as an Old Boy, now a Commissioner of the School, giving his prize-giving speech. P. Gilder caused great amusement with an ironical "pep-talk" to the School on unsatisfactory behaviour, which contained a number of oblique personal references well understood by the boy audience.

Of the ten boys who originally put their names in for the competition, five found the effort of preparation too much for them and withdrew their entries.

The remaining five are to be congratulated on their efforts, though there were signs of insufficient preparation. The standard was a bit lower than we had a few years ago, particularly in the vintage year of 1961. The candidates are not entirely to blame. When Scottish Certificate examinations were held at the end of the Easter term, there was plenty of time for Senior boys to prepare for this competition during the earlier weeks of the summer term. Now that the examinations go on well into May, the remainder of the summer term is packed with school activities, and readings and speeches do not get the fairly leisurely preparation, with tape-recordings helping rehearsal, that was once possible. The great thing still is that both audience and candidates find the occasion enjoyable.

The Senior Monitor, D. Robertson was an admirable chairman, assisted by other senior boys as ushers. The judges were the Headmaster, Major Wright, and Mr Jamieson. They had to confer for a longer time than usual because the competition was so close; and anyway it is a difficult job to compare the merits of serious and humorous speeches and readings. M. Scoggins was adjudged the winner with C. McLaughlin second and D. Marshall third. M. Owens was handicapped to some extent by unexpected lateness in getting back from receiving his Gold Award at Holyroodhouse, not even having time to change out of his ceremonial dress.

ARMY CADET FORCE

The main events recently have been the examinations for Certificate A, Parts 1 and 2. All the candidates passed: 37 in Part 1 and 33 in Part 2.

We are now engaged in classification tests at Whitestone Range. These have produced some bruised shoulders and deaf ears, but remarkably few good shots among the cadets having their first experience of the .303 range. Unfortunately the time allotted to us on the range has been cut from three months to one, and this does not give the cadets time to become used to the conditions and improve their shooting.

The annual camp this year is at Ness Battery, Stromness, where we look forward to meeting our Orcadian friends again. Camp is obligatory for cadets unless they have good reason for not attending. Some have to miss it because of flight bookings that need to be made well in advance. But some seem to have got indulgent parents to write asking for them to be excused camp. This defeats the object of our A.C.F. training, for camp is the climax of the year's

training. Our nominal roll is 95 strong, but only 60 cadets are attending camp. 35 are missing a fortnight of good healthy training.

Our athletic team again represented Perthshire in the A.C.F. championships at Redford Barracks on 12th June. This year, instead of two classes (under 16 years and 16 to 19), we had three, namely 14-15, 15-17, and 17-19. In the last group we could put in only two boys, as two of our athletes were on an outward bound course and two others in hospital. However, we won the 14-15 class and the 15-17 class.

PLACINGS

14-15 Years—

100 yards—S. Grant 3rd.
220 yards—S. Grant 1st, I. Roe 3rd.
880 yards—G. Cunningham 1st, A. Greig 3rd.
High Jump—G. Cunningham 1st, S. Hartley 3rd.
Long Jump—G. Slater 3rd.

15-17 Years—

100 yards—J. Welsh 2nd.
220 yards—J. Welsh 3rd, A. Broughton 4th.
440 yards—A. Coid 1st, J. Dempsey 2nd.
880 yards—P. Evans 2nd, C. Robertson 4th.
1 Mile—D. Jagger 2nd.
Javelin—C. McLaughlin 1st, I. Smith 4th.
Discus—I. Smith 1st, D. Nealon 2nd.
Shot—N. Clark 1st, D. Nealon 2nd.
High Jump—A. Morrice 3rd, J. Wood 4th.
Long Jump—A. Broughton 2nd, A. Morrice 4th.

17-19 Years—

100 yards—N. Donaldson 4th.
1 Mile—M. Owen 1st.
4 × 110 Relay—2nd (J. Welsh, A. Broughton, N. Donaldson, M. Owens).

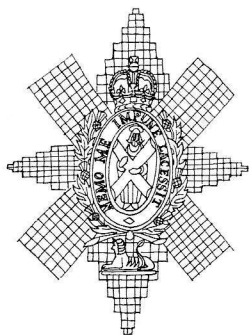
CERTIFICATE A PASSES

Part I—

G. M. Anderson, A. Burns, G. Cunningham, D. Fenner, R. Gill, A. Greig, S. Hartley, G. Hill, D. Kennedy, J. Macdonald, A. Mackenzie, B. Nicol, K. Owens, J. Robertson, G. Slater, I. Collie, I. Craig, D. Dodds, I. Graham, D. Langlands, W. McKerron, A. Maclean, F. Mitchell, I. Roe, D. Sample, W. Shields, G. A. Barclay, S. Grant, A. D. Grey, J. Learmonth, D. MacIver, R. Murdoch, G. Neill, W. Nelson, D. Parker, G. Scott, I. Sneddon.

Part II—

E. Bonar, N. Burns, L. Curl, J. S. Grigor, L. Heron, D. Jagger, J. Lee, S. Leitch, R. McKenzie, M. O'Connor, A. Smith, T. Bonar, K. Boyne, A. Coid, G. Fox, R. Jeffrey, C. Lannen, M. Long, J. McGinlay, D. MacInnes, A. McKean, G. McManus, C. Robertson, J. Welsh, J. W. Corrigan, J. Dempsey, P. Evans, D. Fingland, R. Hewitt, R. McDougall, J. McPhail, J. Moore, I. Smith.



The Standards Competition

A few years ago the system of standards, for athletics and cross-country running, was introduced, the idea being that average performers who made the effort necessary to work themselves up to the required standards in the various events could score points for their houses. Boys have opportunities of trying for these standards in athletics throughout the summer term, and can get them in school cross-country races in the Easter term. When the total number of standards gained by each house has been added up, a score for the house is got by dividing the number of boys in each house into the number of standards gained by that house. This is necessary because some inequality in numbers always develops in the course of the School year. With competition between the two leading houses being as close as it was this year, the number of standards gained became a very important factor in deciding the house championship. Haig narrowly got the first place for standards, with Cunningham second, and Trenchard third.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

For the bronze series of the award we started with 38 candidates. The number is now down to 20 and likely to go lower. This is a disappointing state of affairs, and says little for the staying-power of those concerned. Persistence in working for the achievement of a defined aim is possibly the main quality that the scheme is intended to encourage, and it is a pity that so many of our original candidates should have given up at so early a stage. The real failures are those who give up, not those who find and some part of the tests beyond their capacity.

In the silver series there is a better picture. We started with 9 candidates and will finish with 7. The one candidate for the gold series was D. C. K. Robertson, who unfortunately was eliminated because of illness.

The silver series candidates have been using their initiative and have captured the spirit of the scheme. K. Boyne, D. Jagger, and C. Lannen have completed the series and are recommended for the award. Jagger and Lannen, and J. S. Grigor heard that three of the School's A.C.F. officers were assessing gold series expeditions at Cultybraggan during the Easter holiday. They knew that they would not be able to attend the A.C.F. camp, where expeditions are normally done, because their parents had air passages already booked for their summer holiday overseas. So they got themselves included on the gold expedition course. Grigor was taken ill one day out, and had to retire from the expedition. This was on doctor's advice, not of his own inclination. He is determined to rejoin next year and win this award. The other two did very well. They did the gold course for a silver award. K. Boyne had already qualified for the award in an expedition done at the Outward Bound School in the Easter term.

SWIMMING SPORTS 1965



WAVELL HOUSE

Minor Section—

1 length breast stroke—1st S. Grant (M), 2nd B. Webb (M), 3rd R. McVicar (M).

1 length back stroke—1st R. Weir (A), 2nd K. Lawrence (L), 3rd J. Wrenn (M).

1 length free style—1st S. Langlands (L), 2nd R. Weir (A), 3rd S. Grant (M).

Diving—1st S. Grant (M), 2nd C. Martin (A), 3rd K. Lawrence (L).

Relay—1st Lynedoch, 2nd Abercromby, 3rd Moore.

Individual Competition—S. Grant. *Runner-up*—R. Weir.

Major Section—

2 lengths breast stroke—1st D. Barnes (A), 2nd A. Martin (A), 3rd S. Young (A).

1 length back stroke—1st N. McMurdo (L), 2nd B. Goldie (L), 3rd J. Shannon (L).

2 lengths free style—1st A. Martin (A), 2nd P. Gilchrist (L), 3rd J. Buchanan (M).

Diving—1st A. Martin (A), 2nd equal P. Docherty (M) and P. Gilchrist (L).

Relay—1st Lynedoch, 2nd Abercromby, 3rd Moore.

Individual Competition—A. Martin. *Runner-up*—P. Gilchrist.

Inter Dormitory Competition—1st Lynedoch, 33½ points; 2nd Abercromby, 29½ points; 3rd Moore, 21 points.

SENIOR HOUSES

Junior Section—

2 lengths breast stroke—1st R. Grant (T), 2nd G. Johnstone (C), 3rd K. Robinson (H).

2 lengths back stroke—1st K. Robinson (H), 2nd J. A. Allan (H), 3rd D. Wrenn (T).

2 lengths free style—1st K. Robinson (H), 2nd G. Johnstone (C), 3rd R. Grant (T).

Diving—1st R. Grant (T), 2nd W. Dempsey (T), 3rd S. Corrigan (T).

Under-water swimming—1st K. Robinson (H), 2nd D. Wrenn (T), 3rd W. Dempsey (T).

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

Individual Competition—K. Robinson. *Runner-up*—R. Grant.

Senior Section—

2 lengths breast stroke—1st R. McKenzie (C), 2nd K. Boyne (H), 3rd C. Lannen (H).

2 lengths back stroke—1st K. Boyne (H), 2nd J. S. Grigor (C), 3rd J. Dempsey (T).

4 lengths free style—1st J. Dempsey (T), 2nd J. S. Grigor (C), 3rd I. Roe (C).

Diving—1st T. Bonar (H), 2nd J. S. Grigor (C), 3rd G. Cunningham (C).

Under-water swimming—1st J. Dempsey (T), 2nd K. Boyne (H), 3rd C. Lannen (H).

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

Individual Competition—J. Dempsey. *Runner-up*—K. Boyne.

Open Section—

4 lengths breast stroke—1st R. Newman (T), 2nd N. McConnell (T), 3rd P. Evans (T).

2 lengths back stroke—1st J. Sharp (T), 2nd A. Kay (H), 3rd R. Newman (T).

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

Diving—1st P. Evans (T), 2nd I. Fraser (T), 3rd J. Allan (C).

Under-water swimming—1st E. Gillespie (T), 2nd J. Allan (C), 3rd A. Broughton (H).

Relay—1st Trenchard, 2nd Cunningham, Haig disqualified.

Individual Competition—R. Newman. *Runner-up*—P. Evans.

Mass Relay—1st Trenchard, 2nd Haig, 3rd Cunningham.

Inter House Competition—1st Trenchard, 75 points ; 2nd Haig, 52 points ; 3rd Cunningham, 32 points.

Life Saving and Personal Survival

Since the "Victorian" last came out, boys of the School have gained many awards for life-saving and personal survival. The tests for awards of the Royal Life-Saving Society have been taken here regularly for many years. The tests of proficiency in personal survival, for awards of the Amateur Swimming Association, are fairly new. There are bronze, silver, and gold awards ; and the silver and gold are accepted as qualifications for the Physical Fitness section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, at the corresponding stages. These two are tough tests. For the gold award a boy takes his test wearing a long-sleeved shirt, trousers, pants, a long-sleeved pullover, and stockings or socks. He has to jump in from a height of not less than ten feet, swim 100 yards in less than four minutes, tread water for 1 minute in a vertical position with hands clasped behind his back, tread

water for four minutes in a vertical position, and undress in the water. He has to make a float from clothing and use it to float for 5 minutes without use of arms or legs, except when re-inflating the clothing, if necessary. He has to swim 1,000 yards, surface-diving during the swim 12 times head first and 12 times feet first, to pass each time through a hoop the top of which is at least three feet below the surface, and this has to be done in less than 30 minutes. Finally he has to climb out of deep water, the level of which must be at least nine inches below the landing place, without the use of steps or assistance. Nobody is going to win any of these awards who is not a proficient and confident swimmer. We can fairly say that the long list of successes by Q.V.S. boys is an indication of a high standard of swimming in the School, not of easiness in the tests. The best proof of Mr Reid's success in coaching swimmers here is the widespread keenness in the School. The boys who have passed these personal survival tests have worked away by themselves to reach the standard required. A remarkable fact is that the boys who have passed for the gold award are fourteen year-olds and fifteen year-olds, except for Derrick Wrenn, who is only thirteen. They have not been specially coached, but told what they have to do and left to make themselves capable. That they have done so is a great credit to themselves, as well as reflection of the high quality of Mr Reid's work.

Life Saving

(1) Intermediate Certificate

J. A. Allan	G. M. Anderson
J. F. Barnes	A. Crawford
W. D. Dempsey	D. J. Dodds
R. Grant	A. J. Greig
A. S. Greig	G. Hill
G. B. Johnstone	A. J. Kirkwood
D. Langlands	J. Lee
R. Long	A. G. McKenzie
M. McNaughton	F. Mitchell
S. M. Powell	D. Sample
I. Sneddon	D. W. Wrenn

Additional Intermediate Certificates gained on 27th June

G. Aitkenhead	G. Barclay
T. Coyle	J. Hossack
J. Kelt	D. MacLean
P. Neill	S. Pope
C. Robinson	K. Ross
R. Stevenson	B. Sutherland

(2) Bronze Medallion

A. Coid	G. Cunningham
L. Heron	D. Jagger
R. Jeffrey	M. Long
R. McKenzie	C. McLaughlin
K. Robinson	I. Roe

(3) Scholar-Instructor's Certificate

T. Bonar	K. Boyne
J. S. Grigor	G. Slater
A. Smith	

(4) *Bronze Cross*

A. Coid	J. W. Corrigan
R. Hewitt	C. Lannen
R. McKenzie	G. McManus
G. Slater	

(5) *Instructor's Certificate*

A. Kay

(6) *Award of Merit*

T. Bonar	K. Boyne
J. Dempsey	J. S. Grigor
A. Kay	

Personal Survival*Bronze Award*

A. Aitkenhead	G. Aitkenhead
G. Barclay	J. Barnes
R. Bonar	K. Boyne
J. Campbell	A. Coid
J. W. Corrigan	S. Corrigan
T. Coyle	D. Crombie
G. Cunningham	J. Dempsey
W. Dempsey	D. Dodds
J. Duncan	P. Evans
R. Grant	S. Grant
A. D. Grey	A. S. Grey
J. S. Grigor	R. Hamilton
L. Heron	D. Jagger
R. Jeffrey	A. Kirkwood
C. Lannen	J. Lee
M. Long	N. McConnell
A. McKean	A. MacKenzie
R. McKenzie	A. MacLean
M. McNaughton	F. Mitchell
G. Neill	P. Neill
D. Parker	D. Pocock
S. Pope	S. Powell
J. Robertson	C. Robinson
I. Roe	D. Sample
G. Slater	R. Stevenson
D. Wrenn	

Silver Award

A. Coid	D. Crombie
G. Cunningham	J. Dempsey
W. Dempsey	P. Evans
A. S. Grey	J. S. Grigor
L. Heron	D. Jagger
C. Lannen	J. Lee
N. McConnell	A. McKean
A. MacKenzie	R. McKenzie
P. Neill	S. Powell
I. Roe	G. Slater
D. Wrenn	

Gold Award

G. Anderson	A. Coid
G. Cunningham	J. S. Grigor
D. Jagger	C. Lannen
J. Lee	R. McKenzie
D. Wrenn	

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

This is a sport calling for guts and stamina, in which Queen Victoria School still has plenty of room for improvement. It is unpopular with many boys mainly because it is what we fall back on when the field is not fit for games. So it is associated with wet days, and is regarded by many as a kind of fatigue. A few boys who are old enough to know better have prided themselves on making no effort at these runs, taking as long as they can to go round, and thinking themselves awfully clever when they try to cut the course. Happily there are also young runners who have shown their courage and determination on the cross-country course. It is worth notice that most of the leading middle-distance athletes in Britain were cross-country runners first and have built themselves up on this kind of running.

An encouraging feature of this year's races was that 26 boys reached the standard in the junior section of the secondary school; and it is certainly worth mentioning that the first three home in the senior race were the three Monitors in charge of the Houses.

Results of the Secondary Cross-Country Races

In each case the names shown are those of the boys who got standards.

Senior Race (Form III and upwards)—

1. M. Owens (C)	2. E. Gillespie (T)
3. D. Robertson (H)	4. G. Cunningham (C)
5. D. MacInnes (H)	6. D. Jagger (C)
7. K. Boyne (H)	8. A. Kay (H)
9. C. Robertson (H)	10. T. Bonar (H)
11. P. Gilder (C)	12. M. O'Connor (C)
13. R. Jeffrey (H)	14. I. Smith (T)
15. A. McKean (H)	16. G. McManus (H)
17. E. Bonar (C)	18. A. Smith (C)
19. C. Lannen (H)	

Junior Race (1st and 2nd Forms)—

1. A. Greig (C)	2. I. Sneddon (T)
3. G. M. Anderson (C)	4. K. Robinson (H)
5. S. Hartley (C)	6. I. Roe (H)
7. W. Dempsey (T)	8. A. S. Grey (T)
9. A. Cassells (C)	10. W. McKerron (H)
11. R. Davies (C)	12. J. MacDonald (C)
13. G. Hill (C)	14. D. Johnston (T)
15. G. Johnstone (C)	16. D. MacLean (H)
17. A. Mackenzie (C)	18. J. R. Campbell (H)
19. C. Matheson (C)	20. J. Hossack (H)
21. C. McHardy (H)	22. M. Wood (C)
23. M. McNaughton (H)	24. J. Learmonth (T)
25. G. Aitkenhead (H)	26. S. Grant (T)

House Standards—Cunningham—18; Haig—19; Trenchard—8.

House Points—

1. Haig	....	....	105
2. Cunningham	....	....	139
3. Trenchard	....	....	226

Junior Race—

1. Cunningham	....	....	106
2. Haig	....	....	170
3. Trenchard	....	....	199

Points for House Championship—

Haig	....	....	8
Cunningham	....	....	7
Trenchard	....	....	3

Haig

A. Kay		83	77	160
T. Bonar		65	88	153
A. Coid		71	72	143
K. Boyne		82	81	163

Totals		301	318	619
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Trenchard

A. Morrice		94	88	182
N. Donaldson		85	84	169
J. Sharp		86	78	164
P. Evans		81	90	171

Totals		346	340	686
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SHOOTING 1964-65

Small bore shooting has continued this year in the Hobbies and Trades periods. The range itself has been improved both in appearance and in warmth by the erection of a partition at the firing point. It would be pleasant to report that this has resulted in an improvement in the standard of shooting but this, regrettably, is not so. Shooting is an engrossing but time-consuming hobby and to reach even a moderately proficient standard involves hours of regular practice which, in a school week as full as ours, is not easy to come by.

We had a very interesting talk by Mr Tom Walker of Kinross, the Scottish representative of the N.S.R.A. and a champion shot himself. He gave us many helpful hints and, above all, emphasized the right mental approach to the sport which is essential if progress is to be made beyond the novice standard.

The competitions, this year, held in the summer term, provided the competitors at least with a number of hours of interesting practice. In the Junior events, run by the R.S.M., D. MacLean (Haig) and G. Johnstone (Cunningham) were the Best Shots in the 1st and 2nd years respectively. In the Senior House and Individual Championship, the results of which are shown below, there was only a slightly lower general standard than last year but there was a much greater range of scores between teams and individuals—due mainly to competition nerves. The Trenchard team is to be congratulated on winning for the second year running, and their Captain, A. Morrice, shot two good cards to win the Best Shot award.

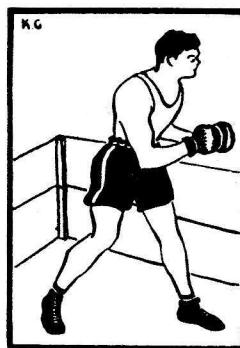
	1st Card	2nd Card	Individual Total	House Total
Cunningham				
J. Allan	87	85	172	
C. McLaughlin	86	91	177	
S. Robertson	63	72	135	
J. Willmott	84	91	175	
Totals	320	339	659	659

House Championship—

1. Trenchard—9 points.
2. Cunningham—6 points.
3. Haig—3 points.

Individual Championship—

1. A. Morrice—182 points.
2. C. McLaughlin—177 points.
3. J. Willmott—175 points.

**BOXING**

This year the system of inter-house boxing in the Senior Houses has been changed. Instead of holding heats, each House chose a boxing team to meet the other two senior houses.

Wavell House continued with the old system of a single competition between all three dormitories.

Results of Senior House Boxing Competition

CUNNINGHAM (C) v. TRENCHARD (T)

Class	Winner	Runner-up
66- 70 lb.	R. Bonar (C)	J. Kelt (T)
69- 76 lb.	A. MacDonald (T)	N. Byres (C)
74- 75 lb.	M. McLaughlin (C)	K. Ross (T)
87- 95 lb.	D. Pocock (T)	J. Weir (C)
88- 89 lb.	R. Hewitt (T)	L. Heron (C)
88- 91 lb.	I. Sneddon (T)	G. Hill (C)
89-100 lb.	S. Grant (T)	G. Slater (C)
131-132 lb.	J. Dempsey (T)	G. Cunningham (C)
154-162 lb.	R. McDougall (T)	J. Willmott (C)

Trenchard 32 points Cunningham 22 points

CUNNINGHAM (C) v. HAIG (H)

74- 80 lb.	M. McLaughlin (C)	F. Mitchell (H)
76- 77 lb.	J. Barnes (C)	B. Sutherland (H)
83 lb.	S. Pope (H)	C. Matheson (C)
84 lb.	R. Campbell (H)	A. Cassells (C)
114-115 lb.	G. Anderson (C)	A. MacLean (H)
102-104 lb.	D. Jagger (C)	A. McKean (H)
123-125 lb.	D. Dodds (H)	J. Robertson (C)
121-125 lb.	D. McInnes (H)	S. Leitch (C)
156-161 lb.	C. Lannen (H)	J. Willmott (C)

Haig 28 points Cunningham 26 points

HAIG (H) v. TRENCHARD (T)

64- 66 lb.	A. Crawford (H)	J. Kelt (T)
74- 79 lb.	B. Sutherland (H)	A. Kirkwood (T)
76- 79 lb.	T. Coyle (H)	A. MacDonald (T)
83- 87 lb.	W. Dempsey (T)	S. Pope (H)
90- 95 lb.	I. Sneddon (T)	I. Craig (H)
96-100 lb.	K. Robinson (H)	G. Scott (T)
101-104 lb.	W. Nelson (T)	I. Collie (H)
125-127 lb.	J. Dempsey (T)	D. MacInnes (H)
152-154 lb.	J. N. Campbell (H)	R. MacDougall (T)

Haig 28 points Trenchard 26 points

Inter-House Competition—

- 1st Haig
2nd Trenchard
3rd Cunningham

Best Stylist—I. Sneddon

Wavell House Boxing Results

MINORS

Class	Winner	Runner-up
Under		
64 lb.	J. M. Fleming (M)	K. R. Lawrence (L)
64-70 lb.	J. G. Pryde (A)	W. Crichton (A)
71-77 lb.	R. McVicar (M)	G. A. McNally (A)
78-84 lb.	C. Robinson (L)	J. W. S. Brown (A)
92-98 lb.	G. Stevenson (L)	G. J. S. Bruce (A)

MAJORS

92-98 lb.	D. Crookston (M)	A. Ferguson (M)
85-91 lb.	J. Buchanan (M)	A. N. Jeffrey (M)
78-84 lb.	M. Greig (A)	I. Burgess (L)
71-77 lb.	N. Houston (L)	G. Sheret (A)
Under		
71 lb.	A. Martin (A)	P. J. Docherty (M)

Dormitory Championship—

- 1st Moore
2nd Abercromby
3rd Lynedoch

Best Stylist—N. F. M. Houston

RUGBY FOOTBALL

1st XV

EASTER TERM RESULTS—

- v. Grangemouth—Lost 6-11
v. Rannoch—Won 11-6
v. Old Boys—Lost 6-11
v. Alloa Academy—Won 13-11

Over the season : Played 15, Won 5, Lost 9, Drawn 1, Points for 110, Points against 211.

It has not been a very successful season for the School XV, but the team did improve in the Easter term.



Those who played for the 1st XV during the season are—J. Allan, D. Nealon, A. Broughton, D. Robertson (captain), R. Newman, S. Robertson, N. McConnell, J. Sharp, A. Kay, R. Irvine, I. Smith, N. Donaldson, M. Owens, E. Gillespie, I. Fraser, D. Marshall, J. Flynn, A. Faulds, A. Morrice, J. Welsh.

2nd XV

Again this has hardly existed as a team. The combined numbers of boys above the third year stage are just about enough to produce two teams, bringing in almost anyone available. Thus it is not surprising that in its only two fixtures the 2nd XV scored no points at all and lost 94.

3rd Year XV

This team had several fixtures for the Easter term, but weather let only three be played : against Rannoch, Alloa, and Grangemouth. All were won. The modification of using seven forwards and an extra rover among the backs continued to be successful.

Players—J. Dempsey, A. Coid, J. Wood, K. Boyne, J. W. Corrigan, G. McManus, T. Bonar, E. Bonar, A. Smith, C. Lannen, D. Jagger, R. Hewitt, D. Fingland, J. Willmott, J. Campbell (captain), D. MacInnes, G. Cunningham, R. McDougall.

Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3. For 105, Against 77.

2nd Year XV

After losing 0-37 in its early season match with Morrison's Academy, the 2nd year team was not beaten again till the last game of the season, when it lost 0-3 in a scrappy and rather rough game at Alloa. It was in peak form in the win at Rannoch (14-0), where we copied Captain Petrie's idea of using only seven forwards. Three classic tries were scored there in quick handling movements. The policy at the second-year stage is not to choose and train a regular team, but to spread match experience over as many as we can.

Players who deserve to be called team members are therefore well over 15 in number :—Backs : S. Grant, W. G. Nelson, I. Sneddon, G. Neill, G. Hill, W. McKerron, I. Craig, K. Robinson (captain), I. Roe, A. Greig. Forwards—W. Shields, G. Scott, R. Gill, J. Macdonald, J. Robertson, G. M. Anderson, A. McKenzie, D. McIver, A. MacLean, R. Murdoch, G. Johnstone, B. Nicol.

Played 9, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 2. For 72, Against 54.

1st Year XV

The 1st year boys had only one match in the Easter term, losing 6-9 against New Park. A 1st year B XV had a match against Alva, which they won 6-3. The record for the year of the 1st year XV was :—Played 3, Won 1, Lost 2. For 41, against 22. No new players were introduced, and the names are the same as shown in the Christmas report.

Junior Rugby Prospects

For 1965-66 we have two new sets of fixtures, with Alva and Tillicoultry. They have recently started Rugby, and have asked for fixtures with B XV's from our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years. This means that many more boys, who play enthusiastically in practice, but do not get into the top team of their section, will now have a chance of representing the School at least once or twice in a season.

Inter-School Seven-a-Sides

School teams took part in the inter-school "sevens" at Perth and in the tournament organised by Stirling County R.F.C. Each time we were beaten in the first round, but not by great margins. At Perth the team was J. Allan, R. Newman, D. Robertson, N. McConnell, E. Gillespie, A. Kay, N. Donaldson. At Stirling E. Bonar replaced J. Allan. Bonar is a third-year boy and not very big, but he showed up very well among much bigger boys, both at Stirling and in the inter-house "sevens."

Inter-House Seven-a-Sides

Haig won the senior section (3rd year secondary and upwards). The junior section (first and second years), was won by Cunningham. Over the whole competition the placings were—1 Haig, 2 (equal) Cunningham and Trenchard.

Place-Kicking Competition

In the place-kicking competition, instituted by the former Commandant, Brigadier Finlaison, the winners were as follows :—

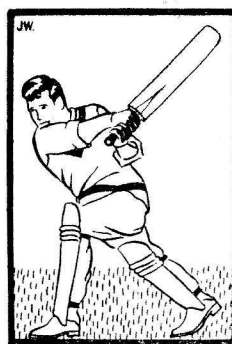
Senior section—1 D. Robertson, 2 R. Newman, 3 J. Dempsey.

Junior section—1 I. Craig, 2 J. Macdonald, 3 D. MacLean.

CRICKET

1st XI

The 1st XI has been weakened by the absence by the absence of the captain, D. Robertson, because of illness, and the departure after three matches of S. Robertson, from whom some quick-scoring innings



were expected. Before he left he achieved the feat of hitting a six over the pipe-room. In Robertson's absence D. Marshall acted as captain, and is to be congratulated on his management of a weaker 1st XI than we normally have. Cricket colours were awarded to D. Marshall, J. Allan and I. Fraser. We must mention the performance

of Fraser. He scored 94 runs for an average of 23.5 in the first five matches, and took 20 wickets for 69 runs, an average of 3.45. In comparing his batting and bowling figures it has to be remembered that many fine-sounding bits of bowling are recorded in school cricket. They reflect the quality of the batting rather than that of the bowling. Sides are usually out for under 50. So his batting figures are probably more commendable than his bowling. J. Allan kept wicket well throughout the season.

TEAM RECORDS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	5	2	2	1
2nd XI (3rd yr.)	5	3	2	—
2nd yr XI	3	1	2	—
1st yr. XI	2	—	2	—

TEAM PLAYERS

1st XI—D. Marshall, I. Fraser, P. Gilder, N. McConnell, S. Robertson, R. Newman, E. Bonar, J. Allan, P. Evans, M. O'Connor, C. McLaughlin, A. Broughton, E. Gillespie.

2nd XI—G. McManus (captain), D. Fingland, R. McDougall, E. Bonar, L. Curl, J. S. Grigor, J. Wilmott, C. Lannen, T. Bonar, R. Jeffrey, K. Boyne, D. MacInnes, J. W. Corrigan, A. Smith.

2nd year XI—I. Sneddon (captain), S. Hartley, G. Cunningham, G. Johnstone, A. MacLean, J. Robertson, S. Grant, A. D. Grey, G. Scott, G. Neill, W. G. Nelson, W. Shields, D. Langlands, K. Robinson.

1st year XI—W. Dempsey (captain), D. Johnston, R. Grant, D. MacLean, S. Pope, J. Weir, J. A. Allan, S. Corrigan, J. Duncan, C. Matheson, A. Cassells, J. Campbell, S. Powell.

As will be seen, the 1st and 2nd year boys have had hardly any fixtures this summer. In order to keep some competitive interest throughout the term and give most young cricketers a chance of being in a team, the system of leagues was re-started. In both 1st and 2nd years, each house team played each other twice, the points for the junior House cricket in the

inter-house championship being decided by the combined results of the two leagues. After the matches had all been played, Cunningham and Trenchard tied for first place. The tie is to be resolved by a match between these two houses, of combined 1st and 2nd year teams, at least five from each year. The league system has succeeded in keeping up interest, but perhaps not benefited the standard of cricket as much as a series of matches against other schools, with the best cricketers getting more attention.

In the first year there is much more cricket potential than is suggested by the team record, more than we have had for a number of years. A. Crawford, who is well known as a mine of sporting information, was an efficient scorer for the team.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The School sports were held on 2nd July in the afternoon and evening. There were no outstanding performances at the top, but one or two records were made by younger boys. E. Gillespie, who set



up a new mile record last year, was away at the Outward Bound School. The best feature was that the competition between Houses and Dormitories was so close. In the Senior House Competition Cunningham were leading Haig by 2 points when the Relays began. The competition in the relay races literally could not have been closer, for all three Houses finished

with equal relay points, and all are therefore joint winners of the Relay Cup. So Cunningham won the competition by 2 points.

Results

WAVELL HOUSE (Primary Boys)

Minor Section—

80 yards—1st James Robertson (L), 2nd S. Grant (M), 3rd T. Goldie (L). 11.2 secs.

440 yards—1st B. Webb (M), 2nd James Robertson (L), 3rd K. Ross (M). 70.1 secs.

Cricket Ball—1st T. Goldie (L), 2nd B. Webb (M), 3rd C. Robinson (L). 135 ft. 6 ins.

High Jump—1st A. Hewgill (M), 2nd G. Allan (L), 3rd K. Ross (M). 3 ft. 8 ins.

Long Jump—1st B. Webb (M), 2nd J. W. S. Brown (A), 3rd James Robertson (L). 12 ft. 5 ins.

Relay—1st Moore, 2nd Lynedoch, 3rd Abercromby.

Minor Champion :—B. Webb (M) 8 points.
Runner-up :—James Robertson (L) 6 points.

Major Section—

100 yards—1st B. Murton (A), 2nd N. Houston (L), 3rd I. Burgess (L). 13.5 secs.

220 yards—1st equal B. Murton (A) and N. Houston (L), 3rd G. Sheret (A). 30.5 secs.

880 yards—1st A. Martin (A), 2nd N. Houston (L), 3rd B. Murton (A). 2 min. 39.5 secs. (New School record.)

Cricket Ball—1st R. C. Murdoch (M), 2nd A. Martin (A), 3rd I. Burgess (L). 161 ft. 3½ ins.

Long Jump—1st A. Martin (A), 2nd B. Murton (A), 3rd G. Sheret (A). 14 ft.

High Jump—1st R. C. Murdoch (M), 2nd A. Martin (A), 3rd J. Buchanan (L). 3 ft. 11 ins.

Relay—1st Lynedoch, 2nd Abercromby, 3rd Moore.

Major Champion :—A. Martin (A) 10 points.
Runner-up :—B. Murton (A) 8½ points.

SENIOR HOUSES

Junior Section—

100 yards—1st W. Dempsey (T), 2nd A. Hill (C), 3rd R. Bonar (C). 13.6 secs.

220 yards—1st S. Pope (H), 2nd S. Corrigan (T), 3rd C. McHardy (H). 29.9 secs.

440 yards—1st C. Matheson (C), 2nd S. Pope (H), 3rd C. McHardy (H). 67.2 secs. (New School record.)

880 yards—1st A. S. Grey (T), 2nd W. Dempsey (T), 3rd D. Fenner (C). 2 mins. 42.9 secs.

Cricket Ball—1st S. Pope (H), 2nd D. Pocock (T), 3rd W. Dempsey (T). 155 ft. 8 ins.

High Jump—1st C. Matheson (C), 2nd A. Hill (C), 3rd R. Bonar (C). 3 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump—1st C. Matheson (C), 2nd W. Dempsey (T), 3rd A. Kirkwood (T). 13 ft. 4½ ins.

Shot—1st S. Pope (H), 2nd D. Pocock (T), 3rd K. Bowlt (H). 26 ft. 4¾ ins.

80 yards Hurdles—1st C. Matheson (C), 2nd J. Weir (C), 3rd A. Kirkwood (T). 14.4 secs.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Haig, 2nd Cunningham, 3rd Trenchard. 60.6 secs.

Junior Champion :—C. Matheson (C) 12 points.
Runner-up :—S. Pope (H) 11 points.

Intermediate Section—

100 yards—1st S. Grant (T), 2nd M. Wood (C), 3rd I. Roe (H). 13.2 secs.

220 yards—1st S. Grant (T), 2nd I. Roe (H), 3rd D. Johnston (T). 27.9 secs. (New School record.)

440 yards—1st I. Roe (H), 2nd K. Robinson (H), 3rd A. Greig (C). 66.2 secs.

880 yards—1st K. Robinson (H), 2nd A. Greig (C), 3rd I. Roe (H). 2 mins 32.6 secs.

Shot—1st M. McNaughton (H), 2nd R. Morrice (T), 3rd S. Grant (T). 25 ft. 6½ ins.

Cricket Ball—1st M. McNaughton (H), 2nd D. Johnston (T), 3rd K. Robinson (H). 177 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump—1st M. Wood (C), 2nd R. Morrice (T), 3rd G. Slater (C). 15 ft. 4 ins. (New School record.) (The old record was also beaten by R. Morrice.)

High Jump—1st S. Grant (T), 2nd S. Hartley (C), 3rd R. Morrice (T). 4 ft. 6 ins.

80 yards Hurdles—1st S. Grant (T), 2nd I. Roe (H), 3rd R. Grant (T). 12.9 secs.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Trenchard, 2nd Cunningham, 3rd Haig. 55 secs. (New School record.)

Intermediate Champion :—S. Grant (T) 13 points.
Runner-up :—I. Roe (H) 8 points.

Senior Section—

100 yards—1st G. Cunningham (C), 2nd A. Smith (C), 3rd A. Coid (H). 11.5 secs.

220 yards—1st A. Coid (H), 2nd A. Smith (C), 3rd G. Neill (T). 26.9 secs.

440 yards—1st A. Coid (H), 2nd C. Robertson (H), 3rd J. Dempsey (T). 63.4 secs.

880 yards—1st G. Cunningham (C), 2nd D. Jagger (C), 3rd C. Robertson (H). 2 mins. 20.5 secs.

Discus—1st L. Curl (C), 2nd J. Dempsey (T), 3rd G. Cunningham (C). 111 ft. 1 in.

Javelin—1st T. Bonar (H), 2nd L. Curl (C), 3rd G. Cunningham (C). 103 ft. 7 ins.

Shot—1st G. Cunningham (C), 2nd L. Curl (C), 3rd A. D. Grey (T). 32 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump—1st T. Bonar (H), 2nd W. McKerron (H), 3rd A. Smith (C). 16 ft. 5½ ins.

High Jump—1st G. Cunningham (C), 2nd D. Jagger (C), 3rd T. Bonar (H). 4 ft. 11 ins.

110 yards Hurdles—1st A. McKean (H), 2nd T. Bonar (H), 3rd A. Coid (H). 18.6 secs.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Cunningham, 2nd Trenchard, 3rd Haig. 52.9 secs.

Senior Champion :—G. Cunningham (C) 13 points.
Runner-up :—T. Bonar (H) 9 points.

Open Section—

100 yards (Williamson Cup)—1st J. Welsh (H), 2nd N. Donaldson (T), 3rd A. Broughton (H). 11.1 secs.

220 yards—1st M. Owens (C), 2nd A. Broughton (H), 3rd J. Welsh (H). 25.4 secs.

440 yards—1st M. Owens (C), 2nd N. Donaldson (T), 3rd P. Gilder (C). 56.6 secs.

1 Mile—1st M. Owens (C), 2nd K. Boyne (H), 3rd I. Smith (T). 5 mins. 9.3 secs.

Discus—1st I. Smith (T), 2nd K. Boyne (H), 3rd P. Gilder (C). 96 ft. 7½ ins.

Shot—1st N. Clark (T), 2nd I. Smith (T), 3rd M. Owens (C). 35 ft. 1½ ins.

Javelin—1st C. McLaughlin (C), 2nd C. Lannen (H), 3rd M. O'Connor (C). 129 ft. 1 in.

Long Jump—1st A. Broughton (H), 2nd J. Welsh (H), 3rd A. Morrice (T). 18 ft. 7½ ins.

High Jump—1st N. McConnell (T), 2nd R. Newman, 3rd J. Willmott (C). 5 ft. 0 in.

110 yards Hurdles—1st R. Newman (T), 2nd J. Allan (C), 3rd J. Welsh (H). 15.8 secs.

4 × 110 Relay—1st Haig, 2nd Trenchard, 3rd Cunningham. 49.5 secs.

Victor Ludorum :—M. Owens 10 pts. Runner-up :—J. Welsh 7 pts.

HOUSE PLACINGS

1st Cunningham 97 points, 2nd Haig 95 points, 3rd Trenchard 84 points.

Inter-House Relay Cup—Triple tie, all Houses equal.

PRIMARY DORMITORY PLACINGS

1st Lynedoch 31½ points, 2nd Moore 30 points, 3rd Abercromby 28½ points.

WAVELL HOUSE INTER-DORMITORY COMPETITIONS

Cross Country Running

The championship course was further extended this year to include another water jump and it is now sufficiently interesting to test the most fervent enthusiast. The inter-dormitory championship was based on a major/minor competition for the first time, thus giving twice as many boys an active interest in the destination of the trophy.

The major championship was won by A. J. Martin (A) in a very good time of 18 minutes 15.8 seconds. P. B. Cooper (A) held off a challenge by N. Houston (L) to take second place. Abercromby followed this up with B. Murton (5), M. F. Greig (6), G. Sheret (7), C. Duckett (10), I. Cruickshank (13), S. Young (15), D. Macdonald (22) and Garry McNally (23) to win the major championship with 104 points to Lynedoch's 179 and Moore's 186. B. Goldie (4) and J. Shannon (11) ran well for Lynedoch; Moore's leading runners were J. Murdoch (8) and C. Hynd (9).

The first boy home in the minor championship was G. Kent of Lynedoch in 19 minutes 10.6 seconds. He was closely followed by K. Ross and B. Webb, both of Moore, in 2nd and 3rd places. J. W. S. Brown (A), Jas. Robertson (L), E. McKay (L) and S. Grant (M) keenly contested the next four places. Lynedoch, with a total of 112 points, won easily from Abercromby with 162 points, and Moore with 199 points.

Abercromby thus won the trophy with a total of 266 points to Lynedoch's 291 points.

Swimming

Though, at the beginning of the year, there were 26 non-swimmers, 65 of the house's 84 managed to enter for the swimming sports. Thanks are due to Mr Reid for his successful non-swimmers' classes.

Until the relays Abercromby had a big lead over Lynedoch. This position was quickly reversed in these last three events because of Lynedoch's strong team work. Moore finished a poor third with 18½, to Lynedoch's 33½ and Abercromby's 32.

Boxing

From an entry, for the house, of 77 contestants Abercromby emerged with 8 finalists to Moore's 7 and Lynedoch's 5.

Moore had collected 16 good losers' points en route to the finals, while Abercromby and Lynedoch each gained 13.

The issue was in doubt until the last bout, but Moore finally won the trophy, with 38 points to Abercromby's 35.

Lynedoch had the consolation of having the Martin trophy for the best stylist won by N. Houston.

Football

Of the three major matches two were won by Abercromby and the other by Moore. The winners got 5 trophy points while Moore and Lynedoch got 3 and 1 respectively.

In the minor competition, the Lynedoch team won 3 trophy points, Abercromby 2 and Moore 1.

The trophy was therefore won by Abercromby with 7 points and Moore, though tying in points with Lynedoch, was placed second, because of its better success in the major matches.

Athletics

The inter-dormitory competition was one of the closest in memory. At the end of the afternoon session, Moore led Abercromby by 15 points to 14, with Lynedoch a further 7 points behind and considered by most to be out of the running. After the sprints and the cricket-ball throwing, the gap had closed, and Abercromby were now $22\frac{1}{2}$ points, Moore 22 points, and Lynedoch $21\frac{1}{2}$. The result depended on the relays. Moore won the minor relay, as a result of a fine run by K. Ross, and Lynedoch were second. I. Burgess running the third leg in the major relay moved from last to first place and gave Lynedoch a lead of three yards. In the last leg N. Houston managed to hold off B. Murton (A) and A. Jeffrey (M), to win the relay and the Dormitory competition by inches. In the 880 yards major A. Martin ran a lonely race to take 1.8 secs. off the previous record. B. Webb (M) was within $1/5$ th second of the 440 yards (minor) record and R. Murdoch (M) within inches of the cricket-ball (major) record. Murdoch also just failed to equal the high jump record.

PRIMARY FOOTBALL

Both Wavell teams have had limited success in the W. Perthshire Primary League this season. They have certainly enjoyed their football to the utmost, which is the real object of the exercise.



The "A" team should, in fact, have won the League Shield this time but inexplicably lost at home to St. Ninians after comfortably holding a two-goal lead for most of the game. Some of the blame for this result, however, must be laid at the door of the selectors!

In the return game at Gartmore, St. Ninians held us to a draw and thereby won the shield for the third time since its inception. For the record, we have won it twice, Doune and Dunblane once each. We must get full marks for trying—we have been runners-up five times!

Final positions are difficult to work out this year because results from other schools have been somewhat irregularly notified but it is certain that the first four places read: St. Ninians "A", Q.V.S. "A", Thornhill, Doune.

The "B" team has suffered from its usual limitations in skill but not in hard work and enthusiasm. It is inevitably rather weak in teamwork because so many of its players have to stand-in in the "A" team on so many occasions and rarely do they play the same team for two matches running.

The "A" team is, of course, a better team than the "B" team as far as talent and teamwork are concerned, but on many occasions the latter have shown what spirit and determination can do. Just what was needed, in fact, by the "A" team against St. Ninians last October.

"A" Team from: A. Ferguson, C. Robinson, J. Murdoch, M. Duckett, B. Murton, M. Greig, J. W. S. Brown, B. Goldie, P. Cooper, T. Nicol, A. Martin, B. Webb, N. Houston, I. Burgess, R. Murdoch, J. Harte.

"B" Team from: J. Harte, R. Cooper, C. Robinson, M. Greig, J. Wrenn, J. Shannon, T. Nicol, T. Goldie, B. Goldie, P. Gilchrist, J. Buchanan, S. Grant, R. McVicar, J. Pryde, K. Ross, C. Martin, J. Tovey, I. Burgess, R. Murdoch.

Inter-School Athletics Primary

Wavell House athletes had a further incentive to do well in the School Sports this year—a place in the team to represent the House in a match against St. Ninian's School, Gartmore. St. Ninian's had earlier pipped us for the West Perthshire Primary Schools Football championship and our team were determined to do well. This we did by taking first place in twelve of the thirteen events. In the one event which they won, S. Marshall of St. Ninians' beat the major cricket ball record with a throw of 168 ft. 6 ins. Our long jump specialists were disappointed, since our visitors were unable to field competitors in this event. A new event for our boys was the Shot Put for which we entered two boys in each class. R. C. Murdoch (Major) and W. McMillan (Minor) took first places in this event and their distances will now stand as records.

WAVELL HOUSE PLACINGS

Minor—

Cricket Ball—1st B. Webb (136 ft. $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins.), 3rd T. Goldie.

80 yards—1st J. Robertson (11.8 secs.), 3rd S. Grant.

High Jump—1st A. Hewgill (3 ft. 8 ins.), 3rd G. Allan.

440 yards—1st B. Webb (74.4 secs.), 2nd K. Ross.

Shot Put—1st W. McMillan (22 ft. 11 ins.), 3rd C. Robinson.

4 × 110 yards Relay—1st Wavell House (60.9 secs.)

Major—

220 yards—1st N. Houston (30 secs), 2nd B. Murton.

High Jump—1st R. C. Murdoch (4 ft. 1 inch), 3rd A. Martin.

100 yards—1st B. Murton (14 secs.), 2nd I. Burgess.

Shot Put—1st R. C. Murdoch (26ft. 10½ ins.), 4th C. Duckett.

880 yards—1st N. Houston (2 min. 40.7 secs.), 3rd A. Martin.

Cricket Ball—2nd B. Murton (159 ft. 11½ ins.), 4th I. Burgess.

4 × 110 yards Relay—1st Wavell House (60.8 secs.).

Wavell House won by 92 points to 53.

WAVELL HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION

This year's junior drill competition was carried out on a squally day with frequent and heavy rain showers. The usual inspection on the field was replaced by an inspection in the Play Hall, after which the three dormitories marched past on a rather sodden field whenever there was a break in the showers.

The dormitory commanders found the last minute change of routine a little disconcerting but they adjusted themselves to the new situation very well and everyone did his best.

Ian Robertson worked very hard with Lynedoch Dormitory who won the competition.

Inspecting Officers: The Commandant, the Headmaster.

Result:

First—Lynedoch Dormitory. Section Commander: I. A. Robertson.

Second—Moore Dormitory. Section Commander: J. S. Murdoch.

Third—Abercromby Dormitory. Section Commander: B. R. Murton.

THE HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The inter-house drill competition on 5th July, with Major Gordon, Royal Highland Fusiliers, and R.S.M. Hamilton (father of an Old Boy and of a present Wavell House boy) kindly acting as judges, was won by Trenchard House, with Cunningham second, and Haig third. This was just the result required to keep the House championship contest at fever heat. It left Haig just ½ a point ahead of Trenchard. On 6th July, Trenchard won the junior league decider with Cunningham, and that put Trenchard 1½ points ahead of Haig. On the same evening Haig and Trenchard senior cricket teams played the key match of the competition. Trenchard were thought to be rather the stronger side. But Dougald Robertson of Haig had just been declared fit to play games again, and he celebrated his return in a fashion that demonstrated how much the School XI had lost by his absence in the rest of the season. Haig batted first, and Robertson hit the bowling all round the field. With one wicket to fall, he had made

96 out of 125, and when he faced the bowling, the excited crowd was poised to cheer his century. It looked to be there when he pulled the ball high towards the boundary; but instead D. Nealon of Trenchard made a spectacular running catch low down and just inside the boundary. Robertson then went on to do most of the work of dismissing Trenchard for 57. He took 8 wickets for 22, and added the final touch with a hat-trick for the last three wickets. On 7th July, Trenchard beat Cunningham by 7 wickets. The last house match, between Haig and Cunningham is to be played on 8th July. At this point our last copy goes off to the printer, but if weather permits the match to be played on the day fixed, we shall be able to add the result below. If Haig win or tie this match, they will get the house championship by ½ point. If Cunningham should win, then the championship goes to Trenchard by 1½ points.

Late Result

Cunningham House 54, Haig House 40

The vital wicket was: D. Robertson l.b.w. bowled Curl 4. All Houses are equal in senior cricket, and Trenchard win the House Cricket Shield and the House Championship.

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL

PRIZE LIST, 1965

Prizes presented by Dr. I. D. McIntosh, M.A., LL.D., Headmaster of Fettes College, at the prize-giving ceremony in the School Play Hall.

PRIMARY SCHOOL—

P.6A—1 A. Hewgill, 2 (equal) D. Barnes and S. Grant.

P.6B—1 J. Robertson, 2 T. Nicol.

P.7A—1 I. Robertson, 2 A. Martin. Progress Prize—P. Gilchrist.

P.7B—1 D. Moss, 2 J. Pryde.

Primary Art—J. W. S. Brown.

SECONDARY SCHOOL—

IA—1 J. F. Barnes, 2 C. J. Robinson.

IB—1 B. Sutherland, 2 G. Aitkenhead, 3 A. Kirkwood.

1st Year Progress Prize—R. Freeman.

IIA—1 K. Robinson, 2 M. McNaughton, 3 W. McKerron.

IIB—1 D. Parker, 2 G. M. Anderson, 3 S. Grant.

IIIA—1 J. Wood, 2 J. Lee, 3 G. McManus.

IIIB—1. R. McKenzie, 2 (equal) A. Coid and R. Jeffrey.

IV—1 D. Jagger, 2 M. Hewgill.

V—N. Donaldson, and A. Warwood.

Art Prizes—Senior—E. Gillespie; Intermediate—J. A. Corrigan.

Technical Subjects—P. Evans.

Woodwork—R. McKenzie.

Metalwork—L. Heron.

Addison Smith Prizes for public speaking—1 M. Scoggins, 2 C. McLaughlin, 3 D. Marshall.
 Eric Drew Memorial French Prizes—Senior—N. Donaldson ; Junior—A. S. Grey.
 Cranston Memorial Essay Prize—A. Warwood.
 Prize for Chapel Reading—M. Owens.
 Dux of the School—A. C. Kay.
 Junior Secondary Certificates—E. Bonar, K. Boyne, N. Burns, A. Coid, L. Curl, L. Heron, R. Hewitt, R. Jeffrey, R. McKenzie, J. McPhail, C. Robertson.

**Prizes presented by Lady Gordon Lennox, wife of the
 Inspecting Officer, at the Grand Day Parade.**

Prince Philip Medal (best boy of 15 years old)—J. R. Welsh.
 Best Piper—I. Fraser.
 Best Drummer and Bugler—J. Dempsey.
 Best Bugler (silver bugle)—J. Dempsey.
 Best Drummer (London Old Victorians' Trophy)—J. Dempsey.
 Best Highland Dancer—G. B. Johnstone.
 Best Shot—A. W. Morrice.
 British Legion Jubilee Prize (for best boy leaving to join the services)—K. Boyne.
 Wavell Memorial Cup (for best boy in outdoor pursuits)—M. Owens.
 First Hundred Trophy (for best A.C.F. section)—Trenchard House.
 Sir Charles Grant Cup (for Champion Dormitory in Wavell House)—Lynedoch Dormitory.
 House Championship Shield—Trenchard House

REGIMENTAL AWARDS

These awards come from bequests. They are allocated annually to the most deserving boys whose fathers served in the regiments named.

Seaforth Highlanders Regimental Association Award—A. King.

Whyte Award (Gordon Highlanders)—J. McPhail.

Wauchope Award (Black Watch)—I. Smith.

McKenzie Award (Black Watch)—P. Evans.

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