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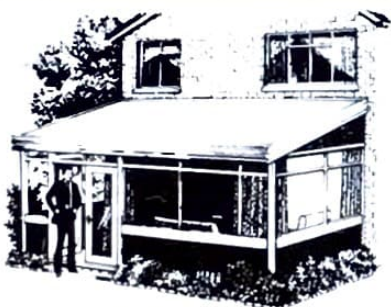
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It was officially opened by King Edward VII in 1908 and has functioned continuously as a School for the sons of Servicemen since 1909; nearly 4,000 boys have passed through the School in that time. There are places for 270 boys.

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A Message from The Commandant

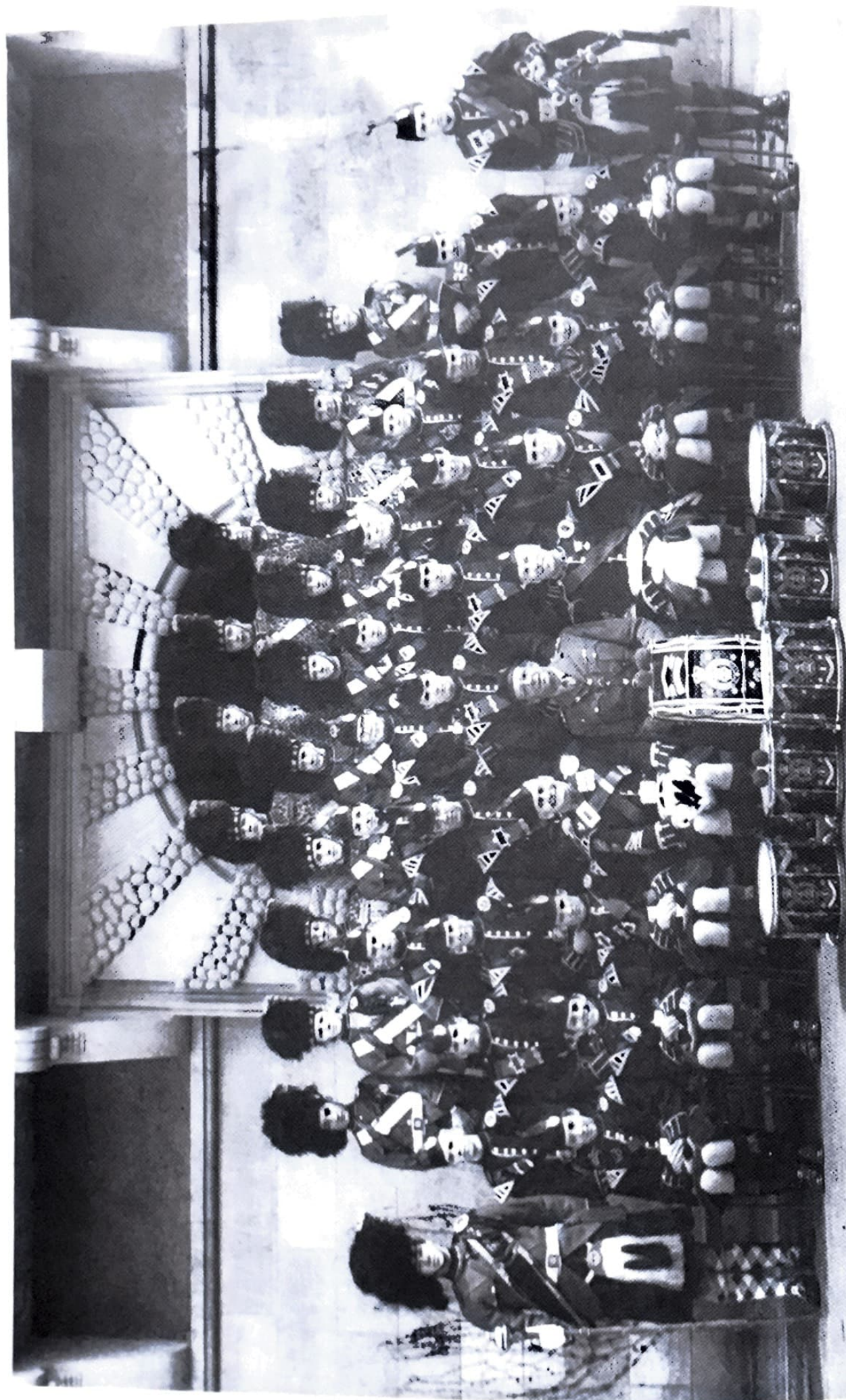
Many people connected with the School will be aware that during the past year there has been comment in the Press about the possibility of our becoming co-educational. It therefore seems appropriate that, with the Presentation of New colours, Summer 1987 is the right moment to take stock and examine the future of the School.

For a number of years, Her Majesty's Commissioners have been concerned about the need to modernise and expand our facilities if we are to remain competitive and continue to provide the breadth of education that parents have a right to expect. This view was confirmed by Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools in his report issued in January 1986. This report, whilst generally complimentary, emphasised two important points, the need to modernise the living accommodation and expand the Senior School in order to provide a wider range of curricular choice. In making the latter recommendation the Inspectors specifically mention the introduction of girls as one means of achieving such an expansion which should be given serious consideration.

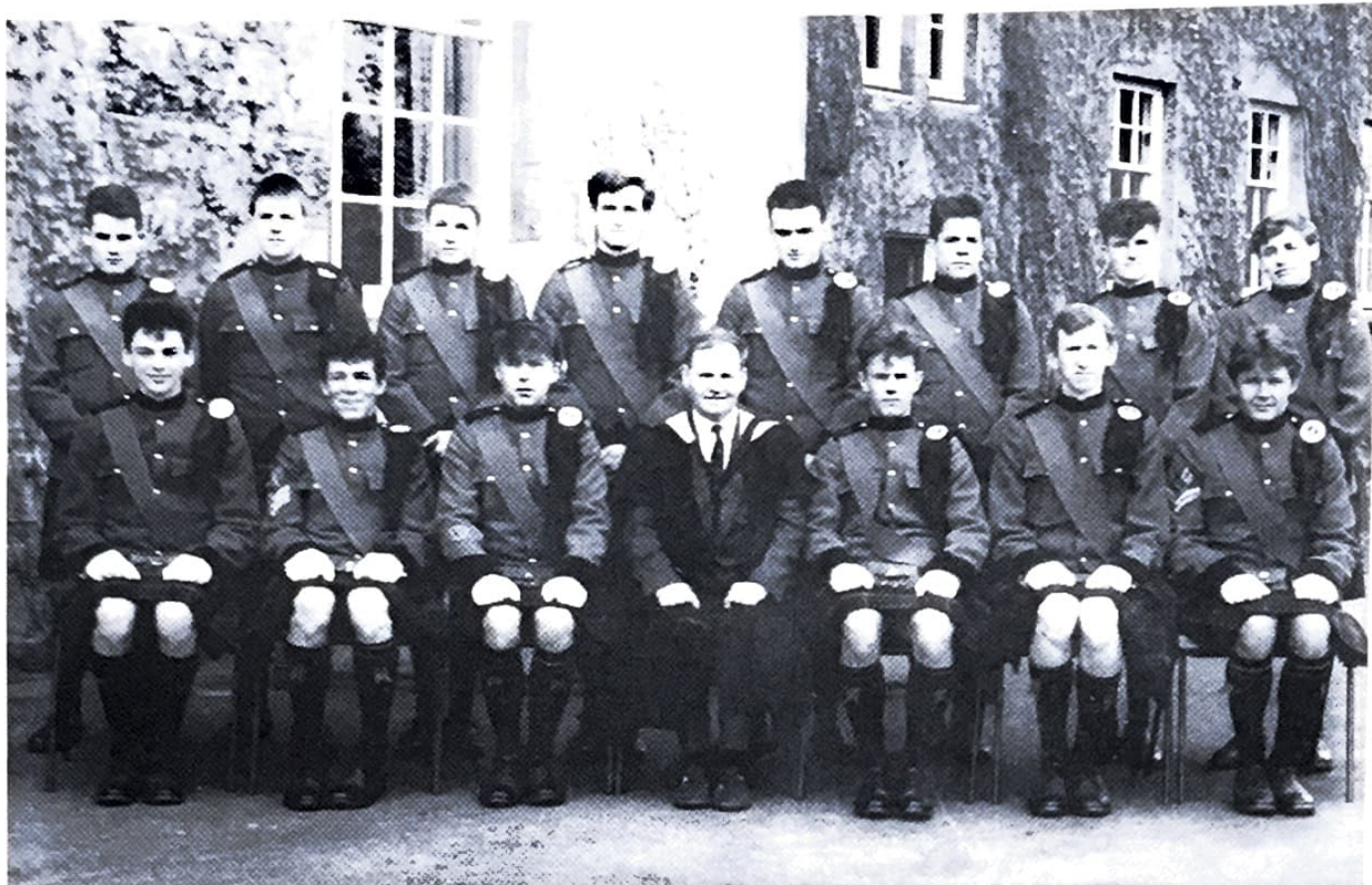
Commissioners have examined these recommenda-

tions in great detail and have accepted the principle of co-education and that their long term aim should be to include girls. Nevertheless readers will appreciate that this is a matter which is easier to say than achieve; quite apart from the obvious matter of cost in terms of building and staff, we must examine such matters as our limited space for sports facilities and the proportion of girls to boys. This will inevitably take some time and a case has been put to the Ministry of Defence recommending action in two phases; first to carry out essential improvements to the existing School, most importantly, the provision of two new boarding houses in order to allow the evacuation and modernisation of the Main Building. Having achieved acceptable standards for the existing School, the second phase would be to provide the additional living and teaching accommodation to allow for expansion to a total number of around 350. It is hoped that within the next 18 months the Ministry of Defence will authorise a detailed feasibility study in order to identify exactly what can be fitted in where and at what cost. It will only be then that detailed planning can begin.

Lastly, although I hope I have already made this clear, we are not talking in terms of instant solutions and no boy in the School today should be alarmed by the prospect of being joined by his younger sister. We are planning for the long term future in order to play our part in the education of the children of Scottish Servicemen or Women in the twenty first century.



Brigadier Tweedy, Pipe Major J. McKenzie, Drum Major R. Brown and the Pipe Band



Headmaster, monitors and prefects

Headmaster's Notes

A week may not be a long time in politics, but a year is a short time in education — not just because of my own or anyone else's increased age, but rather has the Session flown by because this has been a crowded year with much in it (for the boys) that has been active, outgoing and attractive, whilst continuing to maintain a steady and sound output academically. Queen Victoria School, its many pupils and parents, are aware that throughout all the tensions, difficulties and problems that have beset so many schools and pupils over the last two and a half years, the teaching staff here have never allowed their own positions to intrude upon the work and activities of the boys. For that, a debt of gratitude is owed them, as Her Majesty's Commissioners have recorded. At the same time, it has to be noted that because of the teacher disputes at national level, there has been well-nigh a standstill in the development and adoption of the intended phasing in of the next stages of Standard Grade (replacing 'O' Grades) and the new Highers. Nevertheless, this School's curriculum was, we believe, correctly restructured this session, in line with what is already established nationally or will be so over the next two or so years. As I wrote in my Notes last year, this has led to a greater freedom, particularly on reaching S.3 and S.4, for pupils to choose their subject

options; yet, at the same time, it provides a more balanced curriculum ranging through the Linguistic, Technical, Scientific and Aesthetic subjects, as well as Mathematics and Social Studies. Further, each pupil in S.3 and S.4 has within his time-table allocated periods for Computer Studies, Guidance and Health, and Physical and Religious Education. It is a curriculum of options which is now fairer and beneficial to both able and less able alike. Additions in the teaching subjects this year have been: German, Music and Craft and Design at Higher Grade; Standard Grade English at S.4 and Standard Grade Science (as opposed to Physics, Chemistry or Biology as separate subjects which are options) and parents are advised to recognise the value for some pupils in opting to take Standard Grade Science in S.3 and S.4. It is to be expected that in due course introduction of Standard Grades, replacing 'O' Grades, will be completed.

There have been no teaching staff changes this session but we have two new additional members of staff. Mr David Kelling joined the Maths Department in August 1986 as teacher of Computer Studies, coming to us from Newbattle High School. Mr Kelling is married with four children; we wish him, his wife and family happiness here. Dr Janet Watson also joined the staff in August 1986, coming from Dunblane High School. Mrs Watson was no stranger to us for she had taught Biology at Q.V.S. for a term two years ago. Her teaching now is in Physics and General Science. She is married, with two children, and her husband works at Stirling University.

Like the Forth Road Bridge, the works upon the

Teaching Block extend yearly onwards. Last summer saw the completion of the rebuilt Technical department and the installation of its new machinery, benches and working areas. How excellent it is parents can judge for themselves when it is open for the Exhibition of Crafts at the Parent/Teacher Meeting and on the Grand Day at the end of term. At the same time, the new Computer Room with its two small annexes was set up, with provision of B.B.C. Master computers, ECONET and two more powerful computers. It has become a fortress of dustless, whirring, clicking enthusiasm and intensity. It is hoped that parents will be able to view the Computer Lab at the end of term.

Last summer the heating system was modernised and all teaching areas have enjoyed the increased warmth. This summer, the work of replacing all the windows with double glazing and associated maintenance will be completed; more heart warming (or neck warming) will be the 'filling in' of the Covered Way which will provide an open plan seating and exhibition area and other amenities. Other works are planned for both Wavell and the Main Building to improve their facilities for the boys. More immediately, this summer will see the further modernisation of the ablutions in the Intermediate Houses, and, perhaps, more significantly, a re-adaptation of certain areas in Haig House specifically to create additional room for 8-10 more Senior pupils next session. In such times of financial stringency, the School does well to achieve the improvements and modernisation it is presently making. The Commandant's Notes have outlined our longer-term objectives which are most certainly requisite educationally and socially, both in terms of increased roll and eventual co-education. All such developments are eagerly awaited.

In active and participatory ways, the Session has been most happy and energetic. Parents may never see our termly Diary of Events: they betoken involvement for boys in a great deal, so much so the balance between time for work and time for other things is but precariously maintained. Hobbies and activities for boys are as many as ever; during the winter months as many as 50 hobbies or regular activities take place in or out of school. Not necessarily more valuable than others, yet still note-worthy, are the groups who go out to do Swimming with Handicapped Children or regularly visit, entertain and learn from the four Old People's Homes in Dunblane, and the marvellous assistance we receive from the local Red Cross Branch in Junior and Adult First Aid. Indeed, our connection with the local community flourishes, not only with displays and concerts given by Choir, Dancers, or the Pipe Band, but also their visits to us, as marked by the Dunblane Cathedral Allovus Club, the Carol Concert in Dunblane and to the school play in March this year.

In the C.C.F. and in Shooting there is much activity and enthusiasm; it is pleasing to report that not only can the C.C.F. function well because it has a full and excellent complement of officers, and very enthusiastic cadets, but that our shooting teams with Major

Silcox, Lieut. Garden and Mr Berry, see Bisley as a natural target to aim for! Whereas it has to be said that circumstances, mostly out of our control, meant a Rugby season for the Senior school of far less fixtures than we would wish, Cross Country has not suffered from climate or other schools' cancellation of fixtures and our teams have consistently done well, and improved. The School was especially proud to host the Scottish Primary Schools Cross Country Championships in April, an occasion that attracted more than two thousand people and weather worthy of an August Bank Holiday. At Easter there were three Ski Camps: to Italy for senior boys, to France for Wavell and First Year boys, and to Aviemore for the C.C.F. Adventurous Training Ski Camp. This summer there will be: an R.A.F. Camp at R.A.F. Finningley; two Army Section Camps, one with the 1st Bn. The Gordon Highlanders in Hemer, and the other at Cultybraggan; and various camps and courses for the Naval Section, as well as the Shooting Team competing at Bisley. The Primary boys in Wavell House have had their customary feast of activity: particularly their participation in a wide, unaffected Rugby fixture list, and inter-school competitions and galas in cross country, swimming and football. A noticeable and pleasing event in the Wavell calendar is the Passing Out Parade for the sometime 'Rookies', an occasion now attended by many parents on the last day of the Easter Term, despite the inclemency of climate conditions endured this year.

The year has been well splattered with cultural activities, too. The visits to the theatre and to concerts or lectures is listed elsewhere. Similarly, our participation in debating and public speaking is reported in this magazine. Our musical activities are also reported on but some mention should be made of our Carol Service and Concert so popularly attended at the end of the Christmas term. The quality and diversity of its programme is a fine reflection of the talent and practice shown by the boys and the enthusiasm and dedication of the Head of Music, Mr Robertson, so well assisted by Mrs McFarlane and Mr Philip. For reasons which are obvious to many I am not permitted to say that the School Play was a high-light of the year: yet indeed it brought a ray of considerable cheer to an Easter term which is so dourly fraught with dark days and the threatening thought of S.C.E. exams. The boys (and one girl) set a standard of excellence for which one still receives letters of praise. At the same time, it would be proper to acknowledge the recent in-pur of stage lighting which has made dramatic productions possible again. Our standards and participation within the Pipe Band and Highland Dancing remain as high as the demand for the public to invite their performance. Pipe Major McKenzie retires this summer and other tributes and plaudits will be paid elsewhere; yet, even as writing, one wishes to acknowledge not only the excellence of his teaching, the unparalleled standard of his Pipe Band over so many years, but also the dedication, humour and humanity that he has always and consistently contributed.

At the end of session for 1986-87 H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh will present the school with its new Colours. That will be in part done by a Ceremony of Dedication. In a special sense, this school thrives and will continue to thrive because of the dedication of all who are involved with it.

To all the boys, most especially the leavers, I wish good fortune for the future, and I extend my thanks and good wishes for a happy summer holiday to the many people whose support, cheerfulness and able doing has made this such a good session.

Lieutenant Colonel N. E. Macleod, O.B.E.

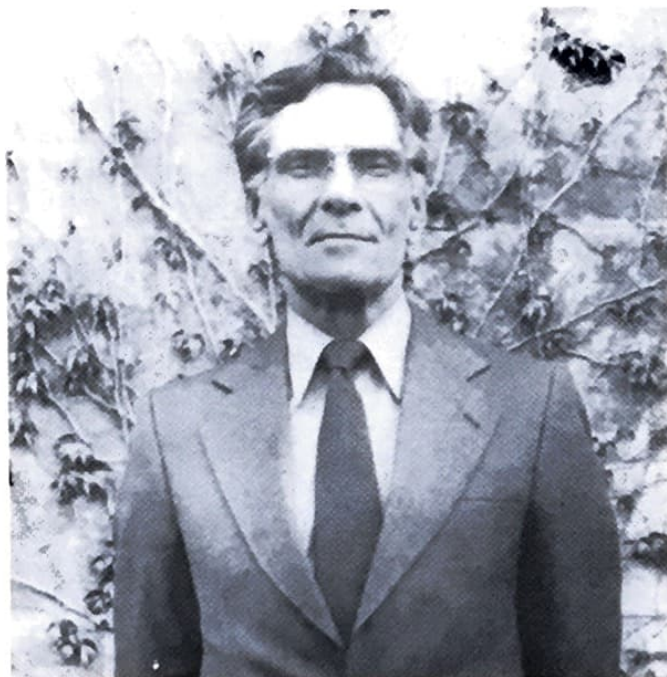
Norman Macleod retired from his appointment as the School Administrative Officer in April 1987 after what he can legitimately claim as just short of 54 years of service. This service began when he entered QVS as No. 1523 in 1933; on leaving school in 1937 he became a piper with the Glasgow Highlanders and in 1939 enlisted in the Royal Artillery. He saw active service throughout the Second World War including taking part in the Normandy landings in 1944. In 1946 he was commissioned into the Indian Army and on independence in 1947 he retired for the first time. On return to the UK he re-enlisted in the Royal Artillery and saw service in Korea, Japan, Singapore and Malaya as a Commando Gunner. In 1970 he became a Horse Gunner as QM 3 RHA before becoming Equipment Officer at the Royal Military College of Science for his remaining years of regular service. It was for his service in this very demanding job that he received the thoroughly deserved award of the O.B.E. On retirement for the second time in January 1976 he completed the circle by returning to QVS.

His 11 years as the Administrative Officer have been the hallmark of duty and loyalty to his old School. He in fact reached retirement age in December 1986 and it was typical of the man that he instantly volunteered to extend his service when there was difficulty in recruiting a replacement. We all owe him an immense debt of gratitude and wish him and Jessie a long, happy and rewarding retirement in their new home in Blairgowrie.

Major M. Burrows

Major Frank Burrows was born in 1929 and enlisted in the Lancashire Fusiliers in 1949. He has seen service in the Canal Zone of Egypt, Kenya, Cyprus, British Guyana, Hong Kong, Gibraltar, Northern Ireland and BAOR. He was appointed RSM 1LF in 1962 and commissioned as MTO in 1964. He continued his Lancastrian connection on the formation of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers with 4RRF as QM until the Bn was disbanded as part of defence cuts in 1970. He then served as Quartermaster of both 1 and 3RRF until appointed QM Berlin Field Force in 1978; from Berlin he moved to Cyprus as QM Episkopi Garrison until his retirement.

He and his wife, June, an artist, settled in Cyprus. They have one son who runs his own computer business in Cambridge. They returned to the UK in March 1987 in order to take up the appointment as the School Administrative Officer. We wish them a long and rewarding stay in Dunblane.



Major Burrows (Retd.)

Pipe Major Mackenzie

Many readers will be aware that Pipe Major John Mackenzie retires after Grand Day 87; long standing readers of the *Victorian* may recall that, in issue No. 71 of July 1964, the article welcoming the Pipe Major on his appointment concluded with the wish that he had a long and happy association with the School. Today, as he approaches retirement and we look back over the 71 terms that he has been involved with the School, we can all take pride in how that early wish has come true.

A native of the Mull of Kintyre and educated in Campbeltown, he enlisted in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 1938, saw service with various battalions of the Regiment for the next 15 years and was first appointed Pipe Major at the early age of 22. He started piping at the age of 10 and over the years has studied under such great men as William Ross, Robert Reid and Ronnie MacCallum; today he too is numbered amongst the greats of the piping world. On retirement from the Regular Army in 1952, he continued as a Territorial with the 8th Argylls until he moved to Rhodesia to work for the Anglo-American Company in 1953. He and his family returned to live in Doune in 1959 when he was employed with the Naval Ordnance Inspectorate until joining the School in January 1964.

The generations of Victorians who have known him and those who have been privileged to work with him in the School will treasure their individual memories; some of the dedicated and devoted teacher whose skills have given them years of pleasure playing their pipes; some of the strict but utterly fair disciplinarian who could only accept one standard, the best. Others will remember his fund of anecdotes from throughout his service, others his masterly renditions of Tam o' Shanter but all of us will treasure the man and personal friendship.

We all wish that his retirement after Grand Day will prove to be a long and rewarding one which will allow him more time for the enjoyment of his music, his other great interest in his capacity as a Fellow of the

Scottish Society of Antiquaries and perhaps even some golf. His departure is made easier by the fact that he and Margaret will continue to live at Bridge of Allan and the hope that they will be frequent visitors. They leave us with all possible good wishes for their well earned retirement and our most grateful thanks for a job most exceptionally well done.



Pipe Major J. MacKenzie

Pipe Major A. Dippie, B.E.M.

Pipe Major Dippie has been appointed to succeed Pipe Major Mackenzie from the start of next session. Allan Dippie enlisted in The Black Watch in 1965 after serving as a Corporal piper with 6/7th Black Watch (TA). He joined 1 BW in BAOR and served with the Pipes and Drums of that Bn. continuously until 1983. During this period he saw service in BAOR, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Northern Ireland and elsewhere in the UK and has taken part in several Band tours of USA and Canada. Appointed Pipe Major of the Bn. in January 1975, he was awarded the B.E.M. in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 1980. In 1983 he was promoted to WO1 and succeeded that well known Victorian, Pipe Major Angus MacDonald, S.G., as Chief Inspector of the Army School of Bagpipe Music at Edinburgh Castle.

Pipe Major Dippie is married with two grown up sons who are both serving soldiers. We all wish him and his family a long, rewarding and happy stay with the School.

Mrs Jenette Hamilton

Mrs Jenette Hamilton's sudden death on the 12th of February this year shocked and filled us all with sadness. Mrs Hamilton took up the appointment of Housemaid in Cunningham House in 1982 but her association with the School through her husband and her previous employment goes back to the mid seventies.

She was dedicated to her work with the boys, thorough in the performance of her duties and her attendance to detail was most meticulous. She assisted with the pastoral side, lunched with the boys, relieved the Housematron on Wednesday evenings, provided a sympathetic ear and always had a word of comfort and encouragement for those boys with personal problems or boys whom she seemed to so readily identify: she was a member of the family.

Boys being boys, there was always someone (and often more than one) who failed to hand in an article of clothing for laundry, or to put out their shoes for inspection, or to tidy up their bed space, or to put their toothpaste away, or to . . . Many have been the simple tributes paid by parents and boys to Jenette Hamilton and many have commented on the moving scene of boys lining the drive in silence as the cortège left the School Chapel and grounds. On the Friday following her death the boys left for their "Exeat" weekend. Jenette Hamilton always came in to help the Housematron in tidying up on these occasions. On that Friday, however, every article of clothing had been correctly handed in, there had been no hassle and the dormitories had been left conspicuously tidy in their unspoken tribute to one we loved and appreciated.

To her husband, Bob, and their daughter, Angela, we extend our sincere sympathy — we share in your loss.

I.W.

Mr John Melliush, M.A.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden and tragic death of Mr John Melliush on Wednesday, 18th March, 1987. He was Headmaster of Queen Victoria School from 1973 until 1978, and, as such was the first civilian Headmaster to be appointed on the departure of the last R.A.E.C. Officers from Queen Victoria School. Those teaching colleagues who were on the staff while he was here remember him with affection, and with great regard for his personal energy and enthusiasm; they recall too his loyalty to them, his high ideals for the School, and, most especially, his never-failing devotion to and encouragement of the boys in his charge. Throughout his long career in education and involvement with Rugby, Mr Melliush was held to be a man who gave of himself unstintingly.

We express our sympathy to Mrs Melliush and to her son, Gavin, and daughter, Ann.

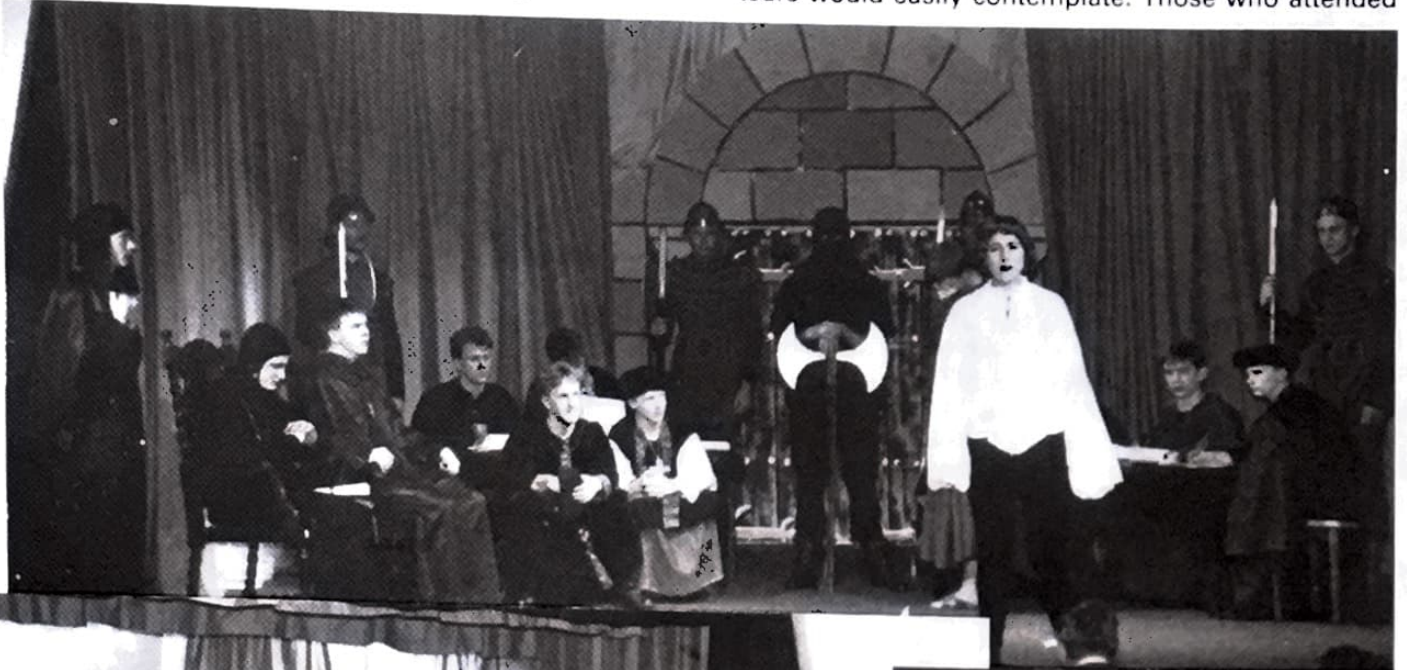
Mrs Margaret Mitchell

Mrs Margaret Mitchell who joined the staff of the School in 1974 as the 5th House Matron retired in April 1987. As her duties took her to all four Houses, she was well known to virtually every boy and most particularly while they were in Wavell. We will all miss her cheery smile and quiet efficiency. She has moved to Stirling to be nearer to her family and we all wish her a long, happy and rewarding retirement.

ST JOAN: BERNARD SHAW: Q.V.S: 1987

At the end of the Easter Term, 1987, Queen Victoria School Dramatic Society staged 'St. Joan' by George Bernard Shaw, which, with some cutting of Shaw's

longer speeches, was presented in full version, including the Epilogue, a challenge not many amateurs would easily contemplate. Those who attended



affirmed that it was a virtually unqualified success. That it was can much be attributed to the clear enthusiasm and competence of those who took part (forty two of them on stage). The story of the 'simple' country girl who fired the imaginations and hearts of her French people, became the Commander-in-Chief of their Army, thereby defeating the English and crowning Charles, King, in Rheims Cathedral, only then to be rejected and betrayed by those she had helped, so that, tried by the Church and executed by the State, she is seen at the last, 400 years later, to be St. Joan, is material for good drama. Given Shaw's scenes and language, the humour and the tragedy, the play has the potential for great drama. From the sound of the first drum beat heralding the entry procession through the audience, to the last white spot-lit words: "O God that madest this beautiful earth, when will it be ready to receive Thy Saints?" this production unfolded apparently effortlessly, by a mixture of laughter, colour, dramatic tension and dramatic meaning. Much of the play's significance for the audience and its emphasis on the rise and fall of Joan was achieved through the developing positions of characters on stage as scenes developed, by the use of lighting, and by the groupings of the three kinds of magnificent costumes worn by the different factions: the English, the Church and the Nobles, all in contrast to the black and white symbolic tragic/innocent costume of Joan.

Not all the cast can be mentioned: some must be. John Williamson gave a belligerent portrayal of non-too-bright authority as Baudricourt, comically countered by Scott Darling's fawning servility as his lily-livered Steward, whilst Simon Thomson indicated his future potential in his acting of Poulengy, Joan's first loyal supporter. In Scene II, Kevin Brown portrayed, as he did throughout the play, an authoritative Archbishop with suitably Oxonian intonations, contrasted by Sean Milne's unclipped bullying tones. A cameo figure, deserving future roles, was provided by Fionn McKee as the disrespectful Page. Set against these was the role of the down-trodden, physically weedy yet sharp-witted Dauphin. In playing this part, George Robertson perhaps found the fulfilment of so much he had practised in public speaking (and sometimes in life). He was superb in gesture, speech, and 'business' to gain the audience's laughter and support. His two Court Henchmen were delightfully apposite. Nigel Hay was elegant, smooth and handsome as the fashionable Bluebeard, whilst Jim McAllister, after much 'glottal stop' rehearsing, made his special mark as the swearing, loyal, yet dim Captain le Hire. In the third scene the handsome, the bold, the daring Dunois, Bastard of Orleans, was all these things as portrayed by Sean Milne with his page, Peter McEachern.

In the English camp, Paul Robertson gained our admiration in his depiction of the Earl of Warwick. Senior Monitors should not be *sauve*, ruthless, hypocritical charmers, yet on stage at least, Paul gave us what Shaw wanted us to see in Warwick. His Antagonist was Cauchon, Bishop of Beauvais, played by Stuart Wilkie, whose resonant voice and stylised gestures perhaps deserved more attention than the recurring comic relief, provided by Craig Blackhurst and others, sometimes allowed. Chief of those contributors was Michael Christie as Canon Courcel-

les, a superb Shavian parody figure of Church pomposity. In the trial scene Michael was teamed up with Hamish McKee as John de Stogumber to make a farcical duo who, by words, but much more by facial expressions, almost endangered the solemnity of the Trial. Hamish McKee played a difficult role, or rather three roles: first, as the young, righteously indignant, Anglophile Chaplain; second, as the remorseful and hysterical witness of Joan's burning; and lastly, 25 years later, as the senile, wit-wandering country parson. In the Trial scene, the Inquisitor was played like a death's head with a fine sepulchral voice by Graeme Tennick; Edward Boyle acted as the coldly legal yet zealot Prosecutor; whilst in stark contrast Callum Lane, as the saintly Brother Martin, pleaded for Joan's acquittal. Torquil Kellie revelled in his role as block Executioner, whilst Stewart Boyle was most sartorially elegant in morning coat, top hat and an assumed bewildered expression.

The school was fortunate to be able to enlist Miss Sarah McGillivray to play the part of Joan. Fortunately, because she agreed to step into the part five weeks before performance, and fortunate because she showed her ability to play so demanding a role. As enthusiastic, idealistic peasant girl, to Commander-in-Chief in armour, to pitiable accused, to enigmatic Saint in the Epilogue, Sarah gave a portrayal of full range, as well as a presence of dignity and pathos. She deserved in the excellence of her acting, the quality and diversity of all the boys' performances.

No play goes on without the unheard, unseen people behind and in front of the stage. Mr Philip, Mr Squires, Mr Shannon, Mrs Hankinson, Mrs McKeitch, Mrs McGillivray and many many other ladies did much to help the play run smoothly. But in a real sense, it was the boys who were backstage, who produced the scenery, who operated the school's new lighting equipment, that deserve the greater applause. We thank them, and especially Donald Johnstone who, as prompter and scene recorder, attended more rehearsals than anyone.

Finally, of "St. Joan" and their production, the last words are those from a letter received from a member of the audience: "During thirty years, I have attended many well-produced plays and musicals world-wide (including a performance of St. Joan in New Brunswick) but I shall remember the Queen Victoria School Dramatic Society production of St. Joan when the others are long forgotten."

ST. JOAN : THE CAST

Chorus Page	David Fisher
Robert de Baudricourt	John Williamson
Steward	Scott Darling
Joan	Sarah McGillivray
Bertrand de Poulengy	Simon Thomson
Archbishop of Rheims	Kevin Brown
Constable of France	Sean Marr
Court Page	Fionn McKee
Gilles de Raes, Bluebeard	Nigel Hay
Captain La Hire	Jim McAllister
Dauphin	George Robertson
Duchess de Tremouille	Darren Orr
Lady	Frank McKerty
Dunois	Sean Milne
Dunois' Page	Peter McEachern
Richard de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick	Paul Robertson
Chaplain de Stogumber	Hamish McKee
Warwick's Page	Craig Blackhurst
Peter Cauchon, Bishop of Beauvais	Stewart Wilkie

The Inquisitor	Graeme Tennick
Canon d'Estivet, the Promoter	Edward Boyle
Canon de Courcelles	Michael Christie
Brother Martin Ladvenu	Callum Lane
Executioner	Torquil Kellie
English Soldier	John Williamson
Clerical Gentlemen	Stewart Boyle
Assessors and Scribes	Grant Black, Graham Bowden, Darren Guerin, Graeme Kidd, Nigel Murdoch, Keith Low
Courtier	Scott Darling
Soldiers	Stuart McInnes, Stuart McKay, Jason Ormiston, Andrew Smith
Sentry	Donald Johnstone
Lighting	Mr B. R. Philip, Kevin Sayers, George Campbell, Steven Murray
Sound Effects	Andrew McIntyre
Stage Staff	Mr T. Shannon, Ian Baird, Scott Cherry, Kevin McAvoy
Props	Andrew Millar
Curtain	Grant McIntosh
Prompter	Donald Johnstone
Scenery	Mr M. J. Squires, Scott Burns, Edward Boyle, Stuart McGillivray, George Campbell, Paul Geddes, Sean Milne
Make-up	Mrs J. Hankinson, Mrs M. McGillivray and ladies
Costumes	School: Mrs J. Hankinson, Torbay Costume Hire, Landsdowne Theatrical Supplies
Publicity and House	Mr B. R. Philip
Producer	The Headmaster

BURNS' SUPPER 1987

The Annual Burns' Supper was held in the School Theatre on Thursday, 12th February, 1987, when fifty two guests: staff, wives and Senior boys of Haig House paid tribute, or in some cases learned what was to be attributed, to their national poet. An excellent meal was provided by Mr Henderson and his staff: soup, haggis, neeps, tatties, followed by apple pie and cream, and coffee. Those who dined heartily and regaled each other with mutual pleasantries wish to thank the six fourth year boys who acted so admirably as waiters that evening.

The guests having been welcomed by the Headmaster, the Selkirk Grace was given by Lieut. Colonel N. E. Macleod, after which the haggis was triumphantly piped in by Pipe Major Paul Smith, with whom the Chef toasted the assembled company in the proper Gaelic manner. Monitor John Williamson evinced considerable relish and a strong Scots accent of unknown derivation in his delivery of the Address to the Haggis. The 'demo' haggis (demonstration or was it demolition?) was deeply trenched allowing the juice to flow as freely as John's tongue around Burns' words.

The assembly being replete with all things fattening, Brigadier Tweedy proposed the Loyal Toast which was followed by two Burns' songs rendered most poignantly by Mr Philip and Mr Robertson. Thereafter the main part of the evening, The Immortal Memory, was given by Mr H. Brown, calling as he did upon his extensive knowledge of Burns and his equally extensive fierce Scottish pride. Mr Brown spoke most eloquently on the life, the times, the poetry and the vision of the non-ploughman poet.

After such strong and stern stuff, a lighter touch was provided in the sweet rendition of two more Burns'

songs by Mrs Helen Muirhead: 'Ye Banks and Braes' bringing tears to the eyes of older generations, and 'A Highland Lad' for the benefit of the brawny Haig stalwarts.

Mr H. Berry, The School Sergeant Major, provided us with a unique and memorable 'Tam o' Shanter', a perfect pot-pouri for the non-cognisant, part anecdote, part commentary and part quoted extracts, in all a unique and very special review of that poem. After another Burns' song by Mr Philip, the Senior Monitor, Paul Robertson, gave, as one would expect from such a confident speaker, a Toast to the Lassies which was a nice balance between the appropriate references to what men recognise as the charming as well as the alarming, found in The Lassies. With proper caution, Paul gave his final emphasis to their undoubted merit, beauty and wit. In replying, Mrs Tweedy regaled the company with her own lyrics, composed and delivered with a humour and style that re-inforced the idea of female praiseworthiness. This in turn was followed by a last song by Mr Robertson.

For the near traditional recitation of 'To a Mouse' the gathering was privileged to hear Scott Johnstone's own rendition of mixed whimsy and pathos; most especially did we all gasp at his poignant delivery of the 'guess and fear' bit!

Pipe Major Paul Smith entertained us next with his Piper's programme, whereupon, by popular request, Mr Victor Carroll, President of the Old Victorians' Association, repeated his wee gem of last year, 'The Puddin'', a superlative piece of Glaswegian high culture.

The Commandant gave the Vote of Thanks, Auld Lang Syne was sung and so ended another convivial school Burns' Supper.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public speaking, largely in competition with other schools, has progressed well this year. Again debating has not been a major activity, in part because of the lack of members of staff specifically involved and part because boys' enthusiasm has gone towards Public Speaking and Dramatics. Nevertheless, the school entered a team for the first round of the E.S.U. Debating Competition in November 1986, in which the Q.V.S. team of George Robertson and Graeme Tennick opposed the motion against St Leonard's School that 'The cost of Nuclear Power is too high a price to pay'. Either our policies or our unwillingness to argue with females, or both, did not take us into the second round. In the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition we fared far more favourably. On Thursday, 27th November, 1986, Chairman, Paul Robertson, Speaker, George Robertson and Voter of Thanks, Graeme Tennick, went through the first round with consummate ease, having learnt the lessons of last year that late speech writing and poor preparation mitigate against natural talent. Out theme that evening was: 'Prejudice' with our strong bias against it.

In the second round, held on January 22nd, 1987, in

which Queen Victoria School was host school, the competition was between Dollar Academy, Falkirk High School, George Heriot's School, Glenalmond, Perth Academy and ourselves. The subject of our Speech was "The Pros and Cons of Enlightened Anarchy" in which George Robertson propounded his own idiosyncratic version of the need and validity for individualism. In the face of such stern competition from five known 'speaking' schools, his humour, Paul's charm and Graeme's adroitness saw us through to the next round. The E.S.U. semi-finals were held on the 2nd March, 1987, at St Saviour's School, Dundee who won through to the Final. It has to be admitted that once again Q.V.S. haste in preparation was our undoing — yet another lesson, thank you! Nevertheless, in six years of competition to have got to the National Semi-finals this year is most encouraging.

Q.V.S. took part in two or three Social Debates. Most memorable was at Kilgraston where Donald Marshall was 'blooded' whilst opposing the motion: "That Santa Claus should be Mother Claus."

Later in the year, Sean Milne spoke admirably on the subject he is completely versed in. In a Raft Debate, he pleaded his cause to be saved as God's gift to womankind. Lastly, we congratulate Michael Christie on Being Runner-up in the Association of Speakers' Clubs Public Speaking Contest. It was Michael's first public speech outside the school: he was excellent, both in wit and style of delivery. It is thought that he did not come first because his speech was too witty!

In view of those who may well be returning next year, as well as younger boys who have yet to compete, the school Speaking Club looks forward with certain competitiveness to next year's programme.

That at the end of the Speaking Session, Michael Christie and Edward Boyle won the Glenalmond Debating Trophy, speaks for itself!

Chapel Notes

Where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt.

*My religion's kept in mothballs,
Seldom sees the light of day;
But it won't rust, despite the dust,
Nor suffer from decay.
I took it out and dusted it
At Easter '63.*

*Then once again at Wembley when
I sang "Abide with me."*

*Appearances they average
Not even once a year,
But please don't call me "pagan"
For I'm really quite sincere.
I'm certain when I'm old, or ill,
Or have a touch of gout,
I'll reach for my religion
And I'll throw the mothballs out.*

I write to report many blessings in yet another very full Chapel year. Despite the fact that the school is very unusual in that unlike a day school we attend Chapel every week day and every Sunday in school term I am pleased to say that I have never met a young lad who

has had a bad thing to say about Jesus Christ. However, I'm afraid I cannot say that about what the young people think about 'the Church'.

Their genuinely sincere questions about the established Church they see all around them: their real, heartfelt criticisms about those who call themselves 'Christians' in name but are really something quite different in practice, has I believe continued greatly to the general lack of young people attending worship today.

Gordon Bailey, the author of the poem that appears at the beginning of my article sought to attack the type of Christianity that the young people see and describe to me. He puts my thoughts into words when he wrote . . . "I do not knock the sincere, but the insincere; I do not point the pen at the mistaken, but the hypocrite; I do not seek to ridicule those who have been misled, but those who mislead and misrepresent: I mean no hurt to those who assume they know what is right and true, but feel angry when obvious relevant and positive truth is perverted or deliberately avoided. In a world where young people, possibly more than ever before demand to know the truth, I plead, for an end to sham, pretence, hypocrisy, and all things counterfeit"

What a challenge for any Chaplain or any member of staff!

List of Communicants for the Church of Scotland Admission service, 8th March, 1987.

Jason Bain, Christopher Berry, James Boyle, Ralph Bowman, Ross Coleman, William Hamilton, Billy Hughes, Cameron Hunter, John Jardine, David Kay, Robert Kelly, Gary Malone, Iain MacNeil, Scott McEivie, Colin McGrath, Andrew McInnes, Christopher McKay, Anthony Millar, Michael Morgan, Derek Murray, Nigel O'Connor, Peter Pritchard, Calum Redpath, Dean Ross, Matthew Smith, Alasdair Tennick, Alexander Wilkie, Gary Wood, Jason Wood.

Guest Preachers:

21st September, 1986. Rev. G. Forbes, Perth (Episcopal Church).

12th October, 1986. Rev. B. McGregor, Assistant Minister, Dunblane Cathedral.

16th November, 1986. Rev. W. Burns, M.B.E., M.A., B.D., C.F., J.P., Angus.

8th March, 1987. Rev. J. F. Miller, B.A., M.A., B.D., Minister Dunblane Cathedral.

29th March, 1987. Rev. J. Harkness, O.B.E., Q.H.C., M.A., Chaplain General (Army).

24th May, 1987. Rev. A. Orrock, M.A., B.D., Chaplain Emeritus.

21st June, 1987. Very Rev. Dr. Selby Wright, C.V.O.

I place on record the School's deep appreciation and indebtedness to the above named guests who have occupied the Chapel Pulpit over the past three terms. The life of the School has been enriched by each in turn.

Finally a most sincere thank you to all the members of staff and families connected to the School who have provided the flowers week by week. My personal very real appreciation to my organist Mr David Robertson, Head of Music, and both the School Elders from the Cathedral, Mr B. Philip and Mr J. Hankinson.

Chaplains:

Father C. Adamson, Roman Catholic Chaplain.

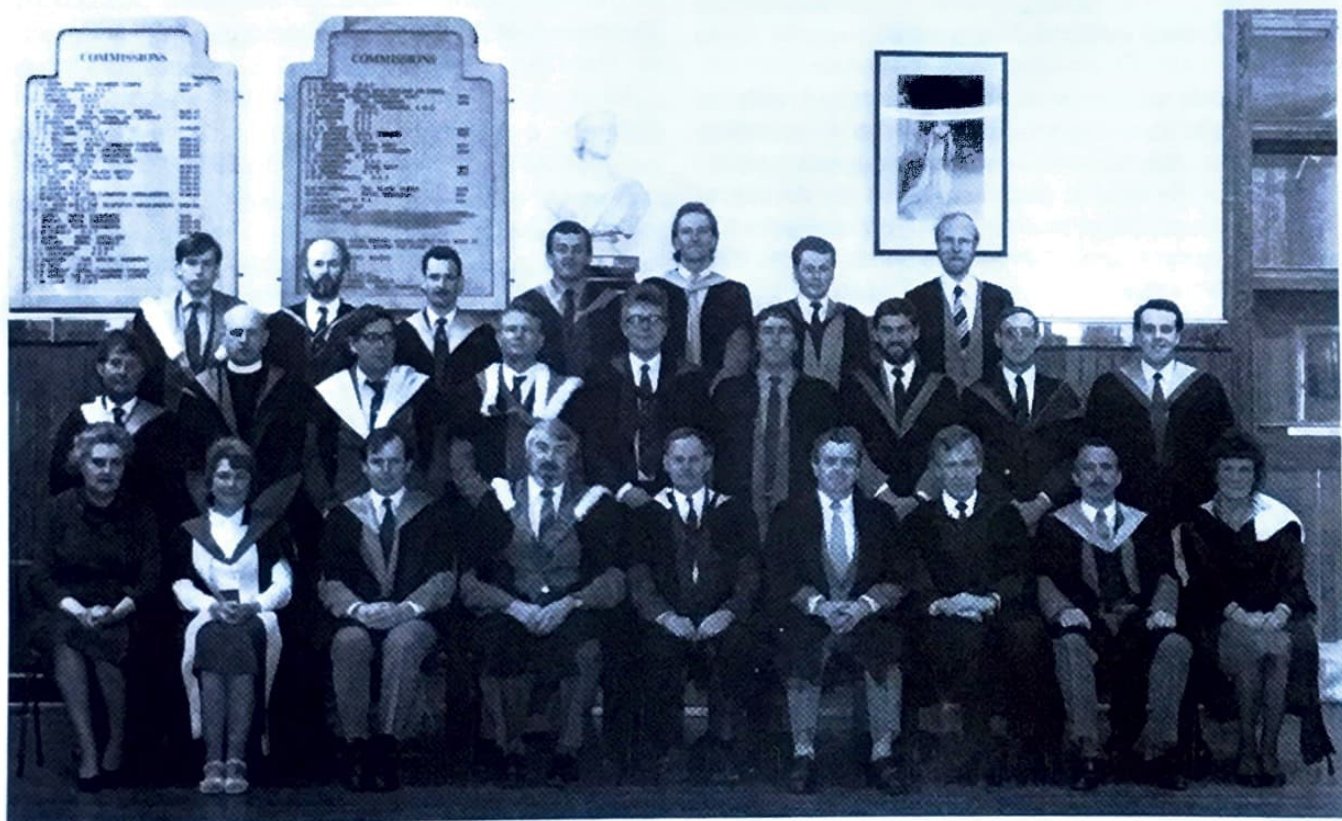
Rev. Dr. G. Tellini, Episcopalian Church Chaplain.

Rev. J. R. Silcox, Resident Church of Scotland Chaplain.

J.R.S.



The Colour Party



Staff of Q.V.

SCRIPTURE UNION

The inaugural meeting of the S.U. attracted thirty boys in the eleven to fourteen age group but we have now settled to an average attendance of eighteen boys at any routine Friday evening meeting.

Our regular venue is the school hospital but we have been found as far afield as the chapel and teaching block when facilities have necessitated this.

'Religion' is not the average schoolboy's penchant and for that reason a balance has been aimed at of combining serious study and prayer with activities of a lighter nature. Included in the latter have been a beetle drive, quizzes and a sing-a-long. Serious studies have included bible reading followed by discussion, educational videos and film strips.

Before Christmas the two aspects were combined in preparing to give a nativity play reading to the boys of Wavell House. Great fun was had by all at these pre-Christmas meetings and in spite of various hiccups and last minute cast changes with never a hundred per cent attendance, it was alright on the night, though one suspects the attraction to identifying the participants, and recognising various items of clothing and paraphernalia, proved to be far more riveting than the well known story and dialogue.

We have paid one outside visit to a hospice nearby where we were shown round by the Chaplain and told of the work that goes on there. Afterwards the boys danced, sang and played musical instruments for the patients.

We have been visited by the Rev. Eddy McKenna the S.U. chaplain responsible for groups in boarding schools who entertained us with his guitar, and also by an S.U. group of teenagers from a local school who entertained and instructed us in a thoroughly up to date way.

S.U. holds summer camps in Scotland and as several boys have expressed an interest in attending one of these we hope to send someone this year.

Finally at the end of this first year, I would like to thank all members of staff and anyone else who has helped in any way to further the work of the S.U. group here at Q.V.S.

Many thanks.

J.W.

MUSIC

The Music Department has continued to flourish this session. The instrumental tuition has increased and now includes solo-singing taught by Mrs McFarlane and Mr Dallas. We were also fortunate to have Mrs Armstrong to help with woodwind during maternity leave. The choirs and instrumentalists have been busy this year with a large number of concerts.

There have been numerous visits this year to concerts and operas and concerts with the Central Region Youth choir. Another highlight of the year was the joint concert with Beaconsfield Grange School when we performed Vivaldi's "Gloria" and highlights from Handel's "Messiah."

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examinations in piano have produced good results.

Iain Baird, Kevin Sayers, Gordon Stewart, Craig Wood, Iain Veitch and Steven Veitch all passing Grade 1, and Stewart Wilkie, Kevin Brown and Joseph McAuley passing Grade 3.

Much hard work by many boys who are building a good tradition of music in the School.

D.R.

CAROL SERVICE

This session's carol service was held on Sunday, 14th December, 1986. The service was conducted by Rev. J. R. Silcox, our Chaplain. Again the Chapel was crowded by parents, friends, O.V.s and the School — an overwhelming success. Impressive was the active involvement of well over half the School. The service took the form of congregational carols, Christmas Readings and items by the choirs and instrumentalists.

The Senior Choir sang 'Good King Wenceslas', 'I Saw Three Ships', 'God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen', and 'Calypso Carol'. Impressive was the cantata 'The Christmas Jazz' sung by the Junior Choir, and their other items accompanied by the instrumental ensemble. This year the Woodwind Group played the French carol 'Il est né' and the Brass Group played 'Zither Carol' and accompanied the congregation in 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'.

The Mixed-Voice Ensemble were delightful in 'Pie Jesu' from 'Requiem' by Andrew Lloyd-Weber. The climax to the evening was Band Aid's 'Feed the World', fully amplified!!

Organists for the evening were Mrs McFarlane and Mr Robertson, piano accompaniment by Mrs Mitchell and Mr Robertson, with the choirs conducted by Mr Philip and Mr Robertson. Grateful thanks are also due to the instrumental tutors for their help and to Mrs Thompson of Central Region who played bass guitar in 'The Christmas Jazz'.

All in all a well supported and much enjoyed evening.

D.R.

THEATRE VISITS AND CONCERTS 1986/87

"As You Like It": Shakespeare: T.A.G. Theatre Company.

"An Ideal Husband": Wilde: Citizens Theatre.

"Cards on the Table": Agatha Christie: MacRobert Theatre.

"The Representative": Hochhuth: Citizen's Theatre.

"Cinderella": MacRobert Theatre.

"Death of a Salesman": Millar: Citizen's Theatre.

"Macbeth": Shakespeare: Compass Theatre.

"The Good Person of Szechwan": Brecht: MacRobert Theatre.

"Simple Minds": Pop Group.

"Jenufa": Scottish Opera.

"Fiddler on the Roof": Scottish Opera.

"The Scottish Ensemble": B.B.C. Scottish Symphony Orchestra.

M.I. Whitburn Brass Band.

"Human League": Pop Group.

Central Region Youth Choir Concerts.

Choral concerts.

Scottish National Orchestra

and various assorted Pop Concerts.

Old Victorians' Association



"Good Morning, can I help you."

Mr J. V. Carroll, President, Old Victorians' Association, at work in the Association Office.

President — J. V. Carroll

Secretary — J. Quinn

Treasurer — J. W. White

Greetings, from all members of the Central Branch, to all Old Victorians, wherever you may be.

It is with very great pleasure that we can report that there is a possibility that the London Branch may soon awaken from its long period of hibernation. Gary Anderson with the assistance of our old friend Ron Taylor are now in contact with several Old Victorians who live in the London Area. We wish them the best of fortune in their endeavours and promise them all the assistance we can possibly provide. All Old Victorians who may be interested in joining the London Branch, please contact Gary at 61A St. Stephens Avenue, Shepherds Bush, London, W12. Telephone No. 01-749-5953.

The Grand Day Parade, 1986, attracted a large turnout of Old Victorians. There were far too many to mention all by name. Again there was a goodly number of the younger element. Thank you for coming, we hope you enjoyed the very fine spectacle. Once again the weather was on its best behaviour. The boys put on a fine display under the command of Senior Monitor, Paul Doran. The very high standard of drill, steadiness in the ranks and the marching in slow time was remarked on by all present. The boys were a credit to their parents and their instructors as was stated by the Inspecting Officer, Air Vice Marshal D. C. G. Brook, C.B.E., RAF Air Officer Scotland and

Northern Ireland, in his remarks at the close of the Parade. After tea, the Pipes and Drums and Highland Dancers put on a fine display for their guests. A most enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Our Reunion Weekend which was held on Sat./Sun., 28th Feb./1st Mar., was an unqualified success. There was a massive turnout of members and we were completely swamped by the younger element, which is most gratifying as it shows we are getting the message across at long last. Our rugger fifteen did us proud with a magnificent victory over the School 1st XV — 16 points to 12. All present agreed it was the best team we have ever fielded. Our thanks must go to the efforts of our sports representatives, Angus Ingram and Tom Gemmill. Keep up the good work lads and let us have more of the same next year. Sad to relate our Shooting Team did not fare quite so well, although we did not disgrace ourselves. Jack Quinn, our esteemed Secretary, scored a magnificent 90 points and even our oldest team member scored an impressive 79 points. Not at all bad considering he had not held a rifle of any description for a period of over thirty years.

After a very fine repast in the School Theatre, the Annual General Meeting was called to order. During the meeting the Commandant, Brigadier O. R. Tweedy, spoke at some length to the assembled company on the subject of the coming Grand Day Parade and the Presentation of New Colours. The Headmaster, Mr Julian D. Hankinson, M.A., conducted the Election of Office Bearers who will take the Branch into the next decade. All three sitting members were returned unopposed and in a short speech the Headmaster paid tribute to the Committee for their past efforts and congratulated the Branch Members on the wisdom of their decision. On his return to the platform, the President thanked the members on behalf of the Committee for what in effect was an overwhelming vote of confidence. He promised to continue to arouse interest in the Old Victorians' Association by all Victorians even those who were still attending the School on full time education. During the discussion of "Any further business" it was proposed that the Branch, to mark the occasion of the visit to the School by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, show our appreciation in some small way. It was unanimously agreed that we present the School with a new Drum Major's Mace, suitably inscribed and presented at some time during the Grand Day Celebrations. It was further proposed that all long serving members of the School Staff, on retirement would, as our parting gift, elect them Honorary Life Members and present them with an Association Tie. This proposal received universal agreement and the first to benefit from this proposal was Lt. Col. N. E. MacLeod, O.B.E., R.A. (retd.), on his retirement on Monday, 30th March, 1987.

Saturday evening, 28th February, was spent in amiable company relating tales which invariably commenced with the words "Do you remember" etc. Sunday, 1st March, unfortunately dawned extremely

dull and wet and the March Past after Morning Church Service had to be cancelled. Our sympathies to Major Bill Kerr, R.E., who had travelled a far distance to take the salute, on his being deprived of his moment of glory by the weather. Don't worry, Bill, you are first on the list for next year and if you can make it you can rest assured that both you and Mrs Kerr will receive a welcome which will remain with you for always.

Once more the President was permitted to speak to the prospective school leavers on the subject of the Association. There is no doubt that these talks do have an influence on those who attend as we are most certainly benefiting through our membership. At the time of preparing these notes we have passed that all important figure of 400 members. Our sights have now been raised to reach 500 members by the Annual General Meeting in March, 1990. Our thanks are due to the Headmaster for his most helpful co-operation as our ex-officio Recruiting Officer, also to the gentlemen of the front office who ensure that all visiting Old Victorians complete the appropriate forms.

A very big thanks to all members who have corresponded during the year. It can not be overemphasised that it is of paramount importance that you keep the Committee informed of any changes in circumstances, such as change of address, promotions, appointments, decorations and/or degrees.

Your attention is once more drawn to the efforts being made to display memorabilia of past members of the School in the Colours Room. Should you have any memorabilia of the School or of a Military Nature, please pass it to the commandant, he will be delighted to hear from you.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to hearing from you or seeing you in the not too distant future.

Our very best wishes for your continuing good health and happiness.

OBITUARIES

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following Old Victorians:—

A. J. Archer (19)

Alf was the subject of the painting of "The Boy" which was painted in 1913 and now hangs in the Central Hall. He left the School in 1915 and enlisted in the Army Ordnance Corps as it was then known. After only 5 years service he received an early transfer to the Army Reserve and joined the Postal Services. He was recalled to the Colours on the outbreak of hostilities in September 1939 and served with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He was posted to the Free Polish Forces and saw service in Egypt, Italy and Palestine with their Battle Headquarters. He retired as a WO1 (Sub./Cond.). As a member of the London Branch he attended the Presentation of Colours Ceremony in 1967 and was presented to Her Majesty, The Queen, on that very auspicious occasion. He died in London on 24th November, 1986, aged 86.

J. G. (Skorrie) Anderson (573)

Skorrie attended the School from 1917 to 1921. He died on 24th June, 1986, and was buried in his home town of Wick on 26th June (Grand Day), 1986. We are aware that he was demobilised in Singapore in 1946 and that afterwards he was employed in his trade as a painter and decorator by Harveys of York Place, Edinburgh.

Bill (Nigger) Bradley (957)

Bill died in East London Fortune Hospital at the age of 74. He had been a patient there for several years. He was buried at North Berwick on 26th March, 1986. He left the School in 1926 and enlisted as a boy in the Royal Garrison Artillery when horses were an essential part of that Regiment. He served with the 8th Army until the landings in Italy in 1943 when he volunteered for service with the Commandos. He saw service in Yugoslavia and fought with the Partisans against the common enemy. Whilst on operations in that country, he met and was introduced to Marshal Tito, the famous Partisan Leader. After demobilisation, he returned to North Berwick and served the community as a Postman where he was well known and well respected.

John R. West (1453)

John died in hospital near Ottawa on 16th August, 1986, after suffering for some time with cancer. He was 65 years of age. John joined the School in the summer of 1930 and was boy Drum Major when he left to join the Scots Guards in 1936 to become a member of the Pipe Band of the 1st Bn. Soon after the outbreak of War in 1939, he was severely injured in a motor-cycle accident whilst on a Divisional Exercise and as a result he was downgraded. After the War he became Company Sergeant Major of the Left Flank Company of the 1st Bn. He then had a spell as a Drill Instructor at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, after which he was posted to the Guards Depot, Caterham, as Drill Sergeant (WOII). He transferred to the newly formed Guards of Canada and very soon afterwards became their Regimental Sergeant Major. He retired from the Canadian Armed Forces at the age of 55 years after 40 years in uniform. He was awarded the Canadian Decoration in recognition of his dedicated service. He took up employment with the local Works Department of the Canadian Government until 1985 when he was struck down with cancer. Johnny was every inch a Guardsman and upheld the traditions of his Regiment and his old School. He is survived by his wife and two grown up children.

A. Biggerstaff (2037)

Joined the School in 1939 and left in 1944 to join the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and reached the rank of Sergeant. He died on 20th August, 1986, aged 57 years.

D. McKenzie

Died on 27th January, 1986. It is believed he enlisted in the Royal Scots in 1941 and served with them until

transferring to the Parachute Regiment in 1947. This information was received from W. McCabe (1756) who noticed the obituary in the March 1986 edition of the Soldier Magazine.

R. Mill (2338)

Died on 11th January, 1987, aged 49 years. When he left the School he was called up for National Service and served his two years with the Seaforth Highlanders as a Private Soldier. It was his wish that when his time came, that his Old Victorian Blazer Badge and Tie should be buried with him. His wish was carried out and these two items which he cherished and wore with pride went to his grave with him. We are indebted to his daughter Yvonne for this information.

L. A. West (1715)

Leslie (Gog) was born at Caterham, Surrey, the fourth son of Sergeant Major Instructor (WO1) John West, Army Physical Training Staff, Chief Instructor, Guards Depot. He followed his older brothers William (1208), John (1453) and George (1620) to the School in 1936. He joined the Pipe Band as a Drummer and became Boy Drum Major for a brief period. He left the School in 1940 and returned to his home. In 1941 he joined the Merchant Navy as a Steward. He served mainly on Oil Tankers and came through the War unscathed. After the War he gained a place in the Redhill College of Art and successfully completed a three year course. He then secured employment with an American firm in London as a Commercial Artist. He worked on such advertisements as "BP packs Punch" and "A tiger in your Tank." In 1967 he took up a position in Italy, but fell ill with heart trouble. He remained in hospital in Italy for a very long time before returning to the United Kingdom as an invalid. He never worked again and through sheer courage managed to keep his family of four together. He always said that life was very precious and that he just lived from day to day, always hoping. He was aware that he was living on borrowed time and suffered his fatal heart attack on the evening of 1st March, 1987. Gog will be missed for his light hearted view of the world and his great sense of fun.

T. Tunnah

Tommy attended the School from 1917 to 1922 and was a very keen footballer. He played goalkeeper for the Old Victorians football team in the late 20's and early 30's. he also played professionally for the old Scottish 2nd Division team, St. Bernards. He died on 9th March, 1987. Old Victorians present at his funeral were Jock Malloy, Jock Balgarrie, George Munro and George Mooney.

SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE

From: The Old Victorians' Association; in reply to an enquiry from the Duke of York's RMS concerning the evacuating of their pupils to Q.V.S. in autumn of 1940. The contents of this letter requires wider reading.

Dear Sir,

It was so nice speaking with you on Tuesday of last

week, 4th November. As requested, I have carried out quite a bit of research into the subject of the evacuation of the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover to the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, in the autumn of 1940.

My sources are twofold. Firstly, I have been in contact with the individual who was the Quartermaster at Q.V.S. at that time. I will give a little of his background before imparting his very valuable contribution. Secondly, the information is of a documentary nature, compiled from various magazines and documents by the immediate past President of the Old Victorians' Association. Please find enclosed a photocopy of this evidence.

Now to the main contributor, Mr W. A. (Bill) Masterson. Bill is an ex-Royal Hibernian Military School boy and was in residence when his father was reported killed in action at the Battle of Loos in June 1915. On leaving the Hib, Bill enlisted in the 1st Black Watch (RHR) where he served until he was invalided in 1931. Bill was a Sergeant and a very keen hockey player. Late in 1930 he suffered a severe blow to the head from a hockey stick which resulted in acute deafness. He joined the Staff of Queen Victoria School in 1931 when I first came in contact with him. I was a very small boy of 13 years and still spoke with a bit of an Irish brogue which brought me to his attention and we have been friends ever since. He remained at Q.V.S. until 1946 when he was transferred to the new DHSS Department as a Senior Executive Officer. He was Quartermaster at Q.V.S. from 1940.

I will pass his story as it was passed to me and in order that there will be no misunderstandings or ambiguity I will present it in the first person as if he were speaking to me directly:

"Vic my dear boy, you have asked some very weird and wonderful questions of me over the years (you always were an inquisitive little brat) but this time you are certainly putting it to me. Please remember, after a lapse of some 46 years and taking my age of 82 years into consideration, I may leave out a few of the minor details. However, as far as I can recollect the facts at that time will be those which affected me regarding the move of the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School to the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane.

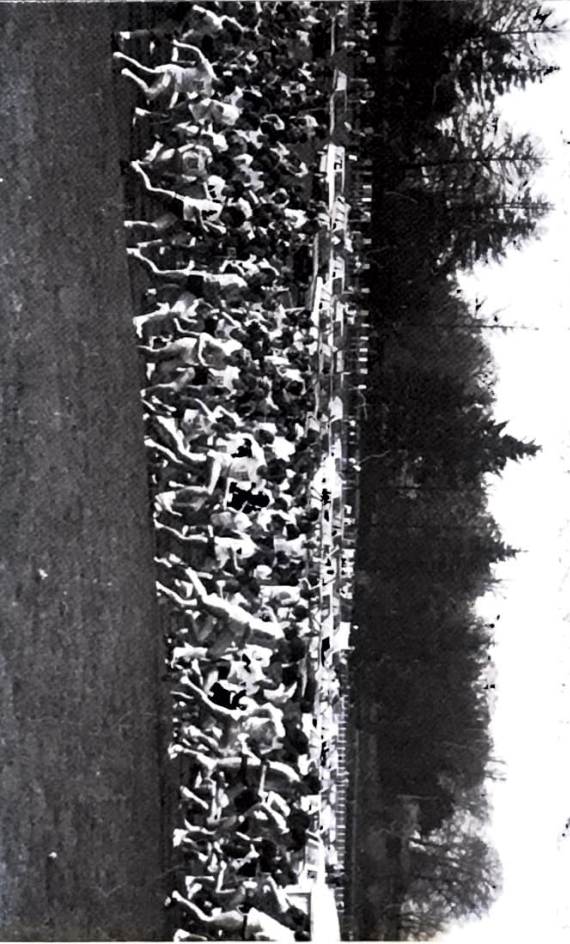
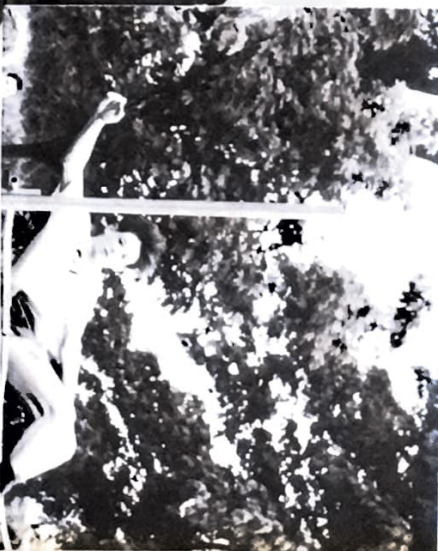
As you are aware, I was 1/c Administration and Quartering at Queen Victoria School from May 1940 to December 1946 when I was transferred to the DHSS (Civil Service with promotion).

As far as my memory now serves me the then Commandant was Major W. L. Clark, RAEC, who joined the Q.V.S. Teaching Staff as Headmaster and took over command of the school when Col. G. E. Hall was recalled to the Colours on the outbreak of hostilities in September, 1939.

You will remember well, after you were evacuated from Dunkirk at close of the action in France and Belgium in May/June 1940 there was the threat of a Nazi Invasion and the Battle of Britain was about to



STILL NOT SO STILL LIFE AT Q.V.S.



commence. The enemy brought some very heavy guns to bear to fire across the Straits of Dover, the Southern Ports were threatened by enemy air activity and the Prime Minister was delivering his stirring speeches encouraging the people to the defence of their native land. I assume that it would be about this time that the powers that be were deciding what was to be done about the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

Please excuse me if I can't remember the exact date of the proposed evacuation but I well remember the salient points. They were as follows:

The Commandant was advised by War Office one morning to expect a batch of some 200 pupils from the D.Y.R.M.S. who were being evacuated to the Q.V.S. that day. This proposed transfer was notified to me at 10.00 hours and I was instructed to be prepared to receive the boys at 22.00 hours same day. My task was to obtain the necessary stores and extra rations etc for their reception and accommodation.

It was a very tall order to accomplish in the time available. I realised that this was a case where it would be necessary to cut corners and ignore 'Red Tape'. This I was determined to do. I went to the RAOC Depot in Stirling and explained the situation to the Staff Officer on duty (a civil servant) and demanded that things be pushed to meet my requirements to ensure a smooth reception for our young guests — there would be no indents or requisitions in respect of stores, rations or transport. He passed me on to the Ordinance Officer responsible for the materials I required, who happened to be a Major W. Lenton, an Old Victorian. Needless to say all stops were pulled and all requirement supplied including the necessary transport and despatched, arriving at Q.V.S. at 16.00 hours.

On arrival at Q.V.S. all CSM's, Pioneers and as many of the school Staff who were available were alerted and all had their work cut out to have all prepared for the arrival of our young guests. It was a mad rush to ensure that all their needs would be met.

Eventually our guests arrived, not at 22.00 hours as expected, but at 02.30 hours next morning after a very long, tiring and difficult journey, having had to contend with numerous delays en route due to enemy air activity. We who witnessed their arrival greatly admired the fortitude of these magnificent young boys. Even after the trials of the journey, they were extremely cheerful and were delighted to tuck into a substantial meal before hitting the hay for what was left of that very long day. At this point in my narrative I would like to say that the staff of Q.V.S., both military and civil excelled themselves in their efforts to make our "New Boys" welcome and feel at home.

During their stay at Q.V.S. they soon became fully integrated into the school way of life and indeed all clamoured to be "Rigged Out" as Victorians. Unfortunately, they were denied this pleasure due to the War Time clothing restrictions. However, those boys who became proficient as musicians in the various bands "Rigged Out" as Q.V.S. boys. All the remainder wore

the Q.V.S. blue jersey, shorts and green hose. Their walking out dress was D.Y.R.M.S. Khaki Jackets, shorts and Forage Caps. I am sure they were delighted nevertheless to be away from the horror of the War prevailing in the south at that time.

Many of these young men distinguished themselves as musicians and became Bandmasters in the Army. One outstanding young chap Duncan Beat, became Director of Music to the Scots Guards whom you have informed me is now Chief Instructor and Director of Music at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall.

Vic, Please forgive me for being so long winded on this subject, but remember 46 years have passed me by since then. You can pick out the bits and pieces which you think will suit. So chum, that's it. Consign to the W.P.B. if necessary. If there is anything more I can do, please let me know.

Salaams,
Bill.

Sir, I hope the foregoing and the enclosed nominal roll will be of assistance to your historian. If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to call.

In the meantime, may I take this opportunity of wishing all members of staff and boys past and present of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, our very best wishes for your continuing good health and happiness from all members of staff and boys past and present of the Queen Victoria School.

Yours Sincerely,
Vic Carroll,
President,
Old Victorians' Association.

From: R. Bruce. August 1986.

Dear Mr Hankinson,

I write this letter to inform you of my plans for the future in light of various developments which have taken place this summer.

Let me first of all thank the School sincerely for the substantial award that I receive from the Scholarship Fund in May.

I am happy to say that I passed in exams with a 2(1) honours degree. I graduated in July, just as Andrew Easson finished his first year at Aberdeen University. It is good to see that the long history of Queen Victoria School boys at Aberdeen will not be broken, for the next few years at least.

I have just sat and passed the Regular Commissions Board and consequently I shall begin officer training at R.M.A.S. early in September. On passing out of Sandhurst I shall begin a short service commission with the Royal Engineers.

While I was at R.C.B. I found that the examining officers were extremely interested in Q.V.S. and, I thought, quite pleased to see a product of the School applying for a commission in the Regular Army.

I look forward to an opportunity to visit the School in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

R. Bruce.

From: James Jackson, M.B.E., A.C.I.S.

Dear Sir,

As an old boy of the School I wish to inform you that on Tuesday, 26th November, 1985, I was honoured by Her Majesty the Queen at an Investiture at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty decorated me with the M.B.E. for my services to British shipbuilding.

I was at Queen Victoria School from 1930 until 1936 and thereafter joined the Scots Guards, and served with regiment on active service during the war.

My School number was 1442 and I was a member of "A" Company.

In writing this letter I am acknowledging the great part that the School played in my success in life.

Yours Faithfully,

James Jackson.

From: William B. Macintosh. June 1986.

Dear Sir,

On arrival at the Army Open Day at Glencorse Barracks on Sunday, 15th June, 1986, I was a bit disappointed to learn that no Pipe Band from one of the Scottish Regiments was to perform.

My disappointment lasted only until the Pipe Band from Queen Victoria School marched proudly into the arena. Your boys were truly tremendous and really did you proud as they marched and counter marched. As an Ex-Gordon, I am very fond of pipe music, and it's a long long time since I heard a young band perform so well.

My grateful thanks to all the boys (not forgetting the dancers), for a splendid show and my congratulations to all concerned at Queen Victoria, not only for the grand sound, but also for the high standard of turnout and deportment of the boys.

Well done.

And may God bless you all.

Yours faithfully,

William B Macintosh.

From: John Corrigan.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a cutting from our local paper showing my son Stephen who with his brothers John and James were pupils at Q.V.S. Stephen (1962-68, School No. 2992) made this fearsome trip last year and the journey is being shown on Channel 4 at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 27th June. It may be of interest to the boys and any of the staff who remember him. Stephen is home on holiday from Australia to attend his two sisters' double wedding but at the moment is at sea in the schooner *Sir Winston Churchill*, returning on 5th July.

Yours faithfully,

John Corrigan.

CCF Section

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Contingent Commander: Wg. Cdr. I. T. Williams

RN Section: O.C.— Lieut. Cmdr. W. B. Webster, RNR

Lieut. T. Shannon, RNR

Army Section: O.C.— Capt G. M. Watson

Lieut. D. Garden

2nd Lieut. G. D. M. Carroll

WO1 H. Berry (SSI)

R.A.F. Section: O.C.— Flt. Lieut. M. J. Boast

Plt. Off. H. D. Brown

Supernumery to Est:— Major J. S. Silcox

With the departure of Capt. Jack Deeley at the end of the 1985-86 academic session (acknowledged in the 1986 edition of *The Victorian*) and whose original appointment was as SSI and latterly as O.C. Army Section, two new appointments had to be made for the new session. Capt. George M. Watson assumed the responsibilities of O.C. of the Army Section in addition to his other commitment to the Signals Section, whilst Mr Harry Berry formerly with the Black Watch (RHR) took up his appointment as SSI on assuming the position of School Sergeant Major after Grand Day 1986. Mr Berry comes to us with a wide experience and the valued expertise of the professional having completed his last service appointment as RSM of the School of Infantry, Warminster. We appreciate his commitment and enjoy his companionship.

There was no settling-in period during the first term as the Biennial Inspection was due on the 15th October — a mere six parades after start of term! The Ministry of Defence, however, can afford to be more leisurely and, at the beginning of the Summer Term, April 1987, the report is still being eagerly awaited. Our Inspecting Officer for the day was Colonel Duncan Gray Newton, Colonel Cadets and Chairman of the Joint Cadet Executive. We were honoured and privileged by his acceptance of the invitation and it gave us the opportunity to express our appreciation of his valuable service to, and his genuine interest in the cadet movement. It proved a most enjoyable day — the late autumn sun shone through the Scottish skies and "the rain remained mainly in London!"

Members of all three service sections of the CCF provided pipers and drummers for the Ceremony of Beating Retreat at Edinburgh Castle by the Pipes and Drums of the Scottish Combined Cadet Force contingent. We are grateful to Messrs J. M. MacKenzie and R. Brown, Pipe Major and Drum Major respectively of the School's Pipe Band for their support and preparation of the cadets.

Competition for the CCF Recruits Cups was again keenly contested. The winner of the cups for 1985-86 were cadets Ross Moultrie, Stewart Dow and Simon Scott of the R.N., Army and R.A.F. Sections respectively.

The Summer Camps for the Army section Cadets are being held in Hemer, BOAR and at Cultybraggan, Perthshire whilst the R.A.F. Section cadets return to R.A.F. Finningley, South Yorkshire.

We are again grateful for all the support and encouragement we receive from the liaison and career staff of all three services as well as from our own Commandant and Headmaster.
I.T.W.



RN Section

Mr Shannon joined the Section this year — he brings with him his ability to drive Glasgow U.R.N.U.'s "Attacker" and an instructional qualification for sailboards. This will add considerably to the Section's options. Mr Shannon is also an ardent hill walker and has achieved local notoriety regarding night exercises. Beware the moving tent!

The new recruits have settled in quickly and show a lot of promise. Numbers are well up, consistent with last year's over-demand, and sixty-eight boys have applied for the course this summer.

Getting sea time is as difficult as ever but the Section is optimistic that our new parent establishment, *HMS Neptune*, will have some suggestions — and certainly for Field Days. Our thanks to *HMS Camperdown* for their excellent support and particularly to C.P.O. Harrison. Finally to F.C.P.O. L. Curle who, sadly, is retiring this year as area instructor, go our best wishes for a happy retirement.

W.G.W

Army Section

The Army Section had an interesting and productive year. A new section was started up with the help of Sgt. Sprague of the R.C.T. This section learned the basic workings of the petrol engine, all the electronics and mechanics required in motor transport. Sgt.

Sprague was ably assisted by Sgt. Wernicki.

The Signals Section continued with its reduced numbers, while the Highland Tactical Team continued to go from strength to strength under the able leadership of Lt. D. Garden assisted by the Cadet Training Team. The Recruits were looked after by 2nd Lt. G. Carroll who did a great deal of work with them. Maj. J. Silcox was an invaluable help with the shooting while S.S.M. H. Berry looked after the admin. and helped in many other useful ways.

The camps were a great success and a report follows.

Ski Camp

This year saw the benefits of the Wavell Ski visits abroad. Virtually all the skiers were experienced and this made life much easier in terms of instruction.

The main difference in 1987 was that we all stayed at the Cameron Barracks in Inverness and travelled to the ski slopes, a journey of forty miles each way. This would not have been possible had it not been for the invaluable service of two members of the 277 Field Sqn. R.E. T.A., Lt. M. Gooderson and Cpl. W. Mika. Both gave invaluable help with transport, skiing and general duties around the camp with the boys.

As usual S.S.I. T. Thomson gave the sterling service he has given us over the past ten years and more. Mr R. Milne produced a most interesting and tasty fare for the camp. The School Sgt. Maj. Mr H. Berry and myself completed the team.

At the end of the camp the boys were tested on their skiing abilities and the following medals presented:—
GOLD — C. Berry, S. Boyle, P. McEachern, S. McKay.
SILVER — I. Campbell, I. Holland, M. Kerr, S. McGerty, I. McNeil, C. Maher, J. Stephens, A. Wilkie.
BRONZE — R. Bowman, C. McKay, C. Redpath, G. Wood, J. Wood.

My thanks again to all who helped to make the camp such a success and hopefully there are many more of these exciting and enjoyable camps to come.

G.M.W.

Summer Camp

The following personnel assisted with our summer camp at Cultybraggan; Maj. J. Silcox, Capt. G. Watson, Lt. D. Garden, 2nd Lt. G. Carroll and S.S.M. H. Berry.

A total of twenty-four boys attended the camp and they put up an excellent show. There were two competitions run during the camp, "Assault Course" and "March and Shoot." The cadets came second over all in the former and in the latter, having run themselves to the point of exhaustion, gaining an excellent time, let themselves down on the shooting part.

There were many other interesting activities for the boys, ending up with a three day hillwalking exercise in the Loch Lyon area. It was at this time that the hot weather we had during the camp really made life difficult.

The boys enjoyed the camp and did themselves proud. Many thanks to the officers and men of the Cadet Training Teams who made the camp such a success.

Highland Team

The Highland Team squads have been training hard throughout the year to build on the successes of the 1986 competition where the A team was placed 10th and the B team 16th.

Cadets taking part:—

<i>A team</i>	<i>B team</i>
C.S.M. D. Weir i/c	L/Cpl. S. Dempsey i/c
Sgt. T. Millar 2i/c	A/B M. Beaton 2i/c
F/Sgt. G. Gillies	L/Cpl. M. Crease
C.C.Y. P. Robertson	Cdt. D. Stubbs
C.P.O. S. Boyle	Cdt. S. Milne
J/Cpl. P. Smith	Cdt. P. McShannon
Sgt. J. Williamson	Cdt. S. Malloy
L/Cpl. D. Stewart	Cdt. J. Stuart

Reserve Cdt. J. McAuley

The teams did particularly well on the Assault Course but came down badly on First Aid. The 'B' team threw their "casualty" out of a window who tried to escape only to be brought down by a rugby tackle by Cdt. McShannon. No marks for First Aid technique.

This session started with a weekend exercise at Cambusbarron Training Area to provide enemy for the Naval Section. The Highland teams built very good tactical camps in the woods and proved to be so good at tactical movement and field craft that they stole their objective — a large water container — 30 minutes

before the exercise was due to start. The Naval Section spent the rest of the night looking for them but nobody was found until after the exercise was over.

The exercise later in the term had to be cancelled due to the extended October break caused by the School flooding. Just as many Wednesday afternoons were spent at Cambusbarron as possible. Instruction was provided by 23 Cadet Training Team and special thanks must go to Captain Spree, Sgt. Galbraith and Cpl. Hay.

At the end of the Easter term, C.S.M. Stubbs (R.S.D.G.) arranged an exercise with the military skills team of the Ayrshire Yeomanry (TA). Unfortunately a heavy fall of snow on the exercise area in Ayrshire made the road impassable to vehicles. The cadets set off on a 10 mile 'Yomp' through deep snow to the house where the T.A. were waiting. A hot meal was waiting for the cadets and the opportunity to dry out was welcome. The weather stopped any further training during the night and in the morning cadets marched out by another route to where transport was waiting.

D.G.

R.A.F. SECTION

Cadet NCOs as at 30th April 1987:

Sgt P. D. Robertson; Cpls P. J. Smith, D. J. Marshall; J/Cpls N. Brotherstone, N. J. Hay, S. Marr, J. Ormiston.

In the new Proficiency Exams all cadets passed. Out of the ten cadets sitting all five papers Cadets S. Cook, M. Stepney and G. Stewart all gained 82% and three cadets passed resit papers.

The Summer Term Field Day was spent at our affiliated Station R.A.F. Kinloss. We travelled to R.A.F. Lossiemouth on the Tuesday evening where we were accommodated overnight and then on to R.A.F. Kinloss after breakfast on the Wednesday. We were very well looked after and had a comprehensive guide of the station. There was no flying as the runway was under repair and we had to make do with a flight in a Nimrod Simulator. After a stop off at Aviemore on the way back we arrived back at school on the Wednesday evening.

The '86 Summer Camp was held at R.A.F. Buchan. At first sight the camp looked unusual as it originally was the accommodation used by workmen building the nearby power station. Two night exercises were planned between Scotstown and Rattray Heads allowing both teams to capture Air Vice Marshall Peter Heads (alias Wing Commander Williams) and his "dog". Other activities such as local map and compass work, swimming, canoeing, dune-racing, soccer, shooting, and a 20 mile hike were organised. One day was spent at R.A.F. Lossiemouth and a half-day spent looking round the radar and fire service at R.A.F. Buchan.

Air Experience Flying has continued throughout the year at No. 12 A.E.F. R.A.F. Turnhouse and 662 Gliding School, Arbroath. Our thanks go to Pilot Officer Brown for giving up his half-days and Wing Commander

Williams for taking the cadets to Arbroath and Edinburgh.

A new venture organised by Pilot Officer Brown is the training of recruits within the R.A.F. Section, under the leadership of J/Cpls N. Hay and S. Marr.

During the year we have had visits from our Air Cadet Liaison Officer, Flight Lieutenant Burn and Flight Sergeant Clarkson, our Cadet Liaison N.C.O., from R.A.F. Newton and Turnhouse respectively. Cadets have also been able to meet Flight Lieutenant Hay and his team for discussions on possible careers with the R.A.F.

M.J.B.

SHOOTING

A brief But Busy Moment

- The eye recognises a good sight picture.
- The eye informs the brain.
- The brain instructs the trigger finger.
- The trigger finger receives the message.
- The trigger finger moves approximately 5mm.
- The trigger is pressed.
- The sear disengages.
- The firing pin moves forward.
- The firing pin strikes the primer.
- The primer becomes deformed.
- The primer compound ignites.
- Flame passes through the flash hole.
- The main propellant ignites.
- The main propellant burns.
- Pressure rises within the case.
- The case expands fully to fit the chamber.
- The case grips the chamber.
- The back end of the bullet starts to move — the front remains stationary and compression occurs causing obturation.
- The whole bullet starts to move — maximum pressure occurs when the bullet is 2 inches up the barrel; most of the propellant is now burnt.
- Gas expands, pressure drops, the bullet moves up the barrel.
- The barrel is vibrating violently.
- Vibrations reach the muzzle before the bullet.
- The bullet emerges from the barrel.
- Gas emerges from the barrel.
- There is muzzle blast — which causes recoil.
- There is a flash.
- There is a bang — a round has been fired from a rifle.

This brief but busy moment has happened approximately 25,000 times over the past year in both small bore and full bore rifle shooting.

Every weekday during the hobby season and on a Sunday evening the small bore shots have been building up their experience and their scores. For the first time the School has entered this year in open adult competition with one team of five in the Perthshire Small Bore Winter League and five teams — twenty five boys — in the Summer League, with most rewarding results. This great depth of practice must surely be a very positive investment by the

coaching staff for the future of Shooting within the School.

Small bore Competitions: Scottish Rifle Association Strathcona Shield; and the National, Country Life; together with shoulder to shoulder shoots against Beaconsgrange with the younger lads and Strathallan for the more experienced.

Wavell. I am indebted to Mr Brown and Mr Carroll for their co-operation in releasing their younger lads to shoot .77 Air Rifles. While demand far outstrips supply (the young lads would quite happily spend all their school days on the range) it is encouraging to coach the potential School Ashburton team of the future and view with hope some very potentially good marksmen.

The full bore calendar. The school also participated fully in the major Scottish shooting calendar events: the District Cadet Rifle Meetings; the pre Bisley Ashburton; the Brock Shield; the Rankin and the Mullen with increasing confidence and expertise.

117th National Rifle Association, Bisley. Bisley is of course the 'Mecca' of all full bore shooters. This year we participated over four days in the following competitions: the Wellington; the Marborough Cup; the Iveagh Cup; the Public Schools Snapshooting; the Marling; the Cadet Pairs; the Cadet Fours; the Spencer Mellish and the Ashburton.

All of this would not be possible without a very dedicated team of skilled and enthusiastic coaches. I am personally extremely grateful to Mr David Garden (Chemistry) and Mr Harry Berry (S.S.M.) whose continuing support and dedicated effort make all this possible.

Finally we are indebted to the Commandant, Headmaster and our C.C.F. Contingent Commander, Wing Commander Williams for the very real and practical support extended throughout the whole year.

J.R.S.

RUGBY

1st XV

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Points Agst.
7	1	1	5	57	121

We, the 1st XV, would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Boast and his expert coaching staff for their help throughout the season.

Looking back at our record for the year it would seem obvious that we have not been able to fulfil our full potential with games being cancelled due to weather and strikes, causing long periods without matches. The games we have played we have by no means disgraced ourselves, pitted against larger and occasionally more skilful teams we have come through well.

The demolition of Morrisons was the high point of the season with such games as Fettes forcing a draw and narrow defeats by such teams as Lomond and the Old Victorians (arguably fielding their best team ever), following on.



1st XV Rugby

Due to the commitment and effort put in, I was very proud to captain this team through thick and thin. We enjoyed our Rugby.

J. J. Williamson

2nd XV

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Points Agst.
5	1	2	2	65	49

3rd XV

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Points Agst.
7	3	1	3	49	73
Strathallan	Won			4	0
Merchiston	Lost			12	30
Fettes	Won				
Rannoch	Draw			4	4
Edinburgh Acad.	Won			7	0
Keil	Draw				
Glenalmond	Lost				

1st YEAR XV

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Points Agst.
6	5	0	1	208	42

The first year first fifteen have done very well this season as I hoped. The team could not really be changed but our touch judge and sub Frank who was ready to replace anyone who was injured was always there.

We ended our season with a very good win over Stirling County. Altogether I think it has been a good season.

M.K. (captain)

TEAM

Left Prop	:	Matthew MacCabe (SL)
Right Prop	:	Colin Henderson
Hooker	:	Cameron McIntosh
2nd Row	:	Mark Smith
2nd Row	:	James Laws
Flanker	:	Hamish Sharp
Flanker	:	Paul Munro
No. 8	:	Douglas Hunter

Scrum ½	:	Mark Kane (C)
Stand off	:	Scott Harkin
Inside Centre	:	John MacAuley (VC)
Outside Centre	:	Craig Blackhurst
Left Wing	:	Iain Morris
Right Wing	:	David Fisher
Full Back	:	Scott Finlay
Sub:		Frank McGerty.

2nd YEAR TEAM

This year we played six games and we won all of them. Our best game was against Merchiston of Edinburgh. At half time we were well behind 14-0 but we put up a tremendous battle and came back to win

16-14. Most of the credit in our team must go to the forwards for putting in a lot of determination into their game pushing far heavier packs than themselves. Due to bad weather in the Easter term all our games were cancelled.

Our team was composed of the following boys: Forwards — A. McInnes, P. Porter, G. Wood, C. Redpath sl, W. Hamilton, C. McKay, C. Berry, C. McGrath.

Backs — J. Stephens, M. Smith, A. Millar, J. Jardine c, C. McKenzie, T. McAllister, J. Bain vc.

Coaches — Mr Robertson, Mr Williams, Mr Kelly, Mr Boast.

3rd YEAR XV

This season, we got off to a good start, winning our first few matches, but due to lack of practice sessions and competitive games the latter part of the season was very disappointing — only one match being played after the end of November.

During a season of mixed results the Strathallan and Kiel school games were most memorable in that the half time scores were heavily in our opponents' favour, but outstanding second half performances from the entire team resulted in a win against Strathallan and a 20-21 loss to Kiel.

Overall the team improved during the season but much was left undone and basic weaknesses in technique remained a problem.

Thanks to all those who represented both the A and B teams for their efforts and also for those who supported.

A special thanks must be given to Mr Squires, Mr Stewart and Mr Shannon for their coaching and support in all our games.

F. McA.

CROSS COUNTRY WEEKEND

On a Friday evening in early September, two minibuses full of boys, running kit and powdered food, made their way south through the hilly border country. The destination — a broken down outdoor centre at Corlaw, near Langholm. The purpose — a weekend, pre-season training get-together for our cross country keen beans. Supported by head chef Boast and chief safety expedition co-ordinator Shannon a fun time was had by all.

Training was light-hearted, e.g. a couple of 10 mile runs before breakfast spurred on by Seb Laing. Hikes to find Roman lookout posts created great excitement among the "budding" champions especially Gary Wood who was so overwhelmed by the occasion he had to be carried to the minibus.

The boys, although enjoying the freedom of being miles from nowhere, also had the identity of being a special bunch — the QVS cross country team. The weekend was a great success and we look forward to the next one.

CROSS COUNTRY

Although we continued our success in the younger age groups, it was disappointing that some of our promising runners of preceding years competed irregularly or not at all. Many reasons were given for this e.g. injuries, "must see the girlfriend or she will ditch me", watching Eastenders, and a general lack of commitment. This did not affect the enthusiasm of the rest.

The first few weeks of the session were spent doing time-trials and generally motivating boys. So it was no surprise that a bus load of around 40 runners left school for the first East District League match at Hawick. This was the first season we had been able to contest all three league meetings, therefore our overall positions improved greatly. The Colts (9-11) finished 2nd, Junior Boys (11-13) 6th and Senior Boys (13-15) 8th. These were splendid results considering over 30 clubs are eligible to compete.

Steven Boyne was the most consistent performer for the Colts. He won a School Match at Longridge Towers, Berwick and was ably backed up throughout the season by Craig Wilson, Tony Wood, David Porter, Gordon Whyte and Steven Cooke. They also took 3rd team place at Penicuik and a surprise 3rd at Cumbernauld with a virtual reserve team of Whyte, Ian Mackay, Robert McKinnon and Jan Witkowski. Many others contributed and the future looks secure for cross-country at Q.V.S.

Arguably the best team performance of the winter came from the Juniors at Falkirk, the venue for this year's Scottish Championships. Led home by Tony McAllister (24th) and backed up by Jason Wood (53rd), David Fisher (62nd) and Grant Monaghan (75th) we finished 6th team — superb, considering Andrew Casey, our other outstanding Junior was injured, and, after all we are just a 'wee' school. Tony upped his training this winter to one session a week, Jason showed great improvement due to regular training, Grant was our 'find' of the season and David trained using a round ball and wooden posts. They also picked up team prizes at Penicuik (2nd) and Edinburgh (3rd) and a good 4th at the District Championships where Tony was 7th, Andrew 14th and Jason 27th.

There wasn't much to choose between the Senior boys with Gary Wood usually leading home Stuart Cook, Steven Wallace, Sandy Duff, Nigel O'Conner, Richard McGrath, Paul Geddes and Keir McIntosh. Gary was our first man home in the 'Scottish' in 68th place with the team a creditable 19th, while in the youths race at this meeting David Stubbs was 72nd and Jason Leslie 82nd.

Inter House Results

HAIG

1. P. McShannon 16.33 (rec.)
2. S. Thomas 17.12
3. N. Murdoch 17.15
4. M. McFarlane 18.01

OVER 15

1. G. Wood (C) 17.17
2. A. Duff (C) 18.50
3. F. McAuley 19.03
4. R. Herd 19.10

UNDER 15

1. P. Geddes (T) 11.52 (Rec.)
2. S. Cook (T) 11.59
3. M. Mutch (C) 12.06
4. N. O'Connor (T) 12.09

UNDER 14

1. A. McAllister (T) 9.26
2. J. Wood (C) 9.32
3. G. Monaghan (C) 9.43
4. D. Fisher (C) 9.47

Tony McAllister and Andrew Casey dominated the open race at the Scottish Prep Schools Championships which was held at Crawfordton House School near Dumfries. Tony won from Andrew and with David Fisher (6th) and Michael Mackie (11th) we easily won the team prize. In the under 12 race Q.V. runners were well to the fore when they were misdirected so we finished further down the field than expected.

We hosted Inter-Schools matches against Rannoch and Strathallan with mixed results. David Stubbs and Tony McAllister won both matches and Andrew Casey won against Rannoch.

At the Scottish Schools Championships Andrew Casey capped his great season by finishing 3rd in the under 13 race with David Fisher close behind in 4th. This is the first medal of any colour the school has ever won at these championships. Stuart Davidson was 64th and Michael Mackie closed in to give the team a 6th place. The 13-15 team did not fare as well as expected and Jason Leslie was first home for Q.V. in the first home for Q.V. in the 15-17 age group in 73rd.

My thanks must go to all the boys who represented the school in this tough sport and to Mr Boast for his administration work, encouragement and time.

S.L.

On Saturday the 25th April, 1987 our school hosted the inaugural Scottish Primary Schools Cross-Country Championships. In glorious weather conditions, an estimated 3,000 people, including 850 runners (nearly three times the expected number) converged on the school fields and witnessed what can only be described as a sporting spectacular. The sight of hundreds of boys and girls undertaking the testing 1800 metre course, which had been excellently laid out by Mr Boast, was something to savour.

One lap of the school playing fields perimeter and Wavell Wood saw some keen competition, spurred on by an enthusiastic crowd of parents, teacher-coaches, grannies etc. Although winning no prizes, our boys did well with Steven Boyne, 45th, leading home Gordon Whyte, Craig Wilson, Steven Cooke, Iain Mackay and Robert McKinnon for 14th team place in the 'A' Race. Tony Wood was 9th in the 'B' Race, with his team of Stephen McLean, Andrew Steele, David Porter, Jan

Witkowski and Mark Casey, finishing 7th.

A special mention must go to Mr Boast for masterminding the whole event, Mr Philip and his team of traffic controllers and the staff and boys who gave their support.

There was no doubt that the meeting was a great success and the sun-tanned folk who made their way home that evening, left with a very favourable impression of our school and its setting.

S.L.

ATHLETICS, 1986

The summer term started badly with the track waterlogged and although only a short term, many boys produced personal best performances.

At the Eastern District Championships at Livingston, Stuart McKay won the 15-17 Hammer with Torquil Kellie runner up. Scott Harkin gained 5th and 6th places in the shot and 100m and the 13-15 Senior Boys Relay Team of S. Burns, S. Wallace, J. Jardine and C. McKenzie were placed 4th.

At the Scottish Schools' Championships at Crownpoint Road, we gained 5 medals through John Hay 2nd in the over 15 hammer; Stuart McKay 2nd and Torquil Kellie 3rd in the 15-17 Hammer; David Oliver 2nd and Simon Scott 3rd in the 13-15 Hammer. Grant Black and Scott Harkin both gained 5th places in the Pole Vault and Shot Putt respectively. Scott Cherry and Paul McShannon ran p.b.'s in their 800m as did Jason Leslie in his 1500m. Stuart McKay was selected to represent Scotland at the Morfa Stadium, Swansea in the Hammer Throw.

At the Scottish Schools Pentathlon Championship at Grangemouth, George Campbell, Robert McGraw, Scott Cherry, Steven Wallace, Scott Burns and Callum McKenzie all gained Badge Standard. George Campbell was the highest placed at 9th which included a good 100m Hurdles.

My thanks to Mr and Mrs Laing who have given up a lot of their time to coach, help and support, not only in the summer term, but throughout the year. Also thanks to Callum and Ewan Laing for their vocal support.

School Sports Results

Over 17 Champion :	John Hay
Runner up :	Paul Doran
Under 17 Champion :	Stuart McKay
Runner up :	Stephen Murray
Under 16 Champion :	George Campbell
Runner up :	Robert McGraw
Under 15 Champion :	Steven Wallace
Runner up :	Scott Burns
Under 14 Champion :	John Jardine
Runner up :	Andrew McInnes

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS

Under 13 400m — David Fisher, 70.38; High Jump — Mark J. Smith, 1.26m.

Under 14 800m — John Jardine, 2.39.2; Long Jump — John Jardine, 4.45m; Shot — Andrew McInnes, 9.28m.

Under 15 400m — Callum McKenzie, 61.46; Long Jump — Steven Wallace, 4.84m; Shot — Callum McKenzie, 10.22m; 4x100m Relay — Cunningham, 54.4.

Under 16 400m — Paul McShannon, 59.08; 800m — Paul McShannon, 2.18.35; 100m Hurdles — George Campbell, 15.65; Long Jump — Robert McGraw, 5.17m; High Jump — Sean Milne, 1.50m; Shot — Keith Low, 10.19m; Discus — Ian Baird, 26.00m.

Under 17 100m — Stuart McKay, 12.54; 200m — Stuart McKay, 25.75; 800m — Stephen Murray, 2.35.6; 100m Hurdles — Stuart McKay, 16.27; Long Jump — Stuart McKay, 5.36m; High Jump — Stuart McKay, 1.54m.

Over 17 100m — Paul Doran, 13.32; 400m — Mark O'Donnell, 62.28; 800m — Paul Smith, 2.20.7; High Jump — Paul Doran, 1.65m; Discus — Mark O'Donnell, 31.20m.

INTER-HOUSE PENTATHLON

Under 16 Champion :	Robert McGraw
Runner up :	George Campbell
Under 15 Champion :	Callum McKenzie
Runner up :	Scott Burns
Under 14 Champion :	Anthony McAllister
Runner up :	Andrew McInnes

M.J.B.

SENIOR SKI TRIP

Cesana, Italy

On the 28th March, 22 boys and 2 staff set off for an overnight coach trip to Gatwick. Leaving England with frost on the ground we landed at Turin — a very warm 18°C. Two hours coach travel later we arrived at the Hostel Chaberton Cesana. No time to stand around as we went straight to Sansicario for ski and boot fittings.

Then back to the hotel for our first Italian meal — lasagne was the starter — a meal in itself. Just time for a quick look around the village before an early night.

The first three days we skied in perfect conditions with a clear blue sunny sky. The fourth day clouded over in the afternoon and the inevitable snow arrived all day on our fifth day. This did not deter anyone from ski-ing as it was still warm and no wind. The sixth day was very snowy at first then cleared at lunchtime to provide excellent powder snow.

The slopes were very good for all ski-ing abilities from the Rio Nero at 9000 ft down to the nursery areas at 5,200 feet and very well tended by the piste-bashers. The Italian ski-school instructed us for 2 hours daily and at the end of the week, our tally of awards were 11 gold, 10 silver and 1 bronze.

The Hotel was excellent and the manager Emilio — Italy's answer to John Cleese — was an excellent chef and entertainer. One evening excursion was arranged to the local Pizza house and a very good pizza was enjoyed by all the boys who went.

We arrived back in Scotland on the 6th April in the early hours of the morning, tired and weary but having enjoyed a very good week.

HOBBIES

JUDO

Judo this session has continued much as before as a hobby. Wavell had the pleasant surprise of a visit from WOII Alexander, whose son Scott is in Primary 7. He is a qualified Black Belt and the class much appreciated his visit. Hopefully, he will want to return next session.

G.J.B.

PRINTING

This year was spent very much as the first ever year of the hobby — in sorting the type into proper order. As we have about 12 different varieties of type, it was a mammoth task with several biscuit tins full of type and spaces to be identified and put into their proper boxes (cases). It all must help next year when the members can start and finish their printing without finding there are letters missing. The hobby was easier, too, with four boys as the room is too small for more to work in.

J.M.H.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography Club this year has enlisted more newcomers into the realm of photography, and enlightened them on the rudimentary techniques, such as pressing a button on a camera and ending up with a good photograph.

The usual crop of novices dwindled somewhat as the year progressed, and this seems to be an indication of lessening interest in photography and its uses. The club would like next year to have a few more keen, prospective photographers. a camera is the only essential preferably of the 35mm type.

This year the more experienced photographers tried their hand at colour photography, development and printing, with some weird results. Green sunsets and pink aeroplanes and the like are the usual products of the first-time colour photographers, and we were no exception, although passable facsimiles of human features were identifiable. We hope to become better through practice though, and if the club can receive a revival in interest, we also hope that it can be relied upon to produce a record of the day-to-day events at Q.V.S.

E. Boyle

COMPUTER

The computer hobby has now moved into the new computer lab. As a result boys are getting extra hands on experience of the new BBC Masters. The hobby is well attended and there are several boys on the waiting list hoping for someone to drop out.

G.W.

BRIDGE

This year we have started up the Bridge hobby for the senior boys again after several years in abeyance. The Commandant is taking one group while I take the other. a small competition took place at Christmas and the Commandant's team won the match.

G.W.

HILLCLIMBING

Since September, the hobby has literally 'climbed' its way to the top, especially the top of 16 "Munro's", including Ben More, Stob Binnein, Stob Coire an Lochain, Schiehallion and Ben Lawers (9th highest mountain in Scotland).

As the winter nights drew us into the classroom, the class spent the time brushing up on techniques such as campcraft, navigation and ropework, utilising the large amount of new equipment.

With the arrival of spring and with it, some beautiful evenings, we took to mid-week strolls in the 'local Ochils', exploring the glens and climbing the grassy slopes. The more serious climbs occur at weekends, together with overnight camps, thanks to more evening services on Sundays.

This Summer Term incorporates a weekend expedition up Ben Nevis and ten hopeful competitors for the 'Chevy Chase', a 16-mile hill-walking race over the Northumberland hills.

An additional activity to our hobby has been abseiling and rock-climbing — the venue being the Wangy, perhaps Scotland's most famous training area for this activity and where such people as Hamish McInnes started out.

In all, it's been a good session for the outward bound.

T.S.

FLY TYING

Fly tying has been going in the school for many years. Mr Malkowski has taken the classes since the beginning. He has taught many a pupil of Q.V.S. to tie flies for trout and salmon fishing.

He starts by teaching the basic trout flies such as the Black Spider and the Coch y Bondhu.

Brigadier O. R. Tweedy also helps teach and is learning some new tying methods himself. This year there have been two levels of fly tying in the school, on a Thursday evening there is the beginners club and on Friday the advanced group. I myself have been tying flies for four years am now reasonably good at it.

The school supplies all the necessary equipment but some boys have their own.

S. Braby

LIBRARY

This year has seen increasing use made of the library as a resource centre and for private study. Bargains continue to be found and the many friends of the library have added to our contents and extended our range. It is a little known fact that one book per day has been added to the library after the last four years — quite a figure! A better balance has been achieved and there is an up-to-date feel about the place — but much still remains to be done and specific areas require considerable attention.

The librarians continue as flexibly and as cheerfully as ever. Mr Brown is to be thanked for his unflagging effort and good humour and Mr Webster for his ability to secure a bargain where others only see a price.

McIntosh

Boyle

Johnstone

Bowden

POTTERY

The pottery hobby proved popular again this year with beginners and some more experienced members. The standard of work produced was quite good, although there was a tendency to be over ambitious and too many projects were not completed.

SQUASH

The Friday squash hobby was primarily for beginners. The aim of the hobby was to combine a coaching and practice session with some games. Emphasis was placed on basics and some improvement in technique was achieved.

D.S.

WAVELL PLAY-HOBBY

The boys tackled Julius and the Bront with a great deal of enthusiasm. Admittedly, it was rather difficult to deliver lines holding the play sheets and a short sword at the same time. The story involved the Romans meeting the Scots and helping them to build a wall to keep a brontosaurus out of their settlement. The trouble was that they built the wall with the Bront inside! The main characters and the Roman soldiers did very well, managing the props which included a typewriter, feather duster, butcher's apron, frying pan, brasso and the tremendous short swords and spears very kindly made by Mr Shannon. The soldiers' marching was impeccable and their singing passable, and their wall building using bean bags a sight to behold.

J.M.H.

WAVELL BASKETBALL HOBBY

During the course of the session a mixture of 20 P7 and P6 boys worked on their basketball skills. This proved to be a popular pastime and their skills in dribbling, passing, marking and shooting progressed significantly. Within a few weeks of commencing two squads of even ability were formed and a series of matches were played between Casey's Comets and Johnstone's Jumpers.

Very quickly they learned the importance of keeping physical contact to a minimum as this would cost the team dearly in team fouls which after an accumulation of 8 would result in free shots.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the development of skills was the boys' awareness of space and how to use it to create scoring opportunities. On occasions this led to some very swift and open basketball.

Well done everyone and thanks to the boys who helped with scoring and time keeping.

G.C.

LIST OF HOBBIES AVAILABLE DURING 1986/87

Fitness and Mobility	Indoor and Range Golf
Badminton	Pottery
Photography	Woodwork
Printing	Expedition Expertise

Community Service
Squash
Piping, Drumming and
Highland Dancing
Indoor Games
Basketball
Modelling
Swimming
Electronics
Computing
Aircraft Models
Judo
Shooting Team
Film and TV
Board Games
Art and Craft
Table Tennis
Librarianship
School Play
Bridge
Indoor Football
Junior Shooting

Cooking
Play Reading
Gym Games
Short Tennis
Volleyball
Senior and Junior
Choirs
Canoeing
Junior Video
Community Swimming
for the Handicapped
Fly Tying
Cross-Country
Video Film (Wavell)
Duke of Edinburgh
Canoeing for Beginners
Aircraft Recognition
Public Speaking
Instrumental Music
Advanced Canoeing

Wavell House

Although it must be very daunting for a youngster of ten to be plunged into boarding school life, it is remarkable how rapidly most make the adjustment. This session was no exception, and soon under the watchful eye of their 'second-year', the 'rookies' became able to tie their ties and shoe laces, make their beds and generally fit into the House routines.

Again at Easter, a party of pupils, staff and their families, travelled on the House's fourth ski-holiday to the Alps, and returned looking very bronzed, and the proud possessors of various badges and certificates, proving that, in such a short time, they had mastered the basics of downhill ski-ing.

It is most encouraging, considering the size of the Junior Department (80 pupils), how relatively well we achieve in the sporting competitions that we enter. Notable are rugby football and cross-country running. Such success is only possible when backed by the kind of commitment we have from the staff involved viz Mr Carroll, Mr Beattie, Mr Laing and Mr Boast. Thank you, gentlemen!

Turning to hobbies, I would especially like to thank Mrs Tweedy, Mrs Hankinson and Mrs Paterson who respectively coached and encouraged tennis, drama and swimming. Thanks are also due to Mr Berry for his enthusiasm with the indoor footballers and to Mr Orrock for supervising the model makers. Mr Kelling has also made the very popular addition of the computer club to the hobbies programme. Many thanks to all involved, and particularly my wife, without whose support my efforts in all that I attempt would be so much the less.

I would like to take this opportunity of recording the appreciation of many 'Wavells' over the last decade for the assistance given to them by Mrs M. Mitchell and to wish her all happiness in the future.

To conclude, it remains only to thank *all* the Wavell Staff and associated adults for their support and willingness throughout the year and particularly to our Matron, Mrs Craig, and Mrs R. Walker. Thank you everyone.

WAVELL CROSS COUNTRY

Throughout the year the junior boys have enjoyed good consistent results at both individual and team level. Many competitions were entered and the strength of the various age groups improved. Thus by the time the Inter-dormitory competition came round a high standard of competitiveness was expected and we were not let down.

The event was run on a pleasant, but chilly, spring afternoon. Forty boys took part and by the end there were red faces, lost breath and a few tears (ones of frustration I hasten to add). The result was as follows:

Position	Dormitory	Points
1st	Moore	79
2nd	Abercromby	89
3rd	Lyndoch	109
4th	Hopetoun	143

Individual Championship:

U/11 winner — S. Boyne

U/11 runner-up — S. Cooke

U/12 winner — A. Casey

U/12 runner-up — S. Gardner

Colours were awarded to Andrew Casey and Stewart Gardner.

The season culminated for Wavell, as such, with the inter-schools championships and once again we fared well.

U/11 Championship		U/12 Championship	
1st Stewarts/Melville	22	1st Stewarts Melville	17
2nd Q.V.S.	29	2nd Q.V.S.	31
3rd Geo. Watsons Coll.	59	3rd Glasgow High	54
4th Glasgow High	59	4th Geo. Watsons Coll.	55
		5th Beaconsfield	
		Grange	75

U/13 Championship

1st Stewarts/Melville	22
2nd Q.V.S.	25
3rd Glasgow High	37

U/11 Competition

Individual Champion — C. Fyfe — Stewarts/Melville
Runner-up — C. Hoy — Geo. Watsons College

U/12 Competition

Individual Champion — Stewart Gardner — Q.V.S.
Runner-up — C. Mirza — Geo. Watsons College

U/13 Competition

Individual Champion — Andrew Casey — Q.V.S.
Runner-up — David Fisher — Q.V.S.

My thanks to all those who have helped throughout the season.

G.C.

TABLE TENNIS

James Baird, once again, accomplished a clean sweep in the inter-dormitory competition this year — for the third year in succession! This set a new record and one which will be very difficult to beat. Well done James!

Over a period of three weeks all the boys competed amongst each other to find the champion for each dormitory.

The following boys represented their dormitories in the final knock-out competition:—

Neil Wallace — Abercromby

James Baird — Hopetoun

Steven Boyne — Lyndoch

Christopher Johnstone — Moore

Hopetoun and Lyndoch eventually contested the best of three final in which James Baird won for Hopetoun 2-0.

G.C.



Back Row (L-R): A. Swan, I. Northey, T. Casey, C. McKenzie, J. Baird, R. MacKinnon, A. Scott, A. Robertson, S. Gardner, G. Pritchard. 3rd Row (L-R): Mr Brown, I. Veitch, S. Harris, C. Johnstone, G. Christie, S. Alexander, P. Hayes, K. Slater, D. Kennedy, T. Moultrie, M. Mackie, Mr Carroll. 2nd Row (Seated L-R): W. Hamilton, A. Wood, M. Casey, S. McLean, N. Wallace, S. Veitch, S. Hunter, J. Bell, A. Steele, A. Anderson. Front Row (L-R): S. Boyne, S. Cooke, G. McCarron, D. Thomson, D. Munro, A. Cook, A. McMahon, J. Doig, I. Smith, A. Casey.



Wavell 1st XV

RUGBY

This season the house teams met with mixed fortunes but developed well as a group as the year progressed. Unfortunately the weather played havoc with the fixture list and therefore we lost nearly one third of our matches due to rain, frost or snow.

However, the JAI's did very well and when one considers that they never won a game when they were in Primary 6 their results reflected a greater level of commitment and determination along with a better standard of skills and insight of the game. They achieved some good wins and lost some that we'd rather forget — c'est la vie!

Some characters who evolved with the season — marauding Mackie, jinky Johnstone, stuffy Scott, Terry the terror, to mention just a few. It was good to see the forwards revelling in good rucking technique to provide good second phase ball for the backs who ran positively most of the time and put in some crunching tackles. Also James Baird developed a fine kicking technique.

Colours were awarded to Andrew Casey, James Baird, Christopher Johnstone and Alistair Scott.

The house competition was played on a league basis this year and proved to be a popular format. Six matches were played and 59 tries were scored in the process — let's hope the World cup can provide us with similar statistics!

House competition results:

- 1st — Hopetoun
- 2nd — Moore
- 3rd — Lyndoch
- 4th — Abercromby

Notable victories were gained against Glasgow Academy and Stirling County amongst others.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
JA1	14	8	0	6	248	220
JA2	5	2	0	3	80	112
JB1	7	1	0	6	28	222

Thanks go to all the staff who helped coach, referee and transport boys to various venues.

G.C.

SWIMMING

Throughout the year a number of boys in the house worked for and gained a number of awards sponsored by the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association. These ranged from the 15m badge for beginners to 2000m distance swims and personal survival awards.

The inter-dormitory competition was extremely close this year with only four points separating the 1st and 2nd teams. The decibel count reflected the closeness of the gala — next year I must remember to issue ear defenders!

Results were as follows:

1st Lyndoch	74 points
2nd Moore	70 points
3rd Hopetoun	58 points
4th Abercromby	43 points
P7 Champion — Steven Boyne.	
P7 Runner-up — Ian Smith.	
P6 Champion — Alan Smyth.	
P6 Runner-up — Robert Monteith.	

Colours were awarded to Steven Boyne and Ian Smith.

The inter-schools gala proved to be the enjoyable event that we have come to expect over the years:

1st Glsghow High	73½ points
2nd Heriots	59½ points
3rd QVS	59 points
4th Beaconsburst	28 points
My	

thanks to all the staff who helped to officiate and to the pupils who participated in a good sporting spirit.

G.C.

VILLARD DE LANS — EASTER 1987

Once again a group of staff and boys numbering 36 ventured off to the pistes of the French Alps for a week of sunshine, snow and ski-ing. We were not to be disappointed. The hotel was good, the food was excellent and the ski-ing was tremendous and exhilarating. We ski-ed every day bar one, due to poor weather conditions. The level of instruction was very good thus the level of skill achieved by those of us being taught was quite satisfying.

The views were quite breathtaking. The majestic mountains were quite beautiful as the snow capped peaks bathed in the sunlight. For all of us the thrill of negotiating a tricky turn or to schuss down a long, wide piste was very rewarding. It was plain to all of us on the staff the sense of achievement being felt when it was reported to us by a group of near hysterical novices, "Sir, Sir, we've just come down a black slope and Jean-Claude says we've to go back up the mountain and do it again!"

After the day's ski-ing was complete and we relaxed in the after glow of a day's exercise we were able to look forward to a number of evening events. Thus it was we descended "en masse" to Serge's Creperie to enjoy chocolate, strawberry or apple crepes washed down with lemonade or Tropic (the grown-ups had something a little stronger!). We also went ice-skating which proved very popular, although some of us were

a bit shaky. Another evening saw us visit the ice-rink again to see Villard thrash Poitiers 16-1 in a Junior Cup semi-final at ice-hockey.

All in all, a good trip which everyone seemed to enjoy. Last, but not least, may I take this opportunity to thank Graeme Beattie, Tom Shannon and my wife Maureen for their help and support in looking after the boys and ensuring that the lads had an enjoyable time — I can't wait until next year when we return to Les Carroz!

G. Carroll.

Creative Writing

THE LONELY SOLDIER

DEAR, WIFE

The colonel says "the war must be ending soon."

It's a war that will conquer all wars.

A few days ago I shot down a German,

to the terrifying noise of my gun.

Our troops marching on,

The boys coming back from the war.

The blood thirsty enemy who murdered my mates,

were all fighting for land and for us.

The Shrapnel came flying, over us.

My best mate is dying in a corner of rain.

I ran to help him but then he exploded and flew.

Peace is all we want not death.

Our troops marching on.

The boys coming home from the war.

B. J. Nicol, P6A.

BERRIES

Blackberries Redberries

Strawberries Raspberries

All very tasty berries.

Brownberries Candleberries

Both very 'yughy' berries.

But never forget the top berry,

School Sergeant Major Berry.

Murray Wilson, P6A.

PUSSY AND CINDERS

Pussy at the fire side

Suppin' up a beer

Down fell a cinder and burnt pussy's ear

Meow cried pussie that's not fair

Well said the cinder you shouldn't be there.

C. Gardiner, P6A.

RUGBY

Rugby is so good you see,

Ugly sometimes, it can be, when,

"Get into the scrum," the captain shouts.

"Pass the ball when it comes out, and,

You will score a try right away.

Alan Cargill, P6A.

THE SOUTH SEA!

The inhabitants on the island
Have bamboo for their huts
Everyone is swimming in the deep blue sea.
So there's never any battles
Or any fights
Under the palm trees the people bathe in the sun
There are attractions and some sights
Homeward go the tourists with happy memories.
So everyone has gone now,
Every one has gone
And the island is asleep, until tomorrow comes along.
R. Monteith, P6A.

THE DEAD MEN

One fine day in the middle of the night,
Two dead men got up to fight.
Back to back they faced each other.
Drew their swords and shot each other!

CLOWNS

Silly things are the clowns.
With their buckets and their hoses
And throwing pies across the room,
To land on people's noses.
Running mad around the place
And tripping over wires,
Then, you see them trying to balance on old mini
tyres!
Ian S. Payne, P6A.

AN AUTUMN DAY

An Autumn morning is cold,
Like a chill in the bones,
You touch the wet grass,
In the sunlight it is much warmer,
The birds sing in the daylight sun,
Whistling their merry tunes.
The trees' shadows are pretty.
The gentle breeze blows the branches to and fro
Leaves float quietly down to the ground,
Conkers fall and land with a heavy bump,
Making the leaves rustle,
You can smell the daylight freshness,
Men sweep up the leaves and burn them.
A. W. Moffat, P6B

IN THE AUTUMN

In the Autumn
The leaves rustle
And the wind blows.
The birds sit singing
And the squirrels are busy
Gathering food.
The shadow of a tree
Looks like gorgonzola cheese.
In the morning the grass is wet
And the air is cold.
The smell of burning leaves
Fills the air.
Craig Wilson, P6B.

AN AUTUMN MORNING

The air is still,
Nothing breaks the silence.
The Rowan trees bright berries
Seem out of place, in the dark shadows.
The smell of burning leaves
Combines with the air,
To create a damp feeling.
The first bird sings,
Welcoming the autumn morning.

K. Crease, P6B

ON A BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN MORNING

Frost lies crisply on the ground
Bushes and leaves change colour.
Bright blends of different shades.
Fresh smells of morning are lovely,
Birds sing their hearts out,
Acorns start to drop,
I rush to pick them up.
I like an autumn morning.

Mark Finlay, P6B

AUTUMN

All the leaves are turning brown
And some are even falling down.
Lots of animals are gathering food
And some are in a very bad mood.
All the animals are dressing warm
Getting ready for the storm.

A. Robertson, P6B

MY DOG

Some dogs are fluffy,
Some dogs are scruffy,
My dog is white and oh so fluffy,
It's not so big unlike its heart,
I shake the lead she runs through the door,
She bounds to the park,
She knows where there's food,
She'll always be there,
My dog Sheilly.

Jason Bell, P7A

RAIN

Autumn came bringing the rain,
Bucketing down outside,
The rain,
The pain,
Of being wet,
The morbid umbrellas pass by,
The damp misty air,
The gloomy dark figures,
Sunk deep in discomfort,
Rid me of this terrible rain.

Alistair Scott, P7A

RAIN

People hurrying,
People scurrying,
Up and down the street.

People running,
People pushing,
To get to houses quick.

The rain is bucketing,
The rain is pouring,
People run to shelter.

The rain is over now,
The ground is very wet,
See the rainbow now,
Over on the hills.

Steven Veitch, P7A

LIGHTNING WAR

Metal monsters roll along heavily
Smashing all that stands in their way
Their long metal noses belch out grey smoke
As it throws out a dart and pins helpless men to the
rough ground.
The anti-tank guns blast missing hopelessly
The monstrous tanks slice through the defence
They are as swift, as panthers but more deadly.

Darren Kennedy, P7A

LIGHTNING WAR

As swift as an eagle's dive,
As sharp as the enemy,
No escape from the sharp claws of the enemy,
Like a herd of elephants,
Going through the enemy defences,
Killing everyone in sight,
Like a monster its arm through a wall,
Grasping the enemy,
Blood on the ground,
Enemy footprints leading through the marshes,
Lives lost.

Keith Slater, P7A

THE WIND

The wind it soars everywhere,
It soars below and in the air,
It doesn't have a home or a lair,
Because it's always everywhere.
The wind it howls day and night,
As if it had a courageous fight.
Ships at seas sway up and down
It also blows people down like a clown
The wind it makes the cats to wail
And turns my face blue and pale.

CORRIDOR OF FEAR

I saw it approaching, down the half-lit corridor,
Its red eyes gleaming,
I gulped at its flowing black cloak,
Covering its merciless claws.

It reached out and leapt in my direction,
"Hello Craig! About this poem"
Thank goodness, the Head is not that bad.

Craig McKenzie, P7B

THE GOLDEN EAGLE

A giant creature,
Soaring over all,
Watching every little move,
Up on the rocky hill.

Suddenly it swoops,
Grips its prey in claws of steel,
And home-ward to its eyrie flies,
With a call of triumph shrill.

Stephen McLean, P7B

DANGER MAN

Diving off a cliff top,
Into shark infested seas,
Skiing by an avalanche,
He dare not even stop,
He steals up to the castle,
Despite its armed array,
And leaves a box of "choccies",
As the lady loves Milk Tray!

Scott Alexander, P7B

TERROR OF THE PLAINS

The sleek swift leopard
lopes over the flat plain
Not a sound it makes
As the sun's rays bake
The cracked and dry terrain.
Suddenly it stops and stiffens
Crouching down to touch the clay
Takes in the situation of its doomed and helpless prey.
The wild beast starts to panic
And run into a lake
The leopard bounds in closer
To exploit the beast's mistake.
And soon it is all over
And the leopard made his kill
And the sun beats down relentlessly
As he takes his savage fill.

Andrew Swan, P7B

RAIN

Rain, rain, rain that's all we ever get,
Rain, rain, rain I'm tired of getting wet,
Down it comes, down it pours,
I think I'd better stay indoors.

Flash, boom, crack the lightening breaks down trees,
Flash, boom, crack God stop the rain, please,
When it rains I wear my wellies,
Take them off my feet are smellies.

Boom, boom, boom the thunder shouts out loud,
Boom, boom, boom, the thunders far to loud,
When it is wet I stay indoors,
But it never rains it just pours and pours.

Alexander Cook, P7A

SOME AIRCRAFT

A swept-back fighting plane,
The B1 bomber is its name,
It's America's latest flying machine.

The Soviet Tupelov, code named 'The Bear',
Can do 650 knots in normal air,
It's their pride in probing here.

The French have Super Etendards,
With weapons deadly at thousands of yards.

The Panavia Tornado IDS,
Is surely the best of all the rest,
With a top speed of Mach 1.8,
It's probably the most up to date.

Grant Christie, P7B

THE PIPING COMPETITION

It's "five to two" and the tensions high,
The competitors wait, their mouths all dry.
When the judges call me,
I'm nervous as can be,
But after my turn, I feel set free.
I've had a try and hope I'm up;
But in the end I'm runner-up.

Iain Veitch, P7B

I AM THE WIND

Stripping the trees,
Of all their leaves,
Knocking down bins,
And playing with other winds.
Taking the hats off old bats,
And trying to turn over the ginger cat.
Slamming doors and windows shut,
I am the wind having some fun.

Andy Macdonald, 1B

THE WORST MONSTER

All the monsters gathered around the great one. He read out the results of the most terrifying monster in the whole world competition. First came the Gorgon Mudusa then Dracula and so on until it came to the last monster who's name was Cringer. The great one said "You have come last in the last hundred years". "What have you got to say about that?"

"I'll try harder next year, I promise I will". All the other monsters just laughed and shouted insults to him.

"I'll show you, I'll beat everyone next year."

Cringer ran away from the monsters and went back to his home underneath the Niagara Falls. He practised and practised but he was not one bit terrifying. He tried blowing fire but could only blow smoke rings. He tried roaring like a lion but could only squeak like a mouse. It was just hopeless but he kept trying.

When the competition came round again. Each monster was judged by the great one and his assistants. When Cringer did his act the judges couldn't stop laughing. But in the end they gave him

first prize as the most horribly funny monster in the whole world. Cringer was proud of his title and never came last in a competition again.

Matthew McCabe, 1

THE WEATHER

The weather is a funny thing,
One minute it's rain,
The next it's sun.
The wind is destructive,
It causes widespread damage
As it whistles speedily through the dark, black sky
Like a flying saucer.

The sun means warmth
And brings smiles to people's faces,
When it beats down its
Powerful laser like beams.

The rain is cold
And very wet,
The people's smiles turn to a frown.
No one likes to go out on these days.

The snow brings happiness,
But also sadness.
The children wrap up and go outside,
While mum waits patiently
To make the soup and turn on the tumble dryer.

The weather is a funny thing.

Grant McLeod, 1B

THE WIND

The wind is a warrior
Brave and bold
It blows people over
Both young and old.

It blows on the street
Knocking over the bus
Rolling tin cans
And other light things.

It taps on the windows
And knocks on the door
It blows all the leaves
And sound from the shores.

Darren Orr, 1B

THE WIND

The wind scurries round the town,
Knocking all the dustbins down.
Snatching hats off people's heads,
Rippling sheets on all the beds.

The wind pulled hinges off all of the gates,
Careless of the havoc that he creates.
The thunder and lightning crashes over,
Ripping out chunks of the White Cliffs of Dover.

Rocking boats on the waves,
Pulling out stones off all the panes.

Glenn MacDonald, 1B

CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas time is a festive season
Hopes and joys it may bring
Round a manger for a reason
Just to see a new born king.

Three wise kings came from afar
Bringing precious gifts
They were guided by a great, bright star
Carrying gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The shepherds were on the hillside
watching over their flocks by night
When told by the Angel Gabriel
That a new king was born.

Mark J. Smith, 1B

WEATHER

Weather is a curious thing
East winds will blow quite strong
All throughout a thunderstorm
Trees will fall to the forest floor.

Heavenly lightning flashing so bright
Even the thunder is loud
Rain will batter on the window
And bounce on to the ground.

THE WIND

My name is the wind,
I snatch and I scratch,
I rip and I tear,
I make people squeal,
Who dare not let in my air.

I get called a terror,
When I'm never there,
But when I am,
I do not care,
I grab people's hair,
And shove them down stairs.

Sometimes I am good,
And I care,
I give back freshness to the air,
I share also happiness and brightness,
When I'm there.

Hamish R. Sharp 1B

THE WOLF MAN

The wolf man is fearless and full of rage,
His teeth are like stalactites and hang like a cage.
His claws are sharp and grouped in pairs,
And all his body is covered in hairs.
His eyes are red and glow in the dark.
And his mouth spells danger clear and stark.

Frank McGerty 1B

STORM

As I walked along that muddy track
The rain beat down so hard
And all around the sky lit up with lightning on attack

The thunder roared
The strong winds blew
And all the leaves away they flew
But even though the sky is black
I have to follow that muddy track.

Craig Wood 1B

THE STAR MASTER

Attention all passengers! This is your flight auto-manual computer speaking, we are reaching the city of New California, please fasten all seat belts," came the voice over the micro-speaker.

One man on that flight was not of this Earth, in fact he was from the inter-galaxy Chalon called Freeger, he was sent on a mission to capture the Galactic space villain which had recently escaped from a maximum security overload prison, his name was Maganoni Chafalia otherwise known as Rex. This is the story . . .

Morning, and already there was attracted perfect heat from the walls of anti-radiation force field. Apart from the few prisons around the city and although on the outer gates there is high frequency radiation level, it is quite a pleasant city, nothing like Chicago where mutants (mutants) and violent peoples stalk the city to kill or be killed, plunder or be robbed, where you can't move without seeing a dead carcass or a spot of coloured ink along the walls.

The man, unidentified as yet, moves slowly along the streets looking for the criminal to bring him in. Let us just call the man Tom for now. He walked down a back street and he spotted the villain running cautiously about looking for his prey. Tom darted at Rex and with doing so he also drew his gun, but Rex switched on his anti-gravitational force mechanism and flew to flat block sixty-nine then Tom jumped into the nearest low-flight pod he could find and sped off in hot pursuit.

Sixty-nine blocks later Tom got out of his craft and checked the flats for any sign of that evil doer, then he saw a quick flash of movement and he shot in that direction and heard a scream, then out jumped Rex with an Appollo bullet in him burning away. He fell over the edge of that sixty-ninth block to his death or so it seemed.

Later Tom was to be given the award Star Master but heard the villain Rex had warped off to another galaxy. So inevitably the Star Master was sent to capture him.

Is it the end or only the beginning . . .

Iain McKellan 1B

CAUGHT IN THE STORM

The dark gloomy sky lit up as the rain beat heavily down on my exhausted body. I trudged my way downwards through the deep heavy mud, as droplets of water ran spine chillingly down my back.

I had been walking for about two days on the Yorkshire Moors and after about another day I would be at my final destination, you see I was on a sponsored walk raising money for charity.

I saw a clearing ahead and it looked a good place to

pitch my tent. It took me about ten minutes to set up camp. I sat half in my tent to gain some shelter from the raging winds and pouring rain as I cooked a tin of lentil broth. Then I ate my broth and settled down to sleep, but getting to sleep this night was an impossible task to complete. I lay motionless in my warm and dry sleeping bag as the rain beat down on my tent, like a thousand drums, and the thunder roared like an angry god. By now the wind was hitting my tent with hurricane force and I thought the whole tent was going to take off. Then suddenly the bottom end of my tent lifted up, so I quickly scrambled out and saw what had happened. A tent peg had come flying out and ripped the tent. I knew I had to find shelter so I put on my heavy and very warm jacket and made my way into the darkness and wildness of the Yorkshire Moors. I searched for what seemed like hours and the rain seemed to beat down harder all the time. Finally, I saw a mound of straw about six feet high and I knew there must be a farmhouse near but I didn't have the strength to go another step so I climbed into the middle of the straw bundle and almost immediately fell fast asleep.

When I woke up in the morning I looked around and wondered where I was, then I remembered last night. I started to make my way to the nearby farmhouse, I told the farmer what had happened and we all laughed about it over a good country breakfast. As I left I noticed it was sunny but still very muddy. I walked on and completed my hike and raised five hundred and forty-seven pounds which I donated to our local hospital. And promised myself I'd never go on a hike across the Yorkshire Moors again.

C. Wood, 1B

VIXEN

She listens in the night,
Waiting for the moment to pounce,
Eyes glinting in the moonlight,
Instinct tells her to wait . . .
Just a little longer.
She slowly pulls her sleek body through the damp grass.
The mouse stops and listens, too late.
She pounces and kills the mouse with a quick flick of the head.

Nigel O'Conner, 2B

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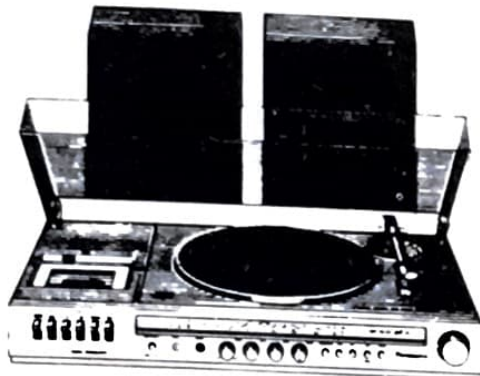
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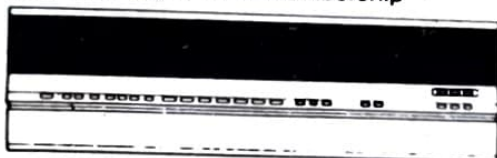
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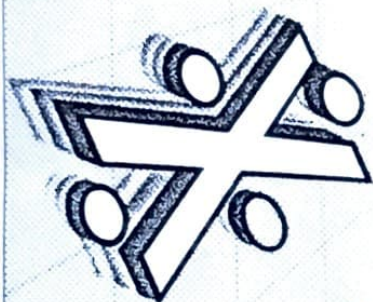
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