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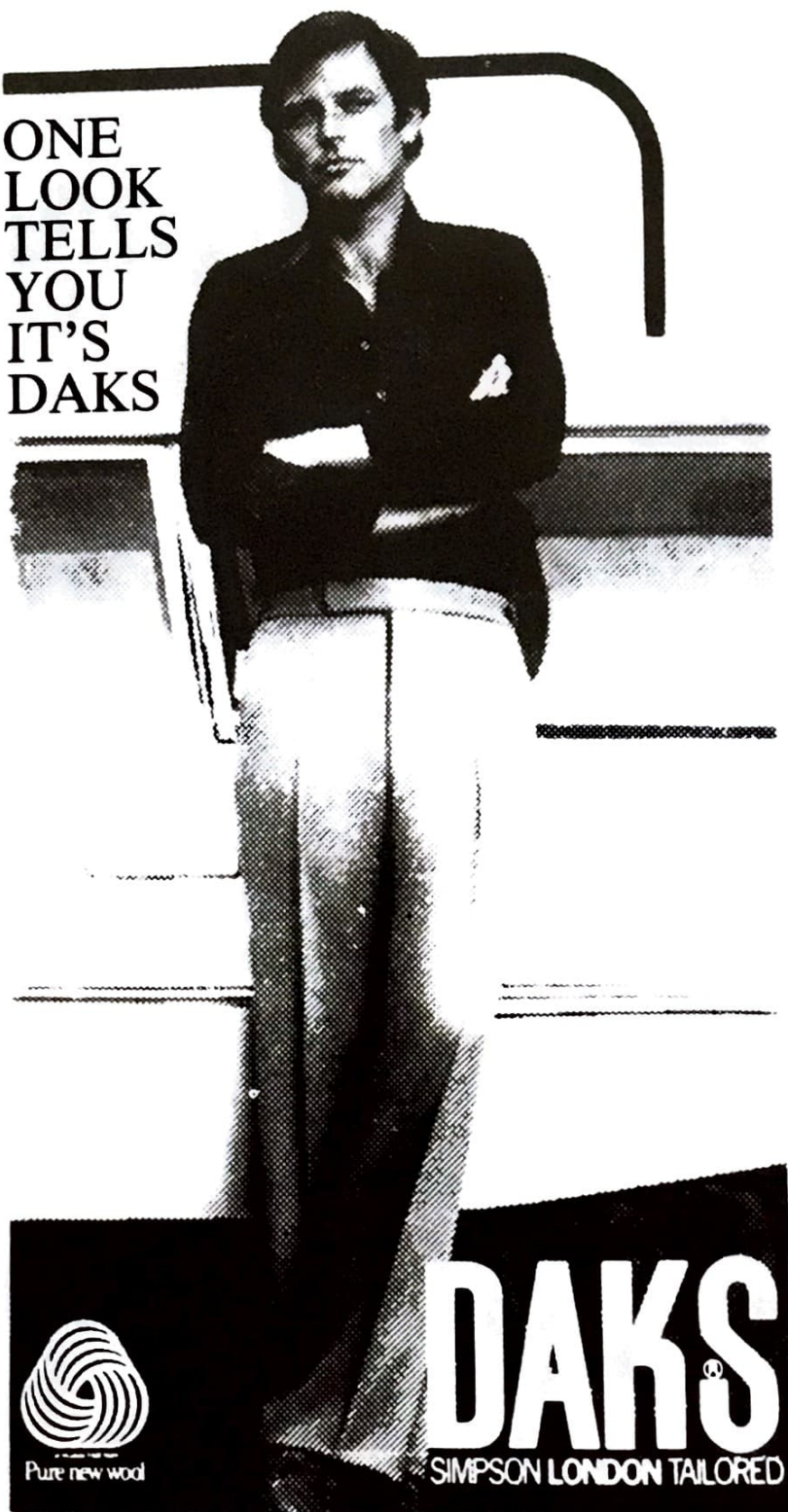
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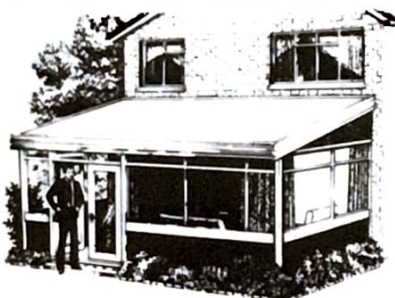
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The School Colour Party and Orderlies.

A Message from The Commandant

The late Spring of each year and the requirement to prepare copy for this magazine inevitably provides an enforced opportunity to contemplate the past year and look forward to the next. In his following article the Headmaster does exactly this and wisely makes the point that it would be wrong if the School was not constantly developing and adjusting.

The past year to eighteen months have been traumatic, challenging and I believe, highly successful; the enforced evacuation of the Main Building for the Summer Term 88 is already a distant memory for most of us and we tend only to be reminded of it when the computerised heating and hot water system goes berserk. It is perhaps salutary to remember that the whole operation cost close to £1.5 million or over £5500 per boy. The general maintenance and development of the School costs a very great deal of money and is, regrettably, almost unending. In the coming year in addition to those aspects we need or wish to do for the benefit of the School we have to launch two further major projects; the re-roofing of the Swimming Pool and the re-harling of the Main Building, coupled with the replacing of the roof to the Dining Hall and Kitchen; the latter being a task which must be spread over 3 years. We are wont to claim that we are a perfectly normal boys' boarding School, but it is perhaps advisable to pause a moment and think where we might be financially were it not for the backing we receive from the MOD; we all have a very great deal to be grateful for.

Mention of normality conveniently brings me to my next point and this is that one of the areas in which we are not normal is my own position as Commandant; in my view it is an anachronism and when I accepted my appointment in 1985 I was aware that I was to be the last Commandant. Her Majesty's Commissioners have held this view for some years and it has now been accepted at all levels that the Headmaster is to become the Head of Establishment supported by a Bursar and Deputy Headmaster. The Headmaster and I welcome this decision and I relish the challenge that my new role as the first Bursar will provide for the remaining years that I have to offer the School. In an ideal world the Headmaster and I would wish to implement the change as soon as possible and ideally for the start of the next session. There are however some matters of detail which must be resolved before any change is made and at the time of going to press it is impossible to be precise about the timing. I personally am utterly confident that it is the right decision and a totally appropriate one to ensure that the School advances with confidence towards the 21st Century.

Perhaps even more important in the process of normalisation is a study which is currently taking place within the MOD into the possibility of the School

being established on an Agency basis rather than under the direct, almost day to day financial control of the Ministry. The aim, without in any way reducing the MOD responsibility for the funding of the School, is to give the Board of Her Majesty's Commissioners for the government of the School a far greater degree of local financial control and accountability, whilst at the same time removing some of the restrictions which are imposed on any MOD establishment which are incompatible or uneconomic in terms of running a boys' boarding school. This is a most exciting development and one which we have long been seeking. It is however still far too early to say in any detail what is likely or indeed project any time scale. Suffice to say at this stage, that I, in my forthcoming capacity as Bursar, will be intimately involved and it will provide a challenge that I greatly look forward to, as I believe future generations could come to regard it as one of the most critical stages in the development of the School.

As we approach the end of yet another demanding year, I would like to express my very sincere thanks to staff, boys, parents and Old Victorians at every level, for the unstinting support I have received, not only over the past year, but throughout my time as Commandant; it has been tremendous and I consider it a great privilege to have been able to serve the School. I wish you all, wherever you may be, all possible good fortune and I look forward to the future with confidence and enthusiasm.

MAJOR GENERAL F. C. C. GRAHAM C.B., D.S.O.

Major General Freddie Graham died in May 1988, aged 79, just after the 1988 edition of *The Victorian* had gone to press. He was appointed a Commissioner of the School in 1963 and retired on Grand Day 1987. Throughout almost this entire period he was Chairman of the Annual Admissions Board and, as such, was probably best kent of all our many distinguished Commissioners.

General Freddie, as he was affectionately known to



Major General F. C. C. Graham, C.B., D.S.O.

all, was commissioned into the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 1929 and saw active service in China, India, Palestine, Crete, Syria, North Africa and Italy where, when in command of his 1st Bn, he received three mentions in despatches and was awarded the DSO. His last appointment as a serving officer was as GOC 51st Highland Division and in 1962 he retired to his home at Doune, to become closely involved with local affairs both as a member of the Perthshire County Council and subsequently Stirling District Council. He was appointed Lord Lieutenant for Stirling and Falkirk Districts in 1979.

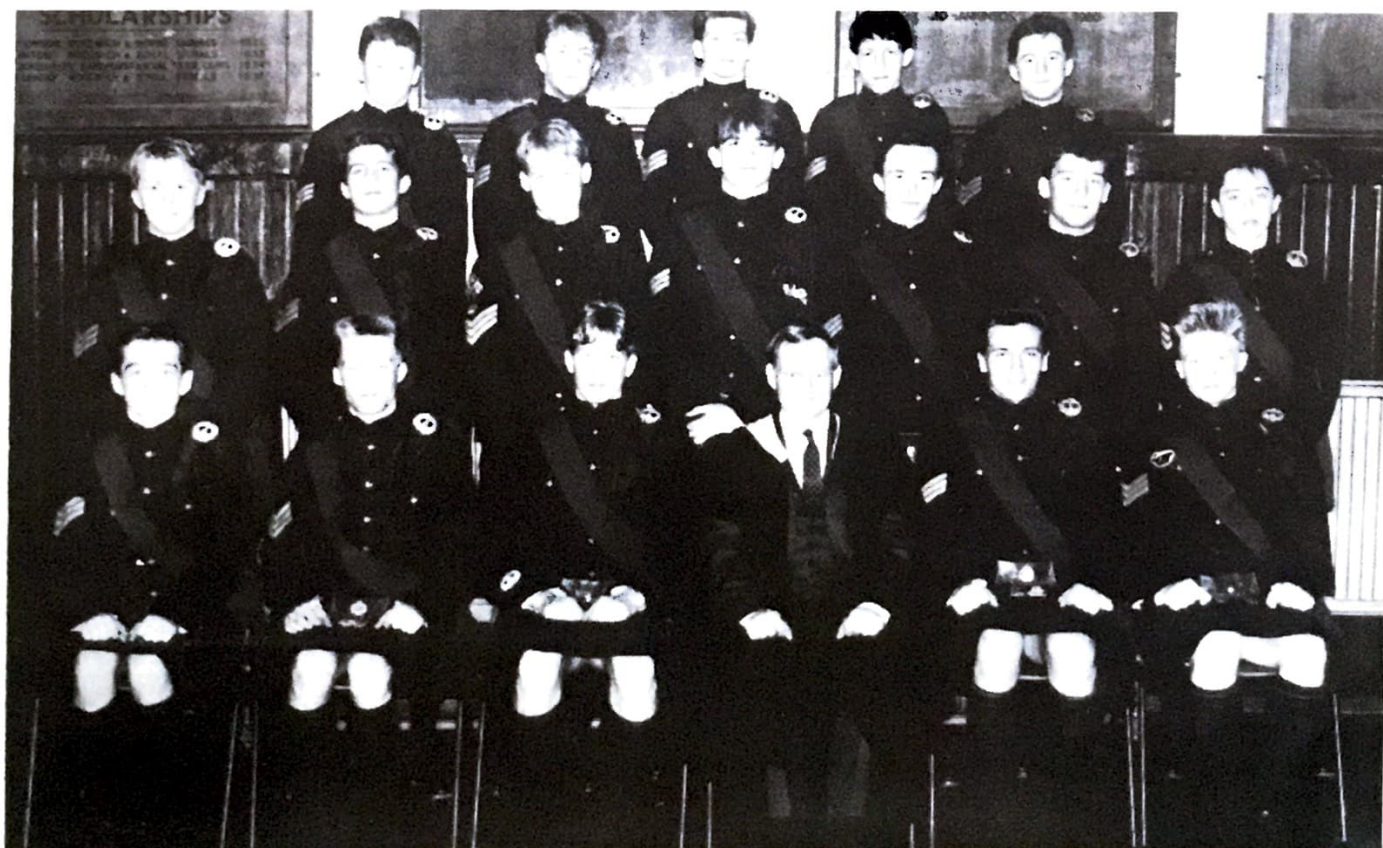
A man of many parts, a noted sportsman, a piper and dancer, he was above all a soldier's General who behind an, at times, outwardly austere exterior, and his famous black and white moustache, had a great understanding of people, a tremendous sense of fun and an outstandingly kind and generous nature. All of us connected with the School owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his unstinting support of the School for so many years and would wish to take this opportunity to offer our sincere condolences to Mrs Graham, her sons and grandchildren in their sad loss.

Headmaster's Notes

It is a truism to state that 95% of the time Q.V.S. is a normal boys' boarding school — the extra being what has been preserved from the best in its original traditions of ceremonial and Service aspects: High-

land Dancing, The Pipe Band, the boys' dress and Parade Dress, Parade Sundays and Grand Day itself. Yet, it is also a truth that no-one associated with the School can recall a normal, uneventful year of untrammelled tranquillity. And no bad thing, for without doubt the various developments in education or the imposed changes and re-orderings from our masters in Ministry of Defence or the Civil Service certainly stimulate managerial and administrative activity and adjustments as to how the school functions. I recently overheard one, who had retired from working in the school, declare: "The School is not what it used to be". Whilst understanding the sentiments of someone who had known it from the 60s and 70s, it was also salutary to take the second meaning of these words: for a school should be constantly developing and adjusting, albeit still jealously guarding what is best of previous years, else it becomes a moribund bastion relying on past reputation and methods.

Nevertheless, it is appropriate to take a fleeting glance backwards, for though I wrote in detail in the last 'Victorian' of the excitement and challenges involved in the School's vacating of the Main Building from March to September, 1988, for the purpose of major electrical and heating works, it is proper to record that the Summer Term was completed very successfully. Wavell led the life of old Reilly up at Ballater in the Victoria Barracks, clearly indicating to all that it could become their permanent school. Cunningham and Trenchard Houses living less salubriously in Stirling Training Camp were nevertheless blessed with good weather and a change in routine



Headmaster, Monitors and Prefects 1988-1989

which was both refreshing and practical in terms of recreation time. Only Haig remained in School, re-living their *deja vu* days in Wavell House and doing rather well in their exams. Above all, that it was such a smooth running success is chiefly attributable to the staff of whom Her Majesty's Commissioners recorded at their meeting in November, 1988: "It had been a most complex and demanding operation which had been achieved in a most remarkable way. Their sincere appreciation and thanks went to staff at all levels". So will pass into annals that year which will be remembered as the year the School was evacuated for the second time.

The School — that is Her Majesty's Commissioners and staff — have been hoping for some time to be allowed to expand the school roll and build new boarding accommodation: that remains a longer term wish. Of more immediate intention is the definite planning of and fund raising for the building of a full-size Games Hall, the need for which is evident to all who know our limited indoor recreational facilities and the Scottish climate. In the short term, next session the school has been provided with the means to increase its staffing and consequently be able to further improve curriculum and organisation. In October, 1988, we underwent the drama of a DAMA (Director of Army Man Power Audit!) As a result, Mr Paterson, who has hitherto been both Deputy Headmaster and Head of Science, will from September, 1989, be working as full-time Deputy Headmaster. The School is indebted to him for the Science Department that he has built up and run so well since 1967. Mr David Garden, who came to us to teach Chemistry in 1985 is to be congratulated on being appointed Head of Science. As a result of these changes, DAMA have established three additional posts: Mr T. Dale has been appointed to teach Physics and Science, and, having first taught in Scotland, comes to Q.V.S. in September from a S.C.E.A. school in Germany. Mr G. Harrison who joins the Science Department to teach Science and Physics comes from The John Talbot School in Shropshire. Thirdly, Mr I. Dow, from Glasgow, takes up the full-time appointment of Teacher of Pupils with special Needs. Consequently, and sadly, we will lose two excellent part-time teachers at the end of the summer term: Dr J. Watson from the Science Department, and Mrs Ross-Watt, Special Needs. Our gratitude to them is expressed at the end of this article.

Two further staff changes are of considerable import: Mr I. T. Williams, retired as Housemaster of Cunningham House on May 1st, 1989. Until a new appointment is made, the Headmaster has taken over as Housemaster and he and his family have moved into the Housemaster's flat. Similarly, Miss Cathie Thomson, who had been Headmaster's Secretary for 33 years, retires in July. Appreciations of both Mr Williams and Miss Thomson appear elsewhere in the magazine.

In educational terms, it has been a very active session: the introduction of Standard Grade in place

of 'O' Grades has gone apace, with revised Highers and Sixth Year Studies looming ever nearer. Consequently, the teaching staff have been heavily involved in all the processes of In-Service Training, introduction of new courses and materials as well as adapting to continuous assessment and moderation. The school is appreciative of the extent of extra work and cover for absent colleagues that the teaching staff has been involved in. From Session 1989/90 Q.V.S. will be well staffed, well-up-to-speed with the developments being introduced in education nationally, and well-resourced. Re-assuring as this is, further change and additions within the Teaching Block are essential. Plans for a fourth Science laboratory are under way with provision of two 'replacement' classrooms, and the area of Technology as it affects Science, Computing and Craft and Design, is being examined.

In the wider aspects of schooling, that is in boarding education as a whole, those who see the Termly Diary of Events will know the very varied and positive life of activity available to boys. There are in excess of 50 Hobbies running through the winter terms, and in sport, both team organised or individual, and in extra curricular activities, they are able to find personal interests, development and involvement IF they have the personal motivation to take advantage of what is available. Some highlights can be instanced: for example, apart from the many who do Judo with Mr Beattie and Mr Alexander (a parent), Scott McElveen is to be congratulated on winning the Silver Medal in the Scottish Youth Judo Championships — he and Gary Malone performed creditably in the British Championships in London; for example, our Small Bore Shooting Teams won their League Division in the Perthshire Small Bore League, shooting against adults, and they won the Strathcona Shield for 1989 (beating 10 of the top shooting schools), and Ross Coleman and Colin McGrath have been selected for the Scottish Schools Small Bore Teams; for example, our Cross Country Teams have run excellently, and Andrew Casey distinguished himself by being selected to run for Scotland; for example, our Public Speaking Team won through to the Final of the E.S.U. Competition against 250 schools: Michael Christie, Nigel Murdoch and Calum Redpath were unlucky not to win; for example, the school play, "Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde", was said by many to be performed at what was seen as a professional level; for example, so many boys have qualified for First Aid or R.L.S.S. Awards. These examples represent only a few of the potential opportunities for boys here — one is reminded of the adage "Free time is when you find time to be busy".

Finally, some thoughts to parents and boys on what we, staff included, are always seeking at Q.V.S. under the widest schooling sense — to have all pupils develop a sense of good and responsible behaviour while at school, as the foundation of what they will become as citizens: what King Edward VII spoke of when he formally 'opened' the school in September, 1908 — "The proper conduct of life"! The achievement of this fundamental education aim is the product of

standards set at home in the holidays and those set by the school in term time. Above all, it is only the recognition that it is a joint process of home and school, that can lead to its final achievement for each boy. The school relies greatly on the support and expectation for their sons of all parents.

Session 1988/89 will almost be over by the time this article and magazine are printed. Much will have been achieved of credit, but that should only prompt us all to attain more in success, betterment and happiness in the following session. An enjoyable summer holiday to you all.

MR I. T. WILLIAMS

Mr I. T. Williams retired as Housemaster of Cunningham House on 1st May, 1989, having been Housemaster of that House for 22 years, a remarkable contribution and achievement in itself.

Mr Williams first came to the School in 1950, whilst serving with the R.A.E.C., and was a Company Commander (predecessor of Housemaster as terminology) of 'C' Company from 1951-55. Thereafter he was on the staff of Strathallan School but returned to Q.V.S. as a civilian master in 1959, and was Assistant Housemaster in Wavell House from 1963 to 1967. So it is that he retires as Cunningham Housemaster 22 years to the day that he first took up that post. He remains as a teacher on the teaching staff, but has in all given 31 years of residential pastoral care to boys. Past pupils, present pupils, the School and the Commissioners are indebted to Mr and Mrs Williams for their caring of, concern for and devotion to boys — many are the Old Victorians who return on visits to the school and seek out 'Bill' Williams as part of their expression of gratitude for what he did for them.

Mr Williams will be very much missed as an immediate guide and mentor in House matters and

boarding organisation. For many of us it will seem strange not to have as Housemaster someone who, as a Housemaster, we knew as indefatigable and very wise.

To Mr Williams, and to his wife Ruth, go years and years of thanks. We wish them every happiness in their house in Dunblane.



Miss Cathie Thomson, Headmaster's Secretary 1953-1989.

MISS CATHIE THOMSON

In July of this year, Miss Cathie Thomson retires from her post as Headmaster's Secretary, a position she has held in the School since very soon after joining the staff here in 1953, coming to QVS from the Department of Agriculture.

Hers is a proud record, for she has worked in the School, ably and loyally, for 36 years. Put in other terms, she has been Secretary to eleven Headmasters and has been here during the tenure of five Commandants and nine Administrative Officers, and in those 36 years she has seen and adapted to a changing and changed school — from one which was largely military run by the RAEC, with Company Commanders and CSMs instead of Housemasters and Matrons, and with boys working towards the Army Certificate of Education. Hence, she has seen the Teaching Staff become civilianised, experienced two 'evacuations' (to Cultybraggan in 1962, and to STC and Ballater in 1988); and she has continued as the sole educational Secretary to the School during the considerable academic expansion and changes of the 70s and 80s.

Her knowledge and experience of 'how things are done' (or used to be done!) have been invaluable, and doubtless many people in the School will miss her acutely, as a source of information, as well as a crisp raconteur of famous incidents and confrontations. Cathie, or Miss T as some of us affectionately call her, will be much missed — missed for her tenacious loyalty, her resilience in the face of all comers; for her



Mr I. T. Williams.

'straight' opinions and succinct expression of them; and, above all, for her friendship and personable contact with all of us.

On behalf of previous Headmasters, all staff and pupils, past and present, I thank her for all she has contributed. We wish her every happiness in her retirement in her new home in Bridge of Allan.

MRS FRANCES ROSS-WATT

Mrs Ross-Watt was appointed part-time teacher of pupils with Special Needs in October 1984, although she had provided this special teaching to a small group before that.

Coming to us from Dunblane Primary School where she teaches the rest of the week, Mrs Ross-Watt carried out her role energetically and with great skill, working particularly with pupils in the Primary classes, but also with those in the Senior School who were identified as especially needing help. In introducing a new area in the School's curriculum, she has established excellent resources and used her specialist knowledge not only to identify but considerably assist those pupils needing extra help. Of particular note has been her implementation of the benefits provided by the Irlen Institute, for boys whose spectacles have required specially coloured lenses, thereby overcoming earlier identified reading problems.

We are indebted to Mrs Ross-Watt for all she has done, the energy and aptitudes she has shown, and are sorry that she, too, must leave us on the appointment of a full-time teacher.

DR JANET WATSON, B.Sc., Ph.D.

Mrs Janet Watson first taught at Q.V.S. in the Autumn Term of 1984 as a temporary teacher of Biology. She

returned to us in 1986 to teach Physics and General Science. Although her main teaching subject is Biology, it is a reflection of how fortunate the Science Department has been to have someone of Mrs Watson's qualification and abilities that she was able to teach 'O' Grade Physics, and, even more to our advantage, introduce the new Standard Grade Science as a certificate subject in S.3 and S.4. The work done in that area has been of the highest standard.

Mrs Watson leaves us only because of the establishment of a full-time post in the Science Department. We are genuinely sorry to lose such a competent teacher and cheerful colleague, as well as a lady member of staff.

MRS ALICE MILNE

The eulogy that follows was written by Norman Bruce shortly before he died in February 1984 and was intended for inclusion in the Victorian of that Year. Unfortunately, due to events and the fact that it did not come to light until much later, it was never published.

In January 1984 Mrs Milne retired as Wavell House Matron, a post she had held for ten years.

The task of seeing to the many needs of eighty small boys, many of whom have just left home for the first time, is by no means an easy one. It calls for a mixture of patience, understanding, sympathy and firmness, all dispensed in the right quantities and at the right time.

Mrs Milne gave freely and generously of her time. Her genuine concern for every aspect of a boy's life within the House, won her the boys' confidence and her constant presence in her room during the hours of the boys' free time, invited a steady stream of callers bringing things to be sewn on or mended. I cannot



Headmaster and Teaching Staff with Miss Cathie Thomson, Headmaster's Secretary on the year of her retiral.

begin to recall the multitude of badges that Matron must have hand stitched to tracksuits, or the many teddy bears and woolly toys which a needle and thread gave a new life to. Often it was just to sit and chat about home or school or any problems they had; whatever the reason, they always found a ready listener.

A Matrons job may be defined quite rationally as so many hours to work, so many sets of clothes to be looked after and so many pieces of laundry to collect. Mrs Milne treated her job in a much wider context than this. Basically she knew small boys, and had that knack of being able to influence them both individually and en-masse. Her firmness was always tempered with kindness, her room door never shut and no boy ever turned away.

Somehow, Mrs Milne always managed to attend our various parties, church services, sporting and other events. At weekends, when just her presence in the House added a touch of warmth and homeliness, there was always a toffee given when boys helped her. All of this took time, which was given unstintingly. I know how much I am indebted to her for the part she played, quietly and unobtrusively in the smooth running of the House over many years.

I think probably the best and most fitting tribute to her came quite naturally from a letter written home by a nine year old after his first week in the school. It was a simple statement and said:

'The Matron is a nice lady'.

We shall all miss her.

Chapel Notes

... "the children now love luxury, they show disrespect for their elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are tyrants, not helpers in their households. They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter in company, gobble up cakes at the table and tyrannise their teachers" ...

There can be little doubt that young people present the church with one of the greatest challenges today. Some writers think of them as "the church of tomorrow", but I see them rather as a most essential part of the church today. The quotation above does I feel represent a typical adult attitude to young people. Yet you might be surprised to learn that it was written in Greek 399 years before the birth of Christ! Perhaps therefore it is the adults that are wrong in thinking that young people are progressively behaving worse in each generation, rather, might it not be the adults who change and not the young people? Under the surface, despite the greater 'temptations' of our modern world, perhaps the young people today are not all that different from any other generation of the past. I certainly continue to be most impressed with the young people at Queen Victoria School.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTERS

Roman Catholic Church. Confirmation, 24th May, Holy Family Church by Bishop Logan — Terrence and Andrew Casey; Andrew Anderson.

Church of Scotland. Admitted by profession of faith, 5th March — Scott A. Alexander.

Mark Bailey.

James D. Baird.

Mark Casey.

Grant D. J. Christie.

Alexander C. Cook.

Steven W. Cooke.

James R. Doig.

Stewart Gardner.

William A. Hamilton.

D. Stewart Harris.

Stuart C. Hunter.

Christopher H. Johnstone.

Graeme J. McCarron.

Kenneth A. McIntosh.

Michael Mackie.

Robert K. MacKinnon.

Craig E. McKenzie.

Stephen A. McLean.

S. Andrew McMahon.

Thomas O. Moultrie.

David R. Munro.

Alexander Robertson.

Alistair I. Scott.

Keith Slater.

Andrew Swan.

David Thomson.

Ian B. Veitch.

Neil A. Wallace.

Antony Wood.

The school is very indebted to the following guest preachers who have occupied the Chapel Pulpit during this past academic year:

Oct. 30th. Rev. David Sinclair, B.Sc., B.D. Former Assistant, Dunblane Cathedral.

March 5th. Rev. Colin McIntosh, M.A., B.D. Minister, Dunblane Cathedral.

March 12th. Rev. James Davidson, B.D., Minister elect, Wishaw Old Parish Church, Wishaw.

April 30th. Rev. A. A. Orrock, M.A., B.D. Chaplain Emeritus, Queen Victoria School.

May 7th. Mr J. Hankinson, M.A., Headmaster.

OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES

Remembrance, November 13th.

Harvest, October 9th.

Nativity Play, December 11th.

Carol Service, December 18th.

I express my personal thanks to the Scripture Union and their leader Mrs Wharton our Hospital Sister for the splendid continuing tradition of the Nativity Play which becomes more professional each year. To Mr Hallyburton for all his work at Daily Chapel Services, Sunday Services, but especially for the music and choir items of the Carol Service.

To Mrs Hankinson who organises the Chapel Flower List and the individuals and families of the School who weekly beautify the Chapel my most appreciative thanks.

I would also wish to express my personal great indebtedness to my fellow chaplains who enrich the life of the school by their presence and to the Elders of Dunblane Cathedral with special responsibility for the pastoral care of the school, Mr Philip and Mr Hankinson.

Chaplains: Father B. O'Sullivan, Roman Catholic Chaplain; Rev. Dr G. Tellini, Episcopal Church Chap-

SCRIPTURE UNION

The Scripture Union soldiers on, with a loyal group of regular attenders. Bible reading per se is not attractive to the boys but the discussion it engenders does appear to be enjoyed and this forms the basis of our weekly meetings.

The fund-raising events are always popular. The ice-cream parlour one Saturday afternoon was inundated with offers of help from everyone who has had the remotest connection with the S.U., and, in the event proved to be a great success enabling us to send a generous contribution to the Lockerbie Appeal.

More recently a 'Swop Shop' (Bring and Buy Sale) raised a record fifty-two pounds and this was divided between UNICEF, South American Street Children's Project and, what had unashamedly been a juicy carrot, new games for the hospital day-room.

We gave a Nativity Play again at Christmas. There are no particular howlers to recount in connection with this, only the observation that 'Mary' always proves to be the most temperamental member of the cast, having to be persuaded, nay blackmailed, to persevere in the part, especially once the costume rehearsals are under way! Being given on the eve of departure for the Christmas holidays, makes for a receptive and happy audience and once again participants and congregation alike appeared to enjoy the albeit familiar story.

Mrs Williams is now living out of School and is unable to attend our meetings, but we do thank her for her generous help and support in the past.

Plans for the future Winter Term include several visiting speakers; also we hope to visit appropriate local residential homes, where the boys can see the response to our Lord's exhortation to "take care of my sheep" being most nobly and truly fulfilled.

Finally may I take this opportunity of thanking all friends of S.U., boys, staff and parents alike who support us in so many ways. Many Thanks.

J.W.

PIPES AND DRUMS

Question: Sir, can we get off the bus to see the Australian team arriving?

Answer: Yes, are you going for autographs?

Reply: No, we want to find out what happens in the next episode of Neighbours!

So started our first Autumn engagement at Murrayfield leading into quite a busy period for the whole of the Band, main venues being vs Australia, Wales and Ireland, all with satisfying results.

A major engagement for the Band was on the 27th of October at Tulliallan Police Training College for a passing out parade consisting of six squads of recruits, all of whom were methodically inspected, giving the Band plenty of practice in Slow March

playing, followed by their traffic drill and finally their salutes and march past, after which the Band were complimented by various senior officers and led off for a most welcome meal.

Our next passing out parade was for the Wavell "Rookies" on the 22nd of March where the Band was formed from 1st-3rd year pupils who rehearsed very enthusiastically (under Robert MacKinnon, ably assisted by James Laws), to such an extent that the parade "Passed off" without a hitch (if one forgets about the snow storm). A great credit to all who took part!

Various other engagements are forthcoming for the Band during this term, with visits to Kilbarchan and Edinburgh with the full Band, and local area engagements for Iain MacNeil and the dancers culminating on the 17th of June when the full Band and Dancers are "beating retreat" for the Queen's Birthday at Edinburgh Castle, followed on the 23rd of June with Grand Day; a fitting finale for a very busy season.

It is also appropriate at this time to bid farewell to the senior members of the Band who are leaving us: Robert McGraw, Andrew Fraser, Nigel Murdoch, Colin Smith, Frank McAuley and Ian MacDougal. They have all made a major contribution to the Band over many years and especially in setting and maintaining standards that the younger members who follow them may aspire to. We thank them most sincerely and wish them all possible good fortune in the future.

HIGHLAND DANCING

Highland Dance activity has been quietly purposeful and successful. This year's 'Rookies' have learned particularly well and quickly; and, judging by their reactions and comments, appear to have enjoyed their class-work.

Steven Cooke, Stuart Hunter, Grant McLeod and Mark McMillan all of Cunningham House and Stuart Davidson and Lorn Kennedy of Trenchard House all achieved success in external competition. Both the Junior and Senior demonstration teams have given creditable performances at various locations. This year's Senior Dancer is Steven Wallace.

Preparations are at present under way to:

entertain The Lord High Commissioner during his visit to School on 23rd May;

compete at Blackford Highland Games on 27th May;

participate in Beating of Retreat at Edinburgh Castle on 17th June;

and of course to provide our annual Grand Day display for families and friends.

In August the School will be represented at the International Youth Festival of Music and Dance in Aberdeen by ten dancers and a piper (Ian MacNeil). They will perform at His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen, in addition to carrying out a number of engagements in the area.



The Pipes and Drums: Queen Victorian School 1988-1989.

TRADITION — SOMETHING OLD OR SOMETHING NEW

Traditionally, the young Victorian Rookie has always been required to 'Pass off the Square' before he was allowed to take part in the School's Ceremonial occasions.

In 1985 it was felt that the occasion was one which parents and relatives would like to share, so in March 1986 it was held for the first time on the last afternoon of the Easter term and supported by a goodly number of parents and supporters. The parade was held on the Square and followed the format of Grand Day but without the Advance in Review Order.

Each year since then it has been refined in small ways; the first 2 parades were commanded by the School Sergeant Major and in 1988 it was split into 2 Guards each commanded by a fifth year Prefect. It was then that the John Walker Cup for the best recruit at Drill was presented for the first time. (See the Victorian Issue No. 102 June 1988 for the background story).

In 1989 two further important changes were introduced. First, the Parade was commanded by the boys themselves with Graeme Brown (12) as Parade Commander and James Cornelius (11) and Paul Kane (10) as the two Guard Commanders. Second, in order to highlight the fact that those on parade had become fully fledged Victorians, Graeme Brown handed his command over to the Senior Monitor by reporting '35 Victorians formed up ready for you to assume command'. Graeme then took his post on the left flank and the Senior Monitor marched the parade off the Square in Column of Route.

Good music is an essential element of any successful parade and in the past this occasion has been supported by a small band made up of volunteers from playing members of the Pipes and Drums. In this respect 1989 was also a notable occasion as, for the first time, the parade was supported by a Mini-Band 23 strong who, with only one exception, were all found from boys in S2 and S1 of whom only 4 pipers and 2 drummers were established members of the School Pipes and Drums.

This remarkable achievement was made possible partly by the introduction of the new Canmore Pipe Bag made from Goretex, which makes conversion from Chanter to Pipes very much easier for the younger boys, but primarily as a result of the immense enthusiasm and determination of the boys themselves. This Band was most ably led by Robert Mackinnon (13) as A/Boy Pipe Major, whose younger brother Stephen was right marker of No 2 Guard, with Jamie Baird (14) as Bass Drummer and Tony Wood (13) as leading Tipper. Kenneth McIntosh (14), who only joined the School in S2 in Sept 88, was A/Boy Drum Major. Every boy had worked exceptionally hard to reach a very commendable standard and we all hope that they have set a pattern for the future.

Every boy on parade on the afternoon of Wed 22 Mar., 1989 deserved the greatest possible credit and they fully lived up to the standards set by their predecessors. Tradition is not necessarily something from the past; new ones were clearly established that afternoon.

GRAND DAY 1989

Prize Giver and Inspecting Officer:
General Sir Robert Pascoe KCB MBE ADC (Gen)
Adjutant General

PRIZE-GIVING

Prize-Giving takes place in the School Memorial Chapel at 1130 in the presence of Her Majesty's Commissioners, distinguished guests, parents, staff and boys.
Due to limited accommodation it is regretted that attendance at Prize-Giving is restricted to those holding personal tickets.

PARADE On Parade

Parade Commander, Senior Monitor	Nigel Murdoch
Guard Commanders:	
No. 1 Guard	Grant Macintosh
No. 2 Guard	Kevin Brown
No. 3 Guard	Michael Christie
No. 4 Guard	Lee Hamilton
No. 5 Guard	Graeme Kidd
No. 6 Guard	James Scott
No. 7 Guard	Hamish McKee
No. 8 Guard	Stuart Cook
I/c Colour Party	Donald Johnstone
Ensigns	Ian Campbell
	Steven Wallace
Escorts	Craig Henderson
	Scott Poole
Orderlies	Murray Wilson
	Jan Witkowski
School Sergeant Major	Mr H-Berry (late BW)

The Parade

The School will march on and the Colours are marched on with the parade at the Salute. The Inspecting Officer will be received with a General Salute at 1500; he will then inspect the Parade.

The Parade will then March Past in Slow Time, break into Quick Time, Reform Line and Advance in Review Order. After the General Salute the Parade will form a Hollow Square for the Inspecting Officer's Address and Presentation of Prizes by Lady Pascoe, culminating with the Prince Philip Medal. The School will then give 3 Cheers and reform line.

Having sought permission to march-off the Senior Monitor will lead the Parade off the field in Column of Route.

All spectators are asked to stand when the Colours are marched on to Parade, during General Salutes and when the Colours pass during the March Past.

Tea

After the Parade Tea will be served for HM Commissioners' Guests in the Marquee behind Enclosure A.

Refreshments will be available on repayment in the Playhall for all other spectators.

RETREAT

At approximately 1610 the Buglers will sound the 5 minute call. 5 minutes later the Pipes and Drums will march on to Beat Retreat which will include a display of Dancing. Spectators are asked to remain to watch this display which will last approximately 20 minutes. Spectators are asked to stand during the sounding of the Retreat Call and lowering of the Union Flag.

PARADE MUSIC

March on to Parade	Within a mile o' Edinburgh Toon Cabar Feidh
March on the Colours	The Victorians
General Salute	Loch Leven Castle
Inspection	Logie of Buchan My Home Dark Island Skye Boat Song
March Past in Slow Time	Westering Home
Break into Quick Time	Bengullion
Advance in Review Order	Scotland the Brave
March off in Column of Route	Highland Laddie

RETREAT MUSIC

March on	I am a Young Man Kenmure's Up and Awa Steamboat
Retreat Call	
Drummers Salute	
Retreat Marches	Balmoral Shoals of Herring Lochanside
Dancers March on	Corriehoillies Welcome
Strathspeys	Stumpie Aspen Bank
Reels	The Ale is Dear Piper of Drummond
Dancers March off	Leaving Port Askaig
March off Parade	Scotland the Brave Highland Laddie

<i>Pipe Major</i>	Mr A. Dippie BEM (late BW)
<i>Drum Major</i>	Mr R. Brown (late Strathclyde Police)
<i>Dancing Instructor</i>	Miss M. G. Anderson MA MSDTA MBATD
<i>Boy Pipe Major</i>	Robert McGraw
<i>Boy Drum Major</i>	Frank McAuley
<i>Senior Dancer</i>	Steven Wallace

Old Victorians' Association

President: Lt. Col. R. Smith

Secretary: J. Quinn

Treasurer: J. W. White

A year of activity amongst Old Victorians follows a fairly set pattern and yet can result in the development of closer relationships amongst Old Victorians themselves and between the OVA and the School. I feel that that is the case for the past twelve months, continuing the excellent work of the Association under the leadership of our immediate Past President, Vic Carroll.

Despite the disruption caused to School Life by the major refurbishment exercise of 1988, Old Victorians have maintained or renewed their links with the school throughout the year in good numbers. Membership has crept towards the target of 500 set for March, 1990. At the time of drafting this article it stands at 476 and thus should be attained well before deadline. This is the first action most members take in the development of their relationship with the School after leaving, and is a good indication of the success of the Association in fostering those links.

The more obvious indications are the visits, both formal and informal, that so many make. Grand Day 1988, by virtue of its limitations due to refurbishment, was not so well attended as many previous events. However, those of us who were present thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, met old friends and were very appreciative of an excellent parade and of the Commandant's hospitality thereafter.

The second formal visitation to report is that for Remembrance Sunday. A small but representative group of Old Victorians attended and participated in the Ceremony, Jack Quinn and Willie Carruthers laying wreaths on behalf of the Association and of Old Victorians overseas and Ron Smith reading one of the lessons.

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion Weekend — 11-12 March, 1989 — was another successful and well attended event. Sporting activities were limited to a football match against the School XI and a shooting competition. Sadly (if not unexpectedly) we lost both but were not disgraced! It was very gratifying to see so many Old Victorians who were prepared to play — indeed at half-time I counted six substitutes taking the field — although it made no difference to the ultimate result. It is an indication of the desire to participate in the events of the weekend by members and gave a lead to discussion of the future at the subsequent AGM. The rules preventing a Rugby Match between the School and an OVA team have, in the immediate past, resulted in its substitution by a football match. It is hoped to continue this but also to add to the Sunday programme a Rugby 7s competition with two or three OVA teams and possibly a team representing the

Masters. This will be 'tried' out in 1990 and its success will depend, of course, on the commitment and subsequent participation of as many Old Victorians as possible.

The Stirling Arms Hotel played its normal part in the social events of the Reunion. Despite the large turnout there and the consequent conviviality, many of us attended the Parade Service on Sunday with a lesson read by Bill Mackay. I was honoured by the invitation from Brigadier Tweedy to take the salute at the March Past, a very moving experience for me. Before dispersing we were entertained in their normal fashion by the Commandant, Headmaster, Staff and Senior Boys — thank you once again for the hospitality and helping us to enjoy our Reunion.

The major news item to emerge at the AGM was a report on recent efforts to revive the London Branch of the Association — Gary Anderson (Chairman), Ian Lorimer (Secretary) and Martin Shaw (Treasurer) are much involved in this effort with the active and 'paternal' support of Ron Taylor (President). It is hoped that their efforts will be successful and that the Branch can be formally reconstituted at our next AGM. Any Old Victorians who require further information should contact Ian Lorimer at 8f, Old Pye Street Estate, London, S.W.1.

Another effort to improve the links between Old Victorians serving in the Armed Forces is an attempt to identify unit / station representatives wherever possible. In order to assist with this appropriate notices are being published in Soldier / Navy News / Air Force News. Any Old Victorians serving are requested to advise the Association of their personal details so that Bill Common can initiate this effort.

On a personal note I am pleased to report that I represented both the Kirk Session of Dunblane Cathedral and the OVA at the 1989 Communicants Admission Service as one of the six elders invited to participate in that important event in the Chapel Calendar.

Although this article represents a year in the life of the OVA it must also recognise all these Old Victorians, whether members or not, who visited the School throughout the year. The Headmaster passes on to me all the proformas filled in by such visitors and this itself provides closer contact between us. The OVA extends an invitation to all who are not yet members to seriously consider joining us and perhaps we can alter the target to 600 by March, 1990.

My own personal thanks go to all Old Victorians and to the Commandant, Headmaster and Staff for their support of me in my first year as President. I have thoroughly enjoyed my initial contact with so many of you and hope we can expand on it in the future.

OBITUARIES

It is with regret that we have to inform you of the deaths of the following Old Victorians:

336 W. A. McKINNEL

Bill died in Edinburgh on 28th March, 1989, aged 85. He joined the school in 1913 and served subsequently

in the Royal Engineers. He enjoyed a civilian career as an engineering draughtsman for Balfour Beatty for whom he worked for 40 years until retiring in 1968. His love for the school is clearly identified in the notice of his death in The Scotsman which identifies him as an Old Victorian.

493 C. M. WINTER

Charles died in Australia on 3rd July, 1988, aged 82. He was at school from 1915-1920 and then served as a Bandsman in the 10th and the 11th Hussars and in the RAF. He became a jazz musician of considerable note, featuring on the bass in many top bands of the 30s and 40s, including Nat Gonella, Billy Cotton and Harry Gold.

815 MAJOR CAMPBELL McQUEEN

Campbell died suddenly at his home in Stirling on 21st May, 1989. He had just celebrated his 78th birthday. He had been at the School from 1920-25 and then served through the ranks to Major in the RAOC for 40 years. In retirement he devoted himself to the School he cherished, through his work in the formulation of the constitution of the OVA and subsequently as President of the Association. The detail of the present records of the OVA are a tribute to his interest in and efforts on behalf of all Old Victorians.

At his quiet family funeral we were honoured to meet his family and particularly his older brother Donald (666). The OVA was represented by Vic Carroll, Jimmy White and Ron Smith and the School by the Headmaster and three senior boys. Perhaps the finest tribute paid on that sad occasion was the final salute from the boys at his graveside — a fitting recognition of his service from the current generation.

1973 D. E. WATERING

David joined the Royal Scots Military Band on leaving the School in 1945. After leaving the Army in 1954 he was employed by Norfolk Council as a Woodwind teacher. He died in Norwich on 14th January, 1988.

3466 CPL. S. A. DOLAN

Sean enlisted into the 17/21 Lancers in 1979. He served in BAOR, Northern Ireland and Canada and it was during a six-month tour of duty at Suffield, the British Army Training area in Alberta, that he was involved in a serious traffic accident whilst hurrying to the aid of an injured soldier. He was in a coma for five days but did not recover consciousness and died of his injuries on 20th November, 1988.

The following words of his close friend and fellow Old Victorian Cpl. Jim Robb (3487) are the most suitable epitaph for Sean that could be composed:

"Sean was destined for great things in the Army, or for that matter, in anything he may have gone on to do. He was a great character in the squadron and was immensely popular. He will be sorely missed."

RENT-A-PIP: A VICTORIAN'S VANTAGE

Callum Lane, Senior Monitor 1987/88, was awarded a Short Service Limited Service Commission (often known colloquially as Rent-a-pip) and after a three week course at the RMA Sandhurst emerged on 11th February, 1989, as a 2/Lt. in the Queen's Own Highlanders for nine months until going up to university in October 1989. He writes from BAOR in March 1989:

"I have now been with 1 QO Hldrs for a little under a month with never a dull moment. At present I am with A Company and OC 3 Platoon. A Coy is the first Company to go to BATUS in Canada this year as part of the Blues and Royals Battle Group. I have just come back from conducting model exercises with them. It is very easy to see (and very frustrating for us) that it is a Cavalry Battle Group; the infantry sit at the rear and do virtually nothing.

"Training with the platoon is going well. I have, and everyone agrees with me on this point, an extremely good platoon of whom I am very proud. We have recently completed our Field Firing doing such things as the Intermediate Battle Shooting Range, Close Quarter Battle and working up to Mechanised Platoon attacks. These few days were, to put it mildly, an eye opener but we all came out the wiser for it (and certainly with a few more grey hairs). I am also very lucky in that I have a very capable Platoon Sergeant who keeps me right. Unfortunately he was not around when I took a wrong turning and took my FV432 towards the bright lights of Central Munster; luckily one of the Jocks with me realised something was amiss but it goes to prove the old saying about subalterns and maps!

"Aside from training, life in the Officers mess goes on at its usual fast and furious pace. All of which is good for my Social life but having just seen my Mess Bill the Bank Manager is probably going to have a heart attack. Indeed I am having such a good time with the Battalion that I think I will probably try to rejoin them as opposed to the RMP after University."

STEVE IS A QUICK LEARNER

Bannockburn soldier Lance Corporal Steve Letford (21) has recently taken part in a tough cross-country ski competition in the Austrian Alps after only learning to ski two months ago.

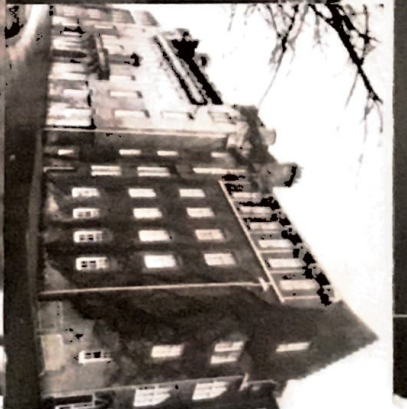
Steve, an electronic technician with his regiment, The Queen's Dragoon Guards, was taking part in the 1st Armoured Division Ski Championships.

A former pupil of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, Steve joined the Army in 1983 as an apprentice and is a keen adventure trainer. He has partaken in potholing and caving as well as rock climbing and parachuting. He intends to apply to join the Parachute Regiment in the near future.

REME AWARD FOR CRAFTSMAN ROSS

Craftsman Ross Moultrie of Cowdenbeath has completed his basic military training at the Training Battalion and Depot, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), Arborfield, Reading.

The 17-year-old soldier lives in Johnston Park,



Cowdenbeath, and he was educated at Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, leaving in June, 1988.

He enlisted at the Army Careers Information Office at Dunfermline on 26th October, 1988, and is now to be trained as a vehicle mechanic.

During his basic military training Craftsman Moultrie was instructed in the many subjects required of a modern soldier and consistently achieved high marks due to great effort and personal endeavour.

As a result he was presented with the REME Association Award for Endeavour by Lieutenant Colonel R. G. Owen, REME, who reviewed his passing-out parade.

CCF Section

Contingent Commander: Wg. Cdr. I. T. Williams, RAFVR(T)

RN Section: OC— Lieut. Cmdr. W. G. Webster, RNR
Lieut. T. Shannon, RNR

Army Section: OC— Capt. G. M. Watson
Lieut. D. Garden
Lieut. G. D. M. Carroll
WO1 H. Berry (SSI).

RAF Section: OC— Flt. Lieut. M. J. Boast
Fg. Off. H. D. Brown

Supernumerary to Est:— Major J. R. Silcox, CF

One has to accept that a year has passed since we last prepared and assembled notes for the school magazine. The period of "disruptive displacement" — Summer '88 — has passed into history and during the two terms since we have endeavoured to return to a state of normality. The disruptive displacement, however, had its advantages and afforded greater opportunities for adventure training on the water and in the hills: canoeing, sailing, rowing, rafting, camping, climbing, escaping, evading and getting lost was much enjoyed by the younger members at least!

Time is also catching up on some of the more senior members of staff. Capt. George Watson, O.C. Army Section is taking early retirement from the scholastic profession and will be leaving the C.C.F. after the summer camps. Capt. Watson was a loyal member of the Corps and willing volunteer — equally at home instructing on the ski slopes, cooking in a "field kitchen" or re-living his National Service days with the Signals Section: his involvement will be greatly missed.

In expressing one's appreciation of Capt. Watson's contribution to the C.C.F. may I also extend my thanks to all the staff involved as well as to their wives and families (and girlfriends) for their continued sacrificial support and understanding.

Congratulations to Major Silcox, officer in charge of shooting, and his fellow coaches as well as to members of the shooting teams on their successes in various competitions during the year — a just reward for the many hours spent in practice, training, coaching and organising. Shooting is a tri-service activity and cadets of the three Service Sections were



CCF Naval Postal Shoot (Winter) Winners 1988 — Craig Scott, Malcolm Kerr, Dean Ross, James McGerty, Ross Coleman, Iain Campbell.

members of the winning team in the S.R.A. Strathcona Shield competition. Congratulations, too, to Colin McGrath and Ross Coleman on their selection for the Scottish 'A' and 'B' teams respectively to compete in the British Schools' Small Bore Rifle Association Home International. Well done, too, the R.N. Section on winning their .22 Postal Shooting Shield during the winter term. Members of the R.A.F. Section's shooting team are also eagerly awaiting the result of their entry for the Assegai Trophy — open to all C.C.F./R.A.F. Sections in the U.K.

The R.A.F. Section, however, are to be congratulated on gaining fifth place in the "Scotnine" Aircraft Recognition Competition open to C.C.F./R.A.F. Sections in schools from Scotland, N. Ireland, Northern England and the Isle of Man. Q.V.S. (with 185 points) were placed second of the Scottish Schools who were much in evidence in the top ten of the thirty-one schools who gained over 100 points: Kelvinside Academy gaining the premier award and Aberdeen Grammar, George Heriot's and Daniel Stewart's and Melville gaining seventh, eighth and ninth places.

The winners of the competition for the Q.V.S. Combined Cadet Force Recruits' Cups for 1987-88 were Grant McLeod (R.N.), James Laws (Army) and James Boyd (R.A.F.) — well done.

Members of the Pipe Band are prominent in the preparation for the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by

the massed Pipes and Drums of the Scottish Schools Combined Cadet Forces on the Esplanade, Edinburgh Castle later in the term. Thanks are due to Pipe-Major Dippie and Drum-Major Brown for their co-operation during a very busy season.

We are again grateful to the Commandant, H.M. Commissioners and the Headmaster as well as to 23 Cadet Training Team and members of the R.N. and R.A.F. Liaison Staff for their continued support of the C.C.F. in so many ways.

I.T.W.

R.N. SECTION C.C.F.

It has been another good year for the Section. Full advantage of a day at sea was taken in December and Army and R.A.F. cadets joined the occasion for the experience of service life on the heaving Firth of Forth. As will be mentioned elsewhere in this magazine, the Section won the R.N. Sections (Scottish Schools) Shooting Competition at the first attempt. Congratulations to all involved and especially to Major Silcox, the coach.

Sub-Lieutenant Nairns has visited on more than one occasion to teach canoeing. He also took part with an PELO, Lieutenant G. Beaver, in a "teach in" style presentation which went down well. Commander Harbour also visited informally and we thank him for keeping a seaman-like eye on our cadets who are aspiring to become officers in the R.N.

This term we intend to enjoy the fine weather.

Lieutenant Shannon is running a sailboard and windsurfing course for ten weeks and the remaining on shore will be enjoyed in all active pursuits. Our cadets seconded to the Highland Tactical continue to do well and we benefit from this cross training enormously. Our section hut is splendidly well equipped. It has been worth waiting for.

Numbers for summer camps are good. Six cadets have already attended courses at Easter. Finally, our thanks to all colleagues and to our area chief CPOPT P. Richards for his enthusiastic support.

W.G.W.

ARMY SECTION CAMPS

Last year there were three Summer Camps. One was a Greenfield Camp at Dunkeld. Here Wing Cdr. I. T. Williams, Maj. Silcox, Capt. Watson, Lt. Garden, S.S.M. Berry, and Mr J. Hallyburton all helped to make an exciting adventure camp for the cadets. Canoeing and hill walking, with an overnight tented camp were the main activities. Those attending found the camp good fun and demanding.

The other two were the Berlin Camp, which took place just after the camp at Dunkeld, and the shooting camp at Warminster and Bisley.

The Ski Camp at Rothiemurchas Lodge was a day shorter than usual. Despite the poor snow conditions earlier on in the season, we were fortunate to get some very good snow. On one day the weather conditions were such that the slopes were closed,



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however we had good ski-ing the rest of the time. This year we again had the invaluable assistance of Capt. Gooderson and Cpl. Mika from the R.E. T.A. Again Capt. Watson and Mr T. Tompson looked after the cadets on the hill while S.S.M. Berry, Maj. Silcox and Mr Milne attended to the skiers' catering and apres ski-ing.

G.M.W.

C.C.F. ANNUAL CAMP TO BERLIN

Thirty-two cadets and six members of staff with a number of guests for Edinburgh House arrived on the continent in the "wee small hours". Braunsweig next stop or so we thought.

Being completely sensible, the French authorities do minor motorway repairs during the night and the authority responsible for informing the travelling public forgot to tell us. One can imagine our astonishment when the road was suddenly closed and we were diverted north. We travelled in convoy following several heavy lorries and this proved to be our downfall: the leading vehicle did not know where we were or how we were to get to where we were going. As members of the E.E.C., low bridge signs mean what they say. A certain German lorry driver, two vehicles ahead of us failed to observe the warning and his huge vehicle firmly stuck under such a low bridge causing the traffic to steadily build up behind and the crossing at Aachen even further away. A certain ex-Black Watch sergeant-major decided that he could get the lorry under the bridge by letting down the tyres, all sixteen of them! He merely succeeded in turning a fairly amicable lorry driver into a very, very irate foreigner. Eventually we found the crossing to Aachen and on to Braunsweig.

Travelling on the Berlin Train is an experience not to be missed and the boys thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. The food and service were super and, for the vast majority of us, it was our first glimpse of life behind the "Iron Curtain".

Arriving in Berlin we were met by the Black Watch and before long were sat down to a meal and preparing for the programme starting on the morrow.

An excellent training team, led by Capt. Denholm, took us through military training, watermanship and a night exercise, and were also responsible for organising the various visits we had: a challenging and exciting programme. Without question, the most interesting visit, was to East Berlin. Among the places we saw were Hitler's bunker, the changing of the guard at the "eternal flame," various palaces from the Hapsburg period and probably the worst shopping centre in Europe.

Eventually it was time to return to the UK and after a sincere and fond farewell to an excellent host, we were back on the train and off to Braunsweig and our coach. Twenty-four hours later we arrived at the school after an exciting camp and an experience that none will forget.

H.B.

R.A.F. SECTION

Cadet N.C.O.'s as at 30th April, 1989

Sgts: — G. E. B. Macintosh

Cpls: — G. A. Kidd

H. McL. McKee

J./Cpls.: S. Cook, I. R. Holland, C. J. McKenzie, C. J. Redpath, M. Smith

Results of Proficiency Part 2 Examinations sat in March, 1988: Passes were gained by Cds. J. Harper, P. Munro, C. Blackhurst, R. Carr, D. Fisher, S. Brogan, M. McCabe, D. McGuire, J. Moreland, D. Orr and J. Boyd. The latter must be congratulated on getting the highest mark in Scotland.

Our summer camp was at R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse, where 16 cadets spent a very enjoyable week. As well as the usual air experience flying and station visits there was a good night exercise and a day visit to York to sightsee and a look round the Jorvik Centre.

Air experience flying again took place on Thursday afternoons throughout the year with No. 12 A.E.F., R.A.F. Turnhouse and we are indebted to Mr Brown for giving up his half days to take the cadets there.

Shooting has and is playing a greater role in the C.C.F. and thanks must go to Major Silcox for his time and patience.

Our Liaison officer, Flt. Lt. D. Otridge and Liaison N.C.O. F./Sgt. R. Thomas have once again been most helpful throughout the year, keeping us in touch with the outside world.

M.J.B.

HIGHLAND TEAM 1988

The teams this year consisted of: A Team — Jim McAlister i/c, Sean Marr 2i/c, Nigel Hay, Darren Whyte, Melvin Murch, Ian Holland, Stewart Dow, Robbie Herd. B Team — Ross Coleman i/c, Malcolm Kerr 2i/c, Sandy Williamson, Paul Geddes, John Jardine, Sandy Duff, Gary Wood, Jason Wood. Reserve: Iain Campbell.

The competition was held in the Inverness area over the weekend 27-29 May, 1988. The first team, ably led by Jim McAlister, worked hard to achieve a commendable eighth place overall. The second team (probably the youngest in the competition) came 16th.

Congratulations to those taking part.

D.G.

SENIOR SCHOOL SKI-TRIP 1989

On Friday, 17th March, 22 boys and two staff set out for Glasgow Airport. After the usual delayed Dan-Air flight we arrived in Austria at Salzburg Airport. We were welcomed at the Hotel Edelweiss, St Johann in Tyrol by rain. The first rain for six weeks after continuous sunshine.

After getting a meal and sorting out rooms we got skis, boots and sticks fitted in the early hours of Saturday — then to bed. Saturday morning saw the thaw continue and we were only able to ski on the higher slopes, but it was a nice feeling after the dry slope at Tillicoultry.

The next five days we went to the Steinplatte to ski,

where there was good snow and only a short bus journey away. Our instructor, Andreas took one group in the morning and the other in the afternoon. It wasn't long before cries of "where is Harreese" filled the valleys of the Tyrol. He was a very patient instructor and kept everyone moving and experiencing many of the ski-runs.

In the evenings there was a disco, Tyrolean evening, fancy dress and an ice-cream evening. The centre of St Johann was only a short walk and boys could go down before the evening meal to shop.

All too soon it was time to return. Our coach journey to Salzburg took us into Germany and back to Austria, passing through some delightful villages and scenery. Only a slight delay and we were back in Scotland, safe and well-apart from the usual few with bruises, and sore legs.

Boys who went were: P. Clark, S. Cooke, J. Doig, W. Hamilton, P. Harbour, S. Harris, C. Henderson, D. Kennedy, L. Kennedy, J. Law, S. McLean, A. McMahon, P. Mitchell, D. Munro, P. Munro, D. Orr, E. Redpath, A. Scott, S. Veitch, D. Whyte, C. Wilson, C. Wood.

SHOOTING

Full Bore Rifle Team

119th Annual National Rifle Association Meeting, Bisley

The team benefited greatly last year from a Pre-Bisley practice at Mere Ranges, School of Infantry, Warminster, three days before travelling to Bisley to begin a very busy four days of competition.

Monday, Wellington 1. 200x.
Marlborough. Snap.
Tuesday, Wellington 2. 200x.
Iveagh 1. 500x.
Wednesday, Iveagh 2. 500x.
Marling. Snap.
Thursday, The Reserve.
Cadet Pairs. 300x & 500x.
Ashburton. 300x & 500x.
Spencer Mellish. 500x.

Concurrent Competitions. Aggregate Competitions.
Cottesloe Vase. Devon.
London Scottish. London Scottish Vase.
Army District Challenge Trophy. Public School's Aggregate.
Schools Hundred. Rutland.
Schools Staff. Cadets Rifle Aggregate.
Major Silcox and Lt. Garden were again on the prize list for the schools staff, both winning spoons. Our better shot on the day, scoring 35 at 200x and 33 at 500x, equalled the winning score of 68 out of a possible 70, but was unfortunately counted out of top place by the two dropped points at 500 yards.

The Cadets' best performance was in the Public Schools Snap, when out of a total of thirty three entries, the team came 8th with a score of 301.

The Ashburton scores were as follows:

Competition	Score	Position	Previous Scores		
			1987	1986	1985
Pairs	115	27th	103	103	108
Fours	213	25th	188	185	189
VIII's	509	60th	478	389	406

A.P.C. Test

Each week during the winter the M i/c S runs the .22 Skill at Arms Test, the A.P.C.

Year's statistics

Section	Pass	2nd Class	1st Class	Marksman	Total
Navy	4	8	6	5	23
Army	4	7	20	2	33
R.A.F.	13	9	9	7	38
	21	25	35	14	95

Small Bore Shooting

Without a doubt this is clearly the area of most success during the past year with the winning of six major pieces of silver in competition.

Our 'A' team in the Perthshire Winter League, Division Four, decimated all opposition to win the F.B. Smith Cup and five individual county gold medals.

Shot	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Aggregate	Position
18	18	0	0	Max.	8556	1st

Our 'B' team also had a very good year in Division Five, winning the Robert Wilson Cup and five individual county gold medals.

Shot	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Aggregate	Position
18	16	2	0	32	8257	1st

Our 'C' Team (the very inexperienced firers) also in Division Five were learning many invaluable lessons in the discipline of weekly competition.

Shot	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Aggregate	Position
18	5	13	0	10	7439	8th

Readers should note that the above teams were in competition not with other schools, but adult shooting clubs within the county.

Winners also were found on the scoresheets of the County Indoor Meeting on the 4th March, when in the Adult Class 'D' Division. Melvin Mutch shot himself into the prize money in 1st position, and there was also prize money for James McGerty who attained 4th place.

We have also been informed by the County that two of our top firers have won the 'Les McLean Memorial Trophy' for the 'Highest Junior' and also the 'F. K. Balfour Trophy', but early publication of their names is not possible in this article.



Scottish Rifle Association, Strathcona Shield, 1989

Having competed in this competition for some five years, I was delighted to be able to congratulate our team on winning it this year along with S.R.A. individual medals.

Class A Winning team's score

H. McKee (Capt.) 98

C. Berry 97.

R. Coleman 96.

C. McGrath 95

M. Mutch 94

I. Campbell 94. Total Team Score 574

J. McGerty (Res.) 91

Royal Naval .22 Postal Shooting Shield, Winter Term

Winning Team

R. Coleman (Capt). I. Campbell. D. Ross.

C. Scott. M. Kerr. J. McGerty.

British Schools, Scottish Teams

Congratulations are in order to Colin McGrath who

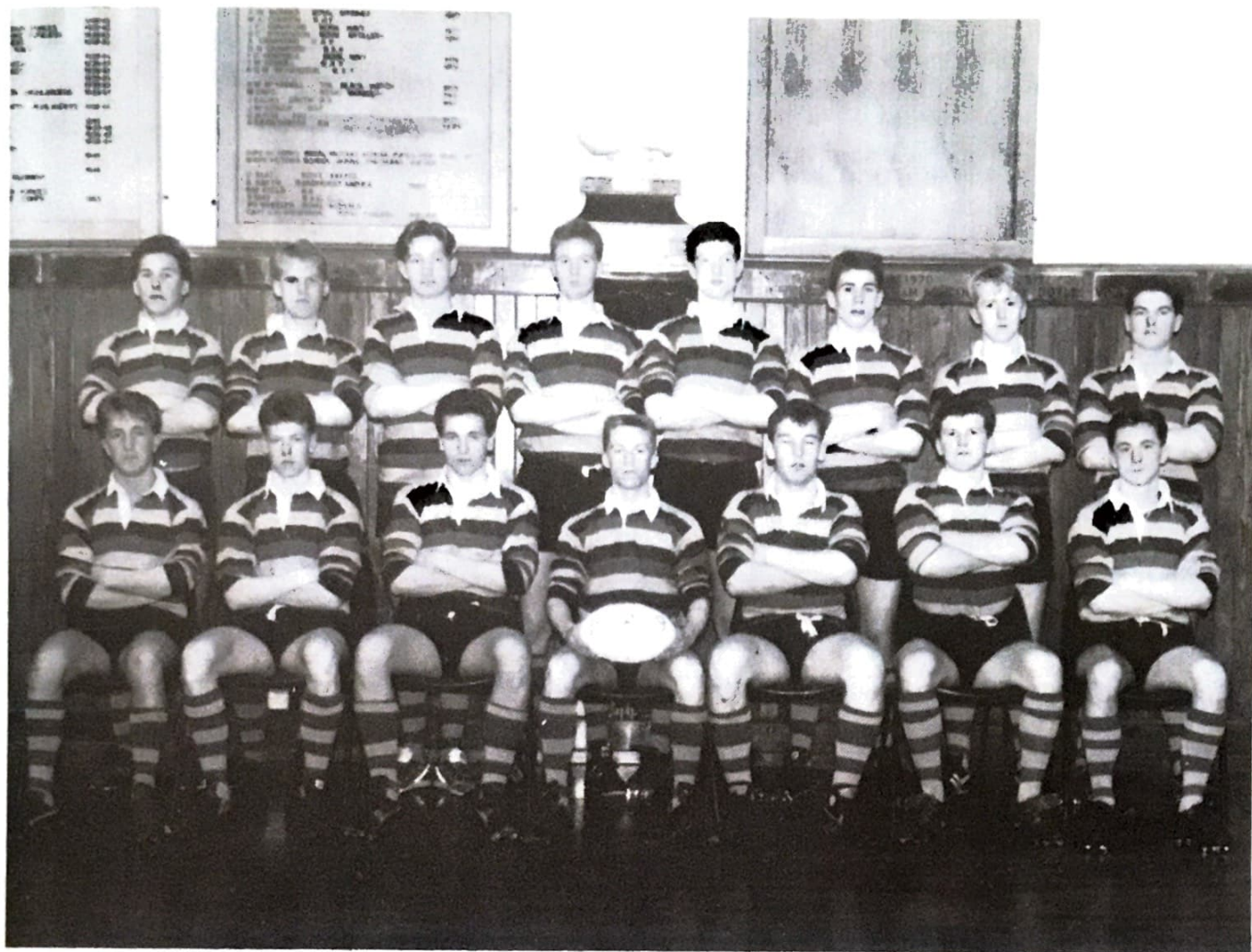
*SRA Strathcona Shield Class 'A' Winners 1989 —
Christopher Berry, Iain Campbell, Melvin Mutch, Ron
Coleman, Hamish McKee, James McGerty, Colin
McGrath.*

was selected for the Scottish 'A' team in the British Schools Small Bore Rifle Association Home International Postal Match. This is another first for our School, Colin was in the 'B' Team last year. Ross Coleman was again selected to shoot in the 'B' Team this year and is proving to be a most consistent competitor.

All of the above would not be possible of course without a most dedicated and hard working team of skilled and enthusiastic coaches. On behalf of the boys I acknowledge our great debt to Mr David Garden, Mr Harry Berry (S.S.M.), Mr Alan Dippie, Mr Paul Gilfillan and Mr George Watson.

I would wish to place on record the most helpful co-operation and support of the Commandant, Headmaster and the C.C.F. Contingent Commander, Wing Commander Williams.

J.R.S.



1st XV Rugby Team 1988-1989.

1st XV RUGBY 1988/89

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
7	1	5	1	62	130

Our Senior teams inevitably face older and heavier sides, nevertheless we wished to live up to last season's team performance, where the 1st XV managed to win three matches (the most since the season 1984-85) but that proved to be too difficult. Contrary to what the table of results suggests, a fair way to describe the season would be to say that it was close (a heavy defeat of 60-0 by a well drilled Rannoch side should explain the points difference). However, the games we lost, we did so by very small points' margins: 'the game' we did win, which is well worth a mention, 24-4 Edinburgh Academy, was a deserved way to end our very short season.

My thanks of course must go to the team of Iain Campbell, Mike Christie, Colin McGrath, Kevin Brown, Callum McKenzie, Callum Redpath, Ian Holland, Steve Wallace, Matthew Smith, Donald Johnstone, Scott Burns, John Jardine, Frank McAuley and "my vicel", Grant Macintosh. Thanks also to Mr Boast, Mr Laing, Mr Philip and Mr Webster, upon whom our playing depends.

ROBERT McGRAW

2nd XV RUGBY 1988/89

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
9	4	1	4

The second XV resembled a world class sprinter this season. Two games sessions had produced a body with muscles flexing in anticipation with a mind concentrated on nothing but the race: the second fifteen. However, unlike a world class sprinter we didn't get going until halfway through the season; we lost our first game against Glenalmond 0-63.

Any normal team may at that point have resigned themselves to the fact that they were mortal, but not us. We regarded this 63-0 defeat as merely a minor setback.

We prepared ourselves once again, muscles-aflexing, a nifty combination of power, speed and ?????.

Even after being beaten for the second time the second XV's morale was not tarnished in any way. After all, it was due to our captain's inexperience!

After producing some amazing entertainment with a 0-0 draw against Dollar, we eventually shifted ourselves into gear. After that, we never looked back and we went on to beat teams from Rannoch, Edinburgh Academy, Graeme High and Fettes.

Our thanks must go to Michael Christie who guest-starred in our game against Graeme High. Mike's scoreless contribution proved to be an invaluable inspiration.

We saw some remarkable personal efforts also from Jammy Jason (who was our top scorer), Andy McInnes, Gordon McBain, and Graeme Kidd (our vice captain). The extent to which the Second Fifteen made its own luck becomes apparent when I tell you that even I, no-hoper Nigel, scored a couple of tries.

By the last game, we were storming ahead, thoroughly immortal and needing one win to break even over the season. One terrific performance from the whole team in that match and we had achieved our goal of winning as many as we had lost.

NIGEL A. MURDOCH

3rd YEAR RUGBY

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
8	5	0	3	102	38

This season the teams made considerable efforts to maintain the form of previous years past. This, of course would undoubtedly not be possible without the superb coaching and patience of Mr Squires and Mr Stewart.

We began our season in style winning the first four, picking up impressive amounts of points, but sadly the

inevitable happened and due to injury a slump occurred mid-term. Slowly we regained form, and co-operation throughout the team improved dramatically.

I was especially pleased with the pack's performances and anticipation of play. On the whole a successful season enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to the staff for their help and time.

CAPTAIN: COLIN HENDERSON

2nd YEAR RUGBY 1988-89

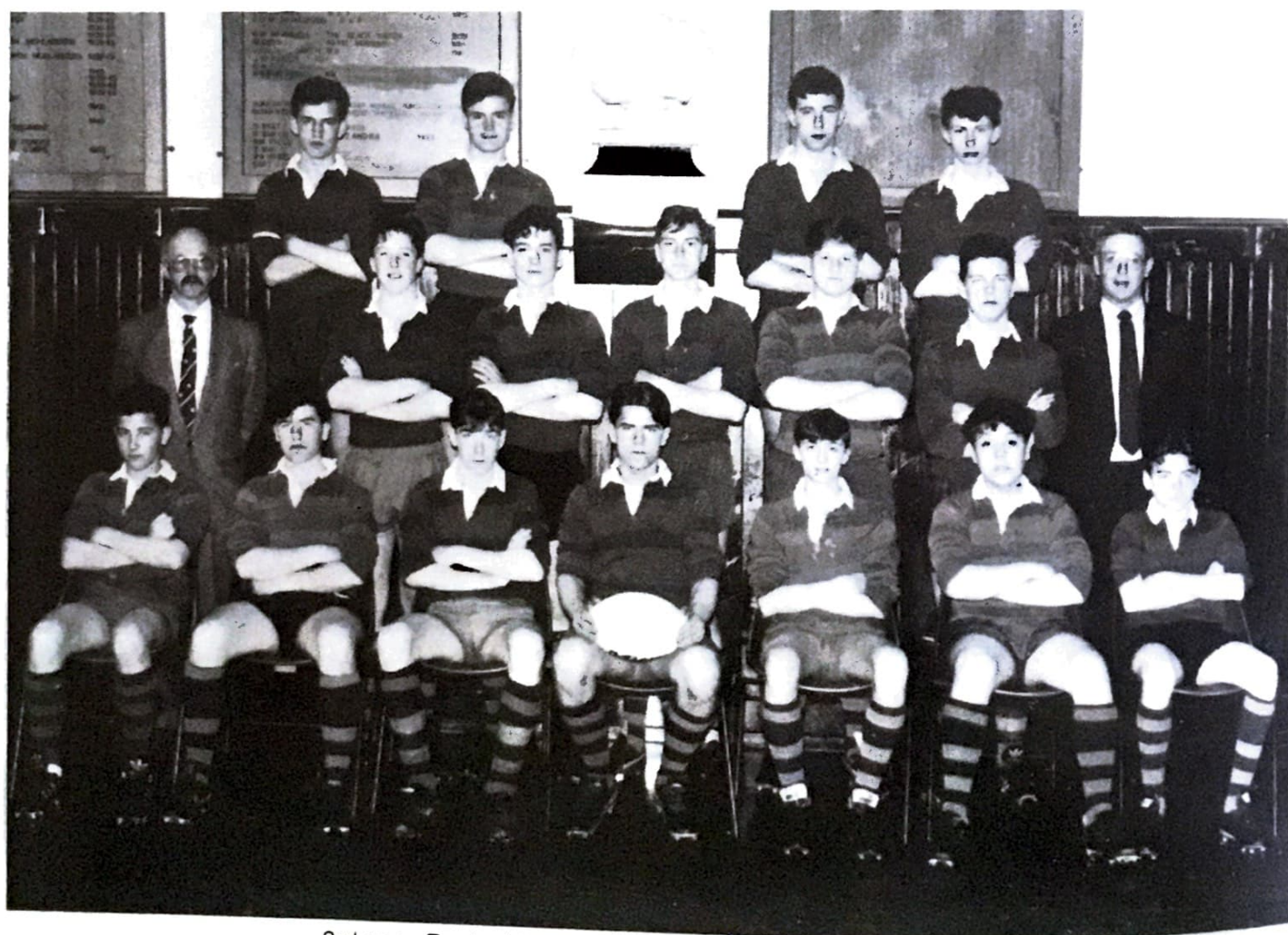
'A' Team

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
7	2	0	5	66	169

'B' Team

4	1	0	3	24	84
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This season's results were very disappointing for the teams, but many lessons were learned from each of the games played. As the season progressed, we began to play with more conviction and determination and made more use of our back division. This committed approach, involving the whole team, resulted in our last two games being victories which brought smiles to the faces of both boys and coaching staff.



3rd year Rugby XV with Mr D. Stewart and Mr M. Squires.

1st YEAR RUGBY 1988/89

'A' Team

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
5	3	0	2	82	42

'B' Team

3	2	0	1	44	28
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Although the 1st year teams only had relatively few fixtures, they played well throughout the season. Winning more games than we lost was largely due to the way both packs played, the good scoring by David Porter and William Duffus, and altogether the high level of team spirit shown throughout the season. We look forward to doing well as 2nd XI's. We wish also to thank Mr Willman, Mr Patterson and Mr Garden for their help, encouragement and refereeing.

A. CARGILL

ATHLETICS 1988

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Under 14: 60m — J. Baird (C) 8.28 (R), 100m — J. Baird (C) 13.75, 200m — J. Baird (C) 28.57, 400m — J. Baird (C) 62.88, 800m — S. Boyne (C) 2.39.42, 1500m — S. Gardner (C) 4.57.3 (R), 80m Hurdles — S. McLean (T) 15.39, 400m Hurdles — M. Casey (C) 76.23, 4x100m Relay — Cunningham 57.57 (R), 4x200m Relay — Cunningham 2.01.47, 4x400m Relay — Cunningham 4.39.77, Long Jump — J. Baird (C) 3.97m, High Jump — J. Baird (C) 1.32m (R), Shot — R. Mackinnon (T) 7.34m.

Under 15: 60m — J. Harper (C) 8.06 (R), 100m — J. Harper (C) 13.07, 200m — J. Harper (C) 26.31 (R), 400m — J. Harper (C) 60.44 (R), 800m — A. Casey (T) 2.26.36, 1500m — A. Casey (T) 4.43.84 (R), 80m Hurdles — M. Kane (T) 15.01, 400m Hurdles — J. Harper (C) 70.16, 4x100m Relay — Cunningham 56.02, 4x200m Relay — Cunningham 1.57.3, 4x400m Relay — Trenchard 4.21.93, Long Jump — C. Blackhurst (C) 4.64m, High Jump — C. Wilson (T) 1.45m, Shot — J. McAuley (C) 10.05m, Javelin — S. Finlay 31.92m.

Under 16: 60m — J. Jardine (T) 7.74 (R), 100m — J. Jardine (T) 12.32 (R), 200m — J. Jardine (T) 25.06 (R), 400m — C. McKenzie (C) 57.46 (R), 800m — G. Wood (C) 2.23.43, 1500m — G. Wood (C) 4.53.69, 100m Hurdles — J. Jardine (T) 16.00, 400m Hurdles — J. Jardine (T) 68.95, 4x100m Relay — Trenchard 50.97 (R), 4x200m Relay — Trenchard 1.47.44 (R), 4x400m Relay — Trenchard 4.03.19 (R), Long Jump — J. Jardine (T) 5.50m (R), High Jump — S. Harkin (T) 1.60m (R), Shot — C. McKenzie (C) 11.95m (R), Discus — M. Smith (T) 31.82m (R).

Under 17: 60m — S. Wallace (G) 8.01, 100m — S. Wallace (G) 12.46, 200m — I. Livingston (B) 26.71, 400m — S. Wallace (G) 58.42 (R), 800m — D. Oliver (R) 2.23.56, 1500m — S. Cook (B) 4.55.52, 100m Hurdles — S. Wallace (G) 15.91, 400m Hurdles — S. Wallace (G) 66.3 (R), 4x100m Relay — Green 52.52, 4x200m Relay — Green 1.50.47 (R), 4x400m Relay — Green 4.25.17 (R), Long Jump — S. Menzies 5.31m, High Jump — S. Poole 1.42m, Shot — D. Oliver 11.93m (R), Javelin — D. Oliver 31.02m.

Over 17: 60m — G. Campbell (B) 7.78, 100m — G. Campbell (B) 12.21, 200m — S. Murray (B) 24.92, 400m — G. McIntosh (B) 59.77, 800m — J. Leslie (G) 2.26.68, 110m Hurdles — J. McAllister (R) 19.61, 400m Hurdles — J. McAllister (R) 70.72, 4x100m Relay — Blue 48.89 (R), 4x200m Relay — Blue 1.43.94 (R), 4x400m Relay — Blue 4.09.76, Long Jump — R. McGraw (G) 5.57m (R), High Jump — J. McAllister (R) 1.45m, Shot — K. Low (R) 9.92m, Discus — N. Hay (B) 28.50m.

INTER HOUSE PENTATHLON

Over 15: J. Jardine (T) 2600 points, S. Harkin (T) 2215 Points, M. Smith (T) 2071 points.

Under 15: J. Harper 1646 points, J. McAuley 1561 points, M. Kane 1493 points.

Under 14: J. Baird 1332 points, S. Gardner 1109 points, S. McLean 908 points.

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

We were only able to send four boys as the championships were after our end of term. R. Mackinnon came first in the 13-15 Hammer; G. Monaghan and C. Berry came 3rd and 5th respectively in the 15-17 Pole Vault; G. Campbell took part in the over 17 110m Hurdles.

CROSS COUNTRY 1988-89

It was individual rather than team performances which stood out this season. Pride of place goes to Andrew Casey (Ily) who, after finishing 5th at the Scottish Schools Championships was selected for the Scottish team (Under 17) which took part in the British Schools International in Barry, Wales. Andrew is the first boy from Q.V.S. to run for the Scottish Schools at this sport and it was very much deserved. The experience he gained will stand him in good stead for next year when he is eligible for the same competition. He trained and raced consistently winning a number of medals and gaining many good placings, 3rd in the East Championships; 1st at Penicuik to mention a few. Stuart Cook (V) also had a good season, his first as a youth, his best run also being at the Scottish Schools where he finished 14th in the Over 17 age group. Stuart was rewarded by his selection for the East District against the West and North at St Andrews.

Each season we unearth good runners and this winter was no exception namely in Mark Casey Ily (no relation to Andrew) and Paul Taylor (P.7). They both strengthened their respective age groups with Paul picking up a few medals in Colts races and, with Mark, along with Steven Boyne, Tony Wood, Andrew Steele. Craig Wilson and Gordon Whyte we had a good Junior boys team. Steven won the Inter Schools match at Croftinloan.

Apart from travelling to our usual haunts such as Aberdeen, Hawick, Irvine, Kirkcaldy and East Calder we took part in a couple of different ventures. In November we were at last able to participate in the Scottish Schools Road Relay where we fielded teams in each race. In the Primary Schools race our team of



Senior School Cross-Country Teams 1988-1989 with Mr Terry Boast and Mr Steve Laing.

Rory Campbell, Brian Espie and Paul Taylor finished 3rd — Paul taking over in 7th and just grabbing the bronze medal on the line with a great run. All the other teams performed well the best being the Over 15 in 9th place. St Aloysius School, Glasgow, invited us to their inaugural 6 stage relay. It was a compliment to our reputation as a cross country school that our boys lined up along with all the top schools from Scotland and a few from south of the border. We knew it was going to be a good competition and for once we managed to put out our strongest squad of Stuart Cook (O17), Jason Wood (U17), Andrew Casey (U16), Mark Casey (U15), Craig Wilson (U14) and Paul Taylor (U13). Everyone gave full commitment around Kelvin-side Park and we eventually finished 7th, much better than our own expectations.

Other notable facts from the season included winning all the age groups against Rannoch School and our youths winning a team medal (our first ever at this age group) at Aberdeen. That team consisted of Stuart, Gary Wood and Melvin Mutch who along with Richard McGrath, Jason Wood and Chris Berry made up a good 'Haig' training squad. Other runners worthy of a mention were Neil Wallace, Stuart Gardner, Michael Mackie, Ian Orr and Scott McFarlane.

One of our main objectives was to put out a team at the Schools O17 age group but sadly, due to injuries we were unable to, therefore that remains next season's main objective. Other disappointments included not being able to take part in the 'Nationals' at Hawick due to arduous weather conditions and the continual problem of talented boys opting out during the season.

Nevertheless things look good for next season with plenty of up and coming talent and a good spirit in the squad. Many thanks to all who helped out especially Mr Boast for his continual support.

INTER HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

U14: 1. S. Boyne (C) 9.28, 2. A. Wood (C) 9.33, 3. C. Wilson (T) 9.57.

U15: 1. A. Casey (T) 10.46 (record), 2. S. Gardner (C)

11.28, 3. J. Baird (C) 11.41.

O15: 1. P. Stubbs (T) 17.45, 2. J. Harper (C) 18.20, 3. J. Moreland (C) 18.25.

HAIG: 1. S. Cook 15.17 (record), 2. J. Wood 15.58, 3. M. Mutch 16.22.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING WEEKEND

This year was the third annual Cross Country week-end that our School has attended at Carlaw House on the outskirts of Langholm in the Borders of Scotland.

We started our journey at 1700 hrs. on Friday, 23rd September with fourteen boys and two masters, Mr Boast and Mr Shannon. Unfortunately Mr Laing, who also helps with the Athletic side of the School, could not attend this year. It was a great shame that on the journey down we got caught in a rather long traffic jam on the A.74, so we didn't do any running that first night, because we got there so late.

The next morning, woken by the luscious smell of Mr Boast's cooking, we did a short jog for couple of miles before sinking our teeth into the lovely burn sausages. After that we had a long game of manhunt before going shopping in Carlisle. Then later that day we drove to another town along the west coast of England to go swimming in the sea.

When we got back after yet another painful ride through the rough tracks to Carlaw House, we couldn't get the hot water supply on, so it was a nice freezing wash in the burn which flows past Carlaw House. The next morning was the one everyone had been dreading: The Big Run — a six mile run up the hills as a test for anyone's endurance.

When we finally got back, Mr Boast surprised us when he said we were going to a Tibetan Temple. Yet we all enjoyed it and found it very interesting but curious. After stopping off at Galashiels for lunch, we returned to School at 1800 hrs. on 25th September after a great Cross Country week-end which all of us would like to do again. We thank Mr Boast and Mr Shannon for taking us.

STEPHEN McLEAN IIB

SCHOOL PLAY "DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE"

Early in the Session, careless of the possible consequences, the Headmaster took a party of older boys to see this play performed by Cumbria Pocket Theatre at Cumbernauld. So impressed were those of the senior acting fraternity that they unhesitatingly identified it as the play they wished to perform this year. With a reluctance befitting his modesty the Headmaster eventually yielded to their wishes — and consequently did not regret doing so.

The play itself is a dramatisation of the long story by R. L. Stevenson and was written by Bryan Elsley of Cumbria Theatre. Interestingly much of the dialogue was transposed directly from Stevenson's original text, but Elsley had done much that was new. On the basis that the audience knew the story and its outcome, he chose rather to present it in a series of mini-scenes, frequently interrupted by flashbacks, to replace the original narrative. This, coupled with the fact that the play was written for the modern stage with all its accompanying sophisticated technology of lighting, staging and sound, greatly tested the School's resources and ingenuity of production.

The Q.V.S. production also introduced its own innovations on Elsley's version, particularly the use of Narrators set in spotlights at the side of the stage. These four narrators, Stuart Cook, Colin Smith, Mark Forsyth and Richard McGrath, sartorially elegant in evening dress, injected a smooth yet informative narration and linkage for the audience between the interspersed scenes and flash back.,

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde in popular fancy are portrayed as wayward doctor and hairy, frenzied monster: not so in this play. Dr Jekyll, played by Michael Christie, was shown as a tragic figure, torn by conscience and lack of resistance to dabble in 'the incontrollable urges of human nature'. Michael's performance was sensitive, convincing and sometimes almost tragically disturbing. Mr Hyde, played not by Michael but by Melvin Mutch, and not as a monster but as an incarnate conscienceless lover of evil and sadism for their own sake. His total contrast to Jekyll in looks, coupled with an impressive sense of latent (sometimes violently actioned) physical power, had an uncanny impact on the audience. The dramatic transformation between these two characters on stage was effected behind a 'silhouette screen' which by lighting, allowed figures to appear or disappear as required.

Two less colourful characters were Mr Utterson, played by Hamish McKee and Dr Lanyon by Nigel Murdoch. Both were difficult parts because their characters were those in support rather than essentially dramatic. Hamish McKee acted superlatively well and especially so when it is remembered that he was on stage and spoke more than any other. Nigel Murdoch was a re-assuring and competent Dr Lanyon convincing in bonhomie as he was in shock and fatal illness.

The cast was lucky to have Brigit Clunies-Ross to play the part of Polly Hodge the ubiquitous maid,

CAST

Dr Jekyll	MICHAEL CHRISTIE
Mr Utterson	HAMISH McKEE
Dr Lanyon	NIGEL MURDOCH
Mr Hyde	MELVIN MUTCH
Sir Danvers Carew	FIONN McKEE
Poole	CALUM REDPATH
Guest	GORDON STEWART
Young Jekyll	PETER McEACHERN
Young Utterson	SCOTT BURNS
Young Lanyon	DAVID KAY
Patterson	IAIN MacNEIL
Broad	WILLIAM HAMILTON
Grace	MATTHEW SMITH
Manservant	JAMES BOYLE
Policeman	IAIN CAMPBELL
Man	ALASDAIR TENNICK
Unknown Drummer	JOHN JARDINE
1st Narrator	STUART COOK
2nd Narrator	COLIN SMITH
3rd Narrator	MARK FORSYTH
4th Narrator	RICHARD McGRATH
Prompter	MARK BOWMAN
Polly Hodge	BRIGIT CLUNIES-ROSS

PRODUCTION

Stage Staff	Donald Johnstone, Keir MacIntosh, James McGerty, Malcolm Kerr, Ian MacDougall
Props	Mrs Carson, James Scott
Scenery	Mr Laing and Mr Squires
Make-up	Mrs Hankinson, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Berry, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Howie, Mrs Paterson, Miss McNeil, Mrs Watson, Mrs Wharton, Mrs Thornton
Costumes	Mrs Hankinson
Sound	Mr Philip and Lee Hamilton
Lighting	Mr Philip, Graeme Kidd and Gordon McBain
Producer	Headmaster

victim and 'baggage'. Her portrayal of the Downstairs maid or terrified victim were both excellent and convincing. We thank her for her contribution.

Supporting these main characters were a number of 'bit' parts, each in their own ways cameo portraits of Victorian life. Fionn McKee, who was permitted only to live 'til the interval, showed what a good actor can do with a small scene and transform it into one of the play's memorable moments: as Sir Danvers Carew he demonstrated consummate elegance, style, human weakness and panache, all in one haughty role. By contrast there were the servile servants: Poole, played by Callum Redpath with idiosyncrasy and new lines every night, and Mr Guest, played by Gordon Stewart, who, in caricature, demonstrated an ingratiating humbleness to his master befitting Uriah Heep, offset with a bullying hypocrisy towards those under him. Alongside these were a gallery of others. Scott Burns, David Kay and Peter McEachern as the youthful

Utterson, Lanyon and Jekyll, as well as the three gamblers and roisterers, Ian MacNeil, William Hamilton and Matthew Smith who did all they could to make their scene a play-stealer. Other actors were James Boyle, Iain Campbell, Alasdair Tennick and John Jardine.

Particular parts of the play will remain memorable to those who saw it: the dramatic opening to the hard-hitting song 'Mack the Knife,' the eerie or disturbing music linking scenes, the nicely juxtaposed placing of characters in conflict in dialogue, the elegance of Victorian costume — the Morning Coats, Top hats, Evening dress and period servant uniform, the rapid kaleidoscope of constant change of scene, and perhaps, especially, the hanging of Jekyll on stage at the end.

None of the play's success could have been achieved without the high standard attained by stage lighting and sound staff. We all thank Mark Bowman as Prompter for all the rehearsals he attended! Also Mrs Hankinson for providing the costumes. Above all, Mr Philip and his lighting and sound team, who against time and technological odds, produced a setting and light/sound sequence for the play to run at its proper speed and impact.

To all involved go our congratulations for a superlative production.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

This session's Public Speaking Teams had one of our most successful years. They competed in two major competitions. In the United Nations Debating/Speaking Competition, the team was: chairman — Michael Christie, first speaker — James Scott and second speaker — Calum Redpath. Having got through to the semi-finals, the school hosted one of these and laid on an hospitable occasion for our visitors. Although all three spoke well, and very informatively, they were adjudged reserve team for the final. It was our first foray into that competition and much was learned about how it functions, which should benefit any future Q.V.S. team that competes.

This year the school's E.S.U. Public Speaking Competition team were of a high quality, reflected in the impression that in our eyes we "won" all the preliminary rounds, and for the first time reached the national final. The competition began with about 200 schools entering. Round one was held in October, and we entered Michael Christie as our main speaker with the theme "Britain as we should see it"; Calum Redpath was chairman, and Mark Forsyth the voter of thanks. Michael spoke fluently, amusingly, and to the audience's liking. In December, having received a bye into round three, Queen Victoria School hosted the competition, and with the same team taking part, our subject was "Sighing Innocence". In round four, we journeyed to Dundee High School, where the



1989 ESU Finalists: Calum Redpath, Nigel Murdoch and Michael Christie.

Q.V.S. team were not only successful again but established the foundations of a dialectical relationship with the young ladies of the Dundee team. This time the team chose "Convention — just for the sake of it" for their subject. The speaking harmony with the Dundee team was further fostered during the semi-finals which were held at Dundee High School. For this round the Q.V.S. team was "strengthened" by co-opting the senior monitor as chairman, Calum Redpath as voter of thanks while Michael took us through with his eloquent consideration of "A Touch of Class" — a diatribe on meritocracy.

The national finals were held in the impressive surrounds of the Signet Library in Edinburgh. The four teams competing were well matched, most relying on female charm in the form of their chair "persons". The deserving winners were the team from Holyrood. Yet, it must be said that the Q.V.S. team had been repeatedly told that if they wished to do well they must be more serious and diminish the level of audience entertainment. Nevertheless the judges awarded on the grounds that the winning team met this first obligation in public speaking: "to entertain your audience!" Still, the strong support from Haig was aware that Michael Christie spoke brilliantly that night — unlucky as we were to be drawn as first speakers. Nigel Murdoch was a consummately competent chairman, and Calum Redpath "invented" his speech and "new words" as voter of thanks. Michael's theme and swan song as pupil speaker that night was "The long, long thoughts of youth". It is a pleasing tribute to them to note that the E.S.U. has invited Michael and Nigel to become judges in the competition next year.

The school is very proud of their success in all the rounds and the part they played in the final. We would like to thank the Headmaster for all his coaching and cliché avoiding attitude, and confidence in the team which was undoubtedly a major factor in our success.

MUSIC

The Music Department has been pleased this session to welcome Mr Alan Bell as our woodwind instructor, and already there is a hive of activity in that sector, from junior boys in the School. It is with sadness however that we recently learned that Mr Hawkins, our brass tutor, whom so many of you have seen, and the fruits of whose hard work you have enjoyed at past Christmas Services, will be leaving us at the end of the session due to increased commitments both at work and at home. Mr Hawkins has been with us for four years, and in that short time has built up a strong core of players throughout the school, has formed and rehearsed the Brass Ensemble and has prepared boys for the practical element of the S.C.E. music examinations. Mel Hawkins will be greatly missed by the boys and by the Music Department as a whole.

The ever popular Christmas Carol Service attracted its customary full congregation who expressed, in its applause, its appreciative thanks to all who had contributed.

Instrumental instruction is still on the increase and we have this session been able to purchase a number of instruments and fitments in all areas of tuition. As a result a musical concert has been arranged in the month of June. At this concert the audiences will be able to hear not only our ensembles and instrumental soloists but choral music from the Wavell Choir. Many of the participants will have been performing at the 63rd Annual Music Festival, organised by Central

Region — in which they have been entered in sixteen different classes. An innovation this year has been the provision of violin tuition for ten beginners — all making good progress.

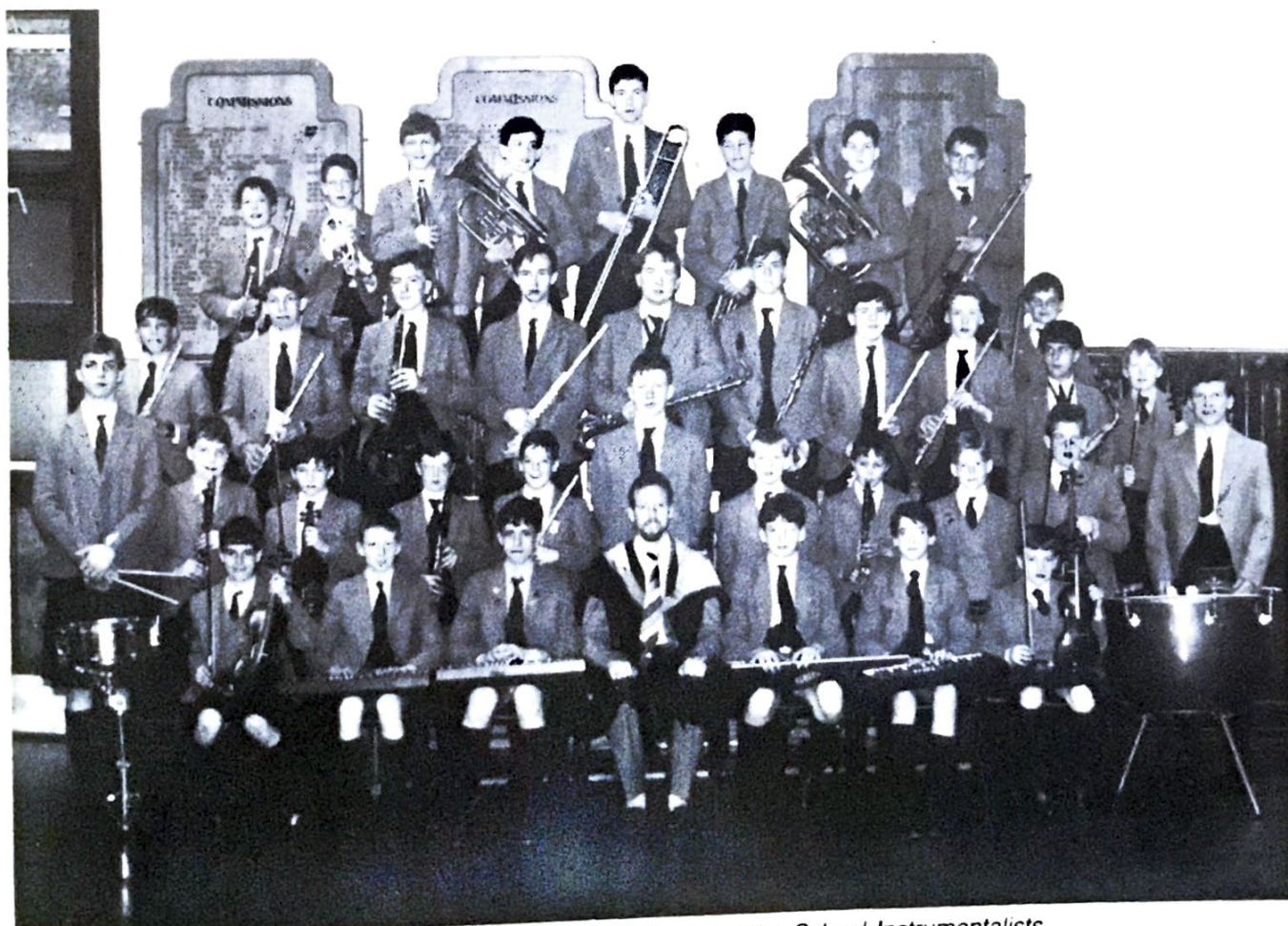
Our extra-mural activities during the Session have included visits to the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, for a performance of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" and Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik". At Dundee's Caird Hall, we had the pleasure of listening to the Scottish National Orchestra's performance of a variety of film music and nearer home, a piano recital by David Horne proved of value and interest to our pianists as well as others from the school.

In the examinations set by the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music, we were delighted with the successes of all candidates entered:

Grade 4: Flute: James Scott (Distinction); Ross Coleman: (Merit). Grade 4: Recorder: James Scott (Merit); Mark Bowman (Pass).

Calum Redpath has continued his excellent work as a percussionist with the Central Region Brass Band. More recently Mark Bowman was approached to become the first tenor saxophonist in the Central Region Concert Band and has been joined by flautists Ross Coleman and James Scott. Our congratulations go to all.

The boys who sing with Central Region Youth Choir have enjoyed their rehearsals at Pitlochry, and their performances in the Albert Hall in Stirling and the Church of the Holy Rude; but surely the highlight of



Mr Geoffrey Halyburton, Head of Music for the School Instrumentalists.

the year for them must have been their exchange visit to Canada where the Choir stayed and performed at venues in and around Walkerton in Bruce County, Ontario and in Toronto. The reports of the boys who were on the Canadian tour were all most highly complimentary to that country.

On a more domestic front, the Wavell Choir has had a fine honour bestowed upon it by being asked to perform at the Mark Phillips Equestrian Centre, Gleneagles in an equestrian production of the musical "Oliver" to be attended by Captain Mark Phillip's himself and perhaps accompanied by the Princess Royal.

Geoffrey A. F. Halyburton

CENTRAL REGION CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA TOUR: CANADA 1988

Ten boys from Q.V.S., accompanied by Mr Halyburton, went last summer on tour to Canada with the Central Region Choir. When we landed in Toronto temperatures were in the high twenties so it looked as if a tan was well in order.

After airport formalities were over we were soon on our buses travelling towards Walkerton in the Province of Ontario and within the district of the famous Great Lakes. Everyone cringed as we debused at Walkerton as there was a welcoming committee of the District Pipe Band — our first Canadian Musical Experience. Soon we were being introduced to our host families and they took us to their homes for a long introductory talk.

The next day we were free all day to recover from our jet-lag. On the Sunday we knew we had taken the Scottish weather with us. It rained! There had been an outdoor concert organised for that day so unfortunately it had to be cancelled because the venue at Owen Sound looked like becoming part of Georgian Bay. Instead an extra rehearsal was enjoyed by all at a wet, thundery Owen Sound, under a bandstand.

In all we managed three concerts: one at Walkerton

District Secondary School at which we had an audience of about 1000, the largest and by far the most responsive we have ever had. Other concerts were at Saugeen Indian Reserve, on the shores of Lake Huron and the other was at Meadowvale Secondary School, Mississauga, during a three day visit to the Toronto area. The various Scottish songs such as Duncan Gray, Loch Lomond and Bonnie Charlie's 'Noo Awa', were received well as memories were rekindled in the hearts of the many ex-patriots in the audience. Rutter's Requiem was also well received as were the many orchestral pieces.

Trips were organised to include: The Bruce Nuclear Power Development Plant and Greig's Caves. Later in the week, a three day trip to the metropolitan Toronto area with trips to the Legislature (provincial parliament) and the C.N. Tower which at 1815 feet 5 ins. is the tallest self-supporting structure in the world were also arranged.

The highlight for most was the trip to the world-famous Niagara Falls and many people said that the boat the "Maid of the Mist" offered an excellent view of the falls. So, equipped with a mac that was ten sizes too big we went on it and got wet, but it was worth it. After Niagara it was to Marineland where we watched aquatic animals (seals, dolphins, killer whale) perform tricks. Others decided to go on the world's largest steel rollercoaster. After Marineland it was back to Walkerton.

On the last night there was a dinner and disco. The dinner lasted about half an hour but the thank you speeches nearly doubled that. The next day was departure day and so all our host families thanked us and asked when we would be back? As everybody sat on the coaches, sniffing and clutching their jars of Maple Syrup and their Niagara Falls badges we all wondered just when we would be back?

Our thanks to all those who helped with the trip, and particularly to the Central Regional Council.

M. Bowman and I. McDougall.



The cast of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde 1989.



Mr Graeme Beattie and the School Judo Squad 1988-1989.

JUDO CLUB

Judo in the school has moved from a hobby to an established club. The school is fully affiliated to the Scottish Judo Federation and The British Schools Judo Association. The senior boys have had the benefit of coaching by Mr R. Alexander on Monday nights, whose son Scott is in second year at Q.V. I am indebted to him for his generosity in giving up his free time to coach the boys. The older boys were in need of black belt standard coaching which Mr Alexander possesses and the effect of his coaching has been reflected in the success the boys have achieved.

School judo has moved tentatively into the outside world of competition with some noted results. Scott McElveen competed in the Scottish Boys Championships at Grangemouth and gained a silver medal. Gary Malone and Scott McElveen ventured south of the border to High Wycombe for the British Schools Judo Association world team trials where to their credit they fought tenaciously but failed to gain a place in the team. Paul Taylor from Wavell fought in the B.A.O.R. Judo Championships in Germany over the Easter break and won the gold medal for under 50kg and the silver for under 55kg. Congratulations go to Scott, Gary and Paul!

At the time of writing the judo club still has the West of Scotland Championships and the Midlothian Championships to compete in. In addition Peter Gardiner, the Scottish under twenty-one national team coach will be coming to coach the judo squad and grade the boys. This is becoming an annual event that all of us look forward to immensely and that the boys thoroughly enjoy. All in all it has been quite a year!

G.B.

LIBRARY

The Library has received some generous donations this year and it is to all such givers that we send our thanks. The Technical and Scientific content of the Library is being examined with a view to supplementing existing resources. That is our present programme, along with the Reference section.

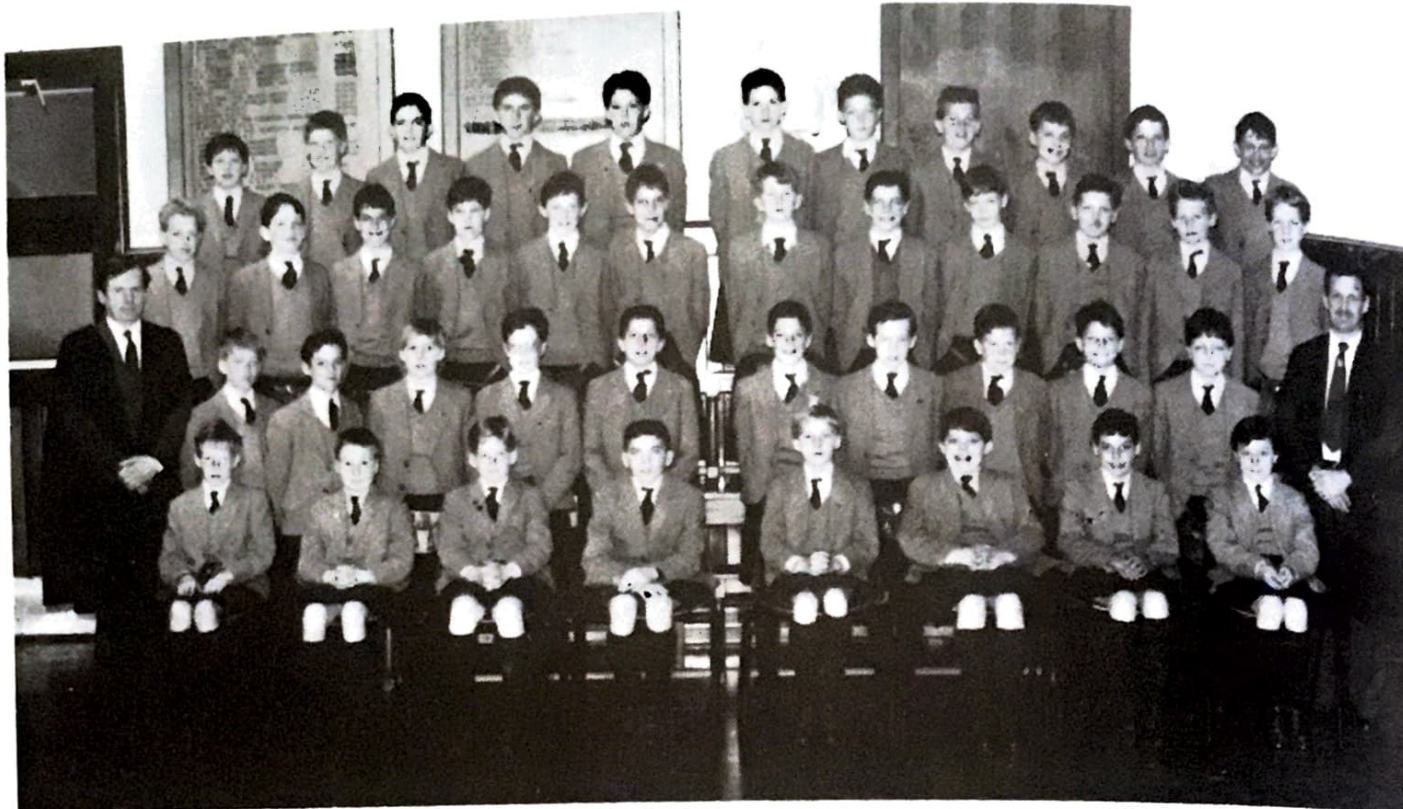
Boy Librarians are a special breed and some have worked hard this session. Mr Brown's continuing work and support is gratefully appreciated.

W.G.W.

HOBBIES — ACTIVITIES — SPORTS

Opting for the positive — or did you opt out?

Aircraft Modelling	Highland Dancing
Aircraft Recognition	Indoor Golf
Air Rifle Shooting	Instrumental Tuition
Art	Judo
Athletics	Librarianship
Badminton	Life Saving
Basketball	Metalwork
Boat Repair	Model Making
Bridge	Orchestra
Brass Band	Photography
Canoeing	Piping
Central Region Choir	Pipe Band
Choirs	Pottery
C.C.F.	Printing
Community Service	Public Speaking
Computing	Rugby
Computerised Lathe	Scottish Country Dancing
Work	Scripture Union
Cookery	Shooting Teams
Cross Country	Short Tennis
Debating	Ski-ing
Dinghy Maintenance	Small Bore Shooting
Drama — Play	Squash
Drumming & Bugling	Survival Swimming
Duke of Edinburgh's	Swimming for the Handi-
Awards	capped
Electronics	Table Tennis
Expeditions & Camping	Tennis
Films	Theatre Going
First Aid, Adult & Junior	Volleyball
Fishing	War Games
Fitness & Mobility	Wind Band
Fly-tying	Wind Surfing
Highland Tactical Team	



Wavell Seniors — Back row: D. Graham, D. Wilson, S. Rodgers, P. Taylor, W. Milne, D. Pattison, M. Wight, S. Macfarlane, J. Fenwick, K. Stacey, A. Smyth. 2nd Back row: N. Ward, I. Smith, R. Veitch, K. Forrest, B. Espie, D. McMillan, G. Brown, M. Finlay, C. Macnaughton, S. Millan, A. Smith, D. Chapman. 2nd Front row: Mr Brown, B. McEwen, I. Porter, S. Ford, M. MacDonald, G. Reeve, J. Leitch, A. Johnstone, S. Kintrea, J. Welsh, R. Hamilton. Front row: J. Ross, D. Burnie, G. Antrobus, B. Nicol, R. Swan, B. Simpson, M. Butcher, S. Wood.

Wavell House

Looking back at last summer which we spent at Victoria Barracks, Ballater, I was surprised at first by how distant in memory it had become. However, one aspect of our stay was very clear and abiding, and that is how much the boys enjoyed the experience. In itself, that one feature made the whole exercise most worthwhile.

There are many facets which are still bright. The mini-rugby tournament at Aboyne in which we won the senior cup, and will soon have to defend. The day out at Fort George via Culloden Moor and later to R.A.F. Kinloss, to name but two.

At Culloden one episode is worthy of the telling. Members of staff were looking across from the Army lines of 1746 to the Jacobite lines. Suddenly, there was heard a series of 'blood-thirsty' yells, and several (small) kilted figures appeared before us and swept on forwards waving imaginary broadswords, clearly in imitation of the clansmen's fearsome charge. Two hundred and forty two years after the Battle, the gentle irony of the boys' chosen direction of attack was something which understandably, had escaped them.

The Army, represented by the Gordon Highlanders, made us welcome at the Fort, and our tour of the battlements was made all the more enjoyable by the sunny weather and the sight of several dolphins playing in the the Moray Firth. After our picnic lunch, the Air Force, through the sponsorship of several parents, further entertained us; our visit to the station ending by being permitted to watch from near Air Traffic Control, a skilled air display by a Nimrod aircraft.

Generally speaking, the administrative workings at Ballater were smooth, with one, in retrospect, humorous exception. This episode might well be named: The Great Trans Scotland Soiled Linen Race! Through a simple mis-understanding, our first batch of linen for laundering was given to the first van to call and whisked off to Forres for action. Minutes later, a second van arrived from Aberdeen and it soon became apparent to my dismay that our laundry was not in the correct hands! With not a moment to lose, Nurse agreed to follow me over 'The Lecht' in her own car in a 'heroic' attempt to rescue the dirty washing. Nearly five hours later, and having traversed the highest road in Scotland both ways despite residual snow, both cars returned in triumph loaded to their roofs with eighty sets of V.I.P. linen — not yet clean, but at least safe and sound. Next day, it was an extremely cautious Housemaster who finally saw it all off again, this time to Aberdeen, and in the correct hands. After this Gilbertian beginning, things did get much better, I'm glad to say.

Every week we went swimming to Aboyne Academy and also had the use of the games hall. In the evenings, after school and weather permitting, which fortunately it usually did, we were able to use the recreation park in Ballater. Thus, in the evenings, the boys spent many vigorous hours being coached in football, rugby and hockey by Mr Carroll, Mr Beattie and Mr and Mrs Williamson our visiting pair of migrant 'apteryx australis', kiwis for short, who were superb. Thank you both very much indeed, meeting up with you again is something I shall look forward to.

We undertook many treks to such places as Glen Muick. Glen Tannar and all around Ballater itself. I

think we must have completed all the possible traverses of Craigendarroch Hill; it seemed that way at any rate!

The Ballater folk could not have been more well disposed towards us. Everyone I came in contact with was extremely friendly and co-operative. Doctor and Mrs Glass, Rev. and Mrs Brown (also our relief Nurse), Mrs Sedgewick and Mr Cunning of Glenmuick Parish Church. Ms Chalmers the Dentist, and the Rev. Patrick Jones of the Rectory, just opposite the Barracks, to name but a few.

Many others were involved of course. School Management at Dunblane who set it all up, the staff and contractors whose efforts all helped immeasurably to make things go as well as they did. All of the regular staff based at Dunblane and attached to the Barracks had to make fairly fundamental changes to their usual way of life as part of their detached duty, but I feel a special thankyou is due to Mrs Carroll and my own wife. Without these ladies' acceptance of the exigencies of their spouses service to the School, Mr Carroll and I would have had a much more difficult task. Thankyou both.

Throughout the whole operation, the caretaker Mr Gray and his wife were exceptionally helpful to me and my staff, and they also deserve a special thankyou.

Sunday the 5th of June was another fine day and a perfect one for our farewell. The boys went to church as usual at Glenmuick Parish Church, the Service being conducted by the School Chaplain the Rev. Silcox and in which the readings were read by several of the boys. Immediately after the benediction Wavell House was on parade and led by the School Pipe Band was marched past retiring School Commissioner Admiral Dunbar-Naismith, who took the salute. Afterwards we had a prize-giving at the Barracks and then lunch. In the afternoon the inter-dormitory drill competition was held and Moore dormitory emerged as worthy winners. Altogether it was a colourful and attractive spectacle which many of our parents were able to attend, the whole day marking the end of our brief stay most fittingly.

A few days later, as the buses carrying the boys left for Dunblane, I was well content to reflect on how successful the whole enterprise had been, born as it was from an unwelcome necessity.

Turning from Ballater and looking at this session. Mrs Webster has now become the assistant to the Matron and has already established herself as a ready listener and a willing repairer of sundry items.

Hobbies continued in the same pattern as last session and once more my sincere thanks are due to all who help with this.

Hopefully, next year our dormitories will begin to be re-fitted with new combined lockers and wardrobes. At the same time the interior of the House will be re-decorated, and new curtains and in some areas new floor coverings provided.

All going well we should start the session with Mr Carroll and his family resident in a new ground floor

flat, formed from the existing single person flat being combined with the old common and locker rooms, a porta-cabin replacing the rooms lost.

To conclude, last session was the busiest I have 'enjoyed' since joining the School, and in many ways it was the most satisfying. I must not close without once more referring to the help and support I received from my Deputies Messrs. Carroll & Beattie, together with Mrs Craig, Mrs Webster, Mrs Walker and the other associate Masters. Thankyou very much for the dedicated work you have put in, the House depends upon it.

H.D.B.

WAVELL RUGBY

Another season has passed during which rugby in the Junior School has continued to develop and flourish. As usual the various teams met with varying degrees of success and all augers well for the future.

The JA1 XV, which carries the school's reputation, had a commendable season during which the players developed an aggressive, but disciplined, style. A strong scrummage, dynamic rucking and sound first time tackling along with skilful handling and good positioning sense formed the basis of the coaching structure. The acquisition of these skills allowed the youngsters to play with much greater awareness of their strengths and weaknesses and thus the art of decision making was made that bit easier.

Ian Porter led the side very ably; leading by example and giving encouragement and advice whenever it was needed.

The inter-dormitory competition was won by Baird who also won the inter-dormitory 7-a-side competition. As a footnote I would like to mention the mini-rugby squads who took part in the Aboyne tournament last year. The school won the Under-12 Butcher's trophy and in the process scored 19 tries and conceded none! Well done — we're looking forward to defending the title some time in May.

G.C.

WAVELL CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country running has been very successful this year with boys running in various competitions throughout the country. My thanks to Mr Laing for all his efforts in this sphere.

However on a more domestic note the inter-dormitory cross-country competition was run on a beautiful spring afternoon with 60 of the House's complement participating. Two races were run, an under 11 and under 12½, with each dormitory entering 6 runners in each category. The overall results were as follows: 1st Lynedoch, 2nd Baird, 3rd Hopetoun, 4th Moore, 5th Abercromby, Individual U11 Champion: Bryan Espie, Individual U12½ Champion: Paul Taylor.

The inter-schools cross-country was run in similar

conditions and we welcomed Beaconsgrange, Stewarts-Melville and George Watson's College as visitors. Three events were run at under 11, under 12 and under 13 age levels. In each category the school was too strong for any of the opponents at team level and so for the first time in the competition's history Q.V.S. won all three team trophies. Well done and let's try for a clean sweep again next year.

G.C.

WAVELL SWIMMING

The hobby continued to put boys through various levels of personal survival and various lengths of distances.

The inter-dormitory gala proved to be a nail-biting event once again and the relays proved to be decisive in the final analysis. As the last event, the 4x1 length freestyle relay, was about to commence, Lynedoch were trailing Moore by one point. Lynedoch won that race, took 10 points to Moore's 8 and so won the gala by the slimmest of margins. Result: 1st Lynedoch, 2nd Moore, 3rd Baird, 4th Hopetoun, 5th Abercromby.

The interschools gala was dominated by Glasgow High yet again. They never fail to have a strong swimming team. However Q.V.S. were not to be denied and they put in a resounding effort to come a creditable second behind the High School but in front of a strong Heriot's team who came third. Beaconsgrange were in fourth position.

G.C.

WAVELL TABLE TENNIS

The preliminary rounds in the inter-dormitory table-tennis competition were played out in December to establish the individual dormitory champions. So at the start of the following term, in January, the inter-dorm finals were held.

There were five contestants, one from each dormitory, who played in a knock-out competition. Each match was the best of three games. The five dormitory champions were Stuart Ford for Abercromby, James Welsh for Baird, John Leitch for Hopetoun, Alan Smyth for Lynedoch and Murray Macdonald for Moore. Abercromby and Baird came through the semi-finals to face each other in the final. James Welsh won the Championship for Baird, beating Stuart Ford by 2 games to nil.

G.C.

WAVELL FOOTBALL

The football this year has been coached by Mr Beattie and Mr Gilfillan. Both felt that the squad had some good players and that there was a lot of potential.

Our first match against Kilbarchan was won by 7 goals to 2 in a good all round performance. This was followed by a 5 goals to nil victory over a good Bridge of Allan side. It would seem that the coaches' view of the team's potential is being realised.

On May 25th we visited Callander to take part in their 7-a-side competition and gained a very creditable 3rd place.

As well as 11-a-side football, 5-a-side plays an important role in the Junior House. The inter-dormitory competition precedes the inter-schools tournament in which it is hoped up to twelve different schools will participate (at this stage acceptances have still to be received).

Last year, because of our stay in Ballater, we only managed one match which was won comfortably by 3 goals to one against Aboyne Primary.

G.C.

WAVELL SKI TRIP

This year we re-visited the Hotel Front-de-Neige at Les Carroz in the Haute Savoie. Despite the fact that it had been a poor season for snow in the Alps we struck lucky and the group was blessed by a lovely combination of snow and brilliant sunshine.

Every boy took a quick interest in their new sport and made very good progress. Needless to say the instructors were great, the hotel was comfortable and the food was super (I'm not telling what my weight was when I returned!).

There was plenty of après-ski, for example the cooks, John and Kiwi, were an instant hit during the pancake making session. They taught the kids how to toss pancakes and how to cook them but there was no coaching required on how to dispose of them! We also took part in a treasure hunt, bingo, quiz nights and enjoyed a couple of discos.

At the end of the week everyone sat various levels of tests; the criteria being used was that of the Ecole Ski du Français. For beginners our lads did commendably well and we were awarded 15 Premier Ski (Beginners Award), 3 Bronze (International Tests) and 3 Silver (International Tests). Next year we return to Les Carroz once again and hopefully we will have just as an enjoyable time as this year.

G.C.

LANGUAGE, SPORT AND RECREATION

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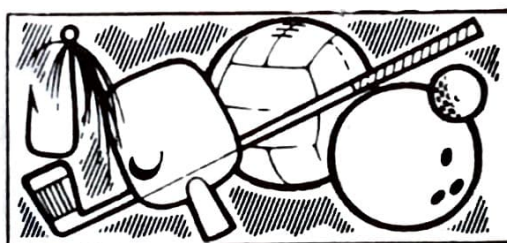
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