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A Message from The Commandant

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

The Commandant's message in the Victorian is traditionally an occasion to pause and take stock. Those who have already done so might well say why is he writing a Commandant's Message when a year ago he said he was about to become the Bursar, and what of the move to Agency Status? I could write at length on both, but suffice to say, as I did a year ago, that there remain a number of points of detail which must be resolved before the changes can be made. Intentions remain entirely honourable but it is still too soon to be precise about timings.

The past year has been a momentous one for many reasons, but perhaps most notably for its sad start with the tragic death of Harry Berry, the School Sergeant Major shortly before the start of the Autumn Term. An appreciation appears elsewhere in this issue, but I could not let this occasion pass without recording immense debt of gratitude we in the School, irrespective of our age or position, owe to him, and to offer to Mrs Berry and Douglas our very sincere condolences.

The year 89/90 is dominated by two other aspects of considerable note, namely the launch of our National Appeal, and the involvement with the Edinburgh Military Tattoo for the first time since 1954. Way back in 1986 when the latter was first mooted it seemed an attractive proposition; now that it is only a matter of weeks away, it is rapidly becoming a daunting one as much remains to be prepared. Some 70 boys from P7 to S6 are involved; 24 to dance and 46 in the Band. They will live at the School in as relaxed an environment as possible, and commute to Edinburgh nightly. The final performance will allow them a short weekend before the Autumn Term starts; I suspect that the majority will wish to use it for sleep, some may wonder whether they had taken leave of their senses in accepting the invitation to take part, but all, at least in hindsight, will feel justly proud of their achievements.

The launch of the National Appeal on 15 March 90 to raise the sum of £600,000 to build a Sports Hall for the School reflects Her Majesty's Commissioners' determination to provide the School with the facilities it will need to carry it into the 21st Century. To be sited in the corner of the Playing Field, beside what will by then have reverted to being a quiet country road with the opening of the Dunblane By-Pass in the coming Autumn, the Hall will allow the simultaneous use of 2 full-sized Badminton Courts and a full-sized Basketball Court plus changing facilities, a viewing gallery and ample storage space. Such an ambitious project cannot, as was the case in the past with the Swimming Pool, Hospital, Squash Courts or Library, be provided by a single gift, and hence the need for a nationally-based appeal. It is perhaps a truism to say that charity

begins at home, but in this case I believe it is vitally important we are seen to be helping ourselves if we are to expect support from the Services and the general public.

In this context I make no apology for reminding you that I wrote in May 1985 after only one term in this chair, that it was my view that there is far more to a School like QVS than just those immediately involved, both the Old Victorians and parents have a major role to play in the life of the School, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many who have already made major contributions, and to encourage those who are still contemplating the most appropriate course of action. We need every possible contribution as we have a formidable target, at the time of going to press, we have just passed the 25% point, and are on course. The next critical point is September 90 when the decision must be made whether to commit ourselves to building in 1991, and this will be a delicately balanced decision, will we have raised sufficient to meet our immediate needs, or do we defer to 1992 when the Hall will be that much more expensive. Before making this crucial decision, we have one more major event, and this is the School's Open Day/Fete on Saturday 15 September, do please note the date in your diary and support us. The Gates open at 1300, the day is officially opened by Ronnie Corbett at 1400, and there will be Arena displays between 1500 and 1600. Come along and bring your friends.

Lastly may I close by saying a very sincere thank you to everyone concerned or involved with the School at whatever level for the immense amount of hard work that has gone into a most successful year. Thank you all, and my very best wishes for the future.



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Headmaster's Notes

At the start of the Summer Term, 1990, I reached the particular mile-stone (which I hope will not suffer typographical error and appear as mill-stone!) of having completed 10-years as Headmaster at QVS — it was a moment to excite reflection. For Service reasons, none of my predecessors could serve that length of time, but, more importantly, I reflect that that milestone might mark a crossroads, too: how far has the School travelled, where is it going? That which has been achieved over the last years — in education and improvements — are generally known: the increased breadth of subject options in the Secondary years; the present and ongoing assimilation of the new Certificate Courses at Standard, Higher and Sixth Year Studies Levels; also, the consequent changes in education being brought about by the 5 — 14 — 16 Revised National Curriculum, affecting both Intermediate and Wavell years; as well as the likely introduction of nationally standardised testing at specific Primary and Secondary ages. From about 1987 to 1992 will be remembered by teachers as years of the greatest change in education since the decades of the late 40's and early 50's.

And the Teaching Staff are to be commended on the extra time, effort, and involvement that they have given to adapting to the new content, methodology, and assessment procedures. The School has been fortunate that they have involved themselves, and been able to involve themselves, in the amount of In-Service Training that they have and are carrying

out. For this we are particularly grateful to SCIS and to Central Region. One aspect of these changes that parents should note is that the new Certificate procedures, (of continuous assessment, pupil profile, moderation and external examination) combine to form a more realistic testing of each pupil. Put plainly, this means increasingly that "good teaching" cannot achieve results alone: individual pupil effort — in submitting projects, folios, work-sheets etc. — place essential emphasis on pupil's own motivation and determination. Justly so are we witnessing a new form of pupil power.

Turning from academic matters, we are all conscious of the very large sums of money expended by the MOD over the last five years to modernise, improve or introduce better facilities. Within the School, we recognise the impetus given to such projects by the Commandant who has worked unstintingly to that end. Nevertheless, understandably we seek and require more. Her Majesty's Commissioners responded three years ago by submitting their proposals for the overall expansion and modernisation of the School, particularly in the area of Senior (and more) Boarding Houses. That project now lies with the Ministry of Defence in the form of a Feasibility Study. We patiently await an outcome: we must remain optimistic. Equally, we — School, boys, staff, parents, Old Victorians and Commissioners, and the wider echelons of Scotland and Overseas, have geared ourselves to raise £600,000 to build a new, large and needed Sports Hall — a proper self-help action. Our optimism must be that the Ministry of Defence will be able to achieve the other areas of development that QVS must have to keep apace for the next millenium.



Headmaster, Monitors and Prefects

Yet, "compleat" education is not only academic work and examinations, nor is boarding just good buildings and critic-free feeding. I read recently of research which "related pupils' better academic progress to higher participation in clubs and extra-curricular activities" — or as my Headmaster used to say: "The more you do, the better you do it". The truth of this was illustrated to me this Term in separate interviews with two older boys who came to discuss their "Next Steps Future". I asked the first why he wished to leave: his only reply was, "It's boring here, there's nothing to do". The second, who wished to return for a Sixth Year was asked whether he might not find another year at QVS boring. His reply was, "Not at all. There's heaps to do, only an idle fool (his words) would be bored here". It is the Horse-Water syndrome all over again. Other pages of this magazine will show how much is *offered* to boys if they will but avail themselves.

A former Commissioner, Mr David McMurray has written: "Those pieces of paper (Certificates) which we achieve with our pupils will put them on the start-line of the business of life. But having got to the start-line, it will thereafter be almost entirely a matter of other qualities which we have instilled in them which will determine their future progress."

What might these qualities be? Surely, the capacity to stand upon one's own feet, the ability to make decisions, to take and discharge responsibility, to communicate with others, to have a broad awareness and sense of toleration, the ability to form good relationships, the awareness of one's social responsibilities within the group or the community, the dynamic to adapt to change, and finally a broad range of interests and enthusiasms which will provide a fulfilled and contented background to the individual's working and social life. Fine words! and yet I believe they embrace the proper purpose and philosophy of what the School should always be striving for — through Chapel, Ceremonial, House life, Hobbies, Sports and Leadership. For it is relevant to note the words of the Education Reform Act (admittedly in England and Wales, but just as relevant to us in this context): "Education and the curriculum is to provide the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and society." The order of these descriptors is significant, and the ethos, the traditions, the 'discipline', and practices of this School uphold and seek that order, too — to the betterment of all its pupils. When home and School combine in those common aims, (what has been called "The Hidden Curriculum,") then each boy may most achieve his potential.

On a lighter note, I began by saying I had completed 10 years at QVS, and now recall the anecdote of the new Headmaster who was handed three envelopes by his predecessor to be opened at moments of crisis. Very soon he had to open the first envelope; inside was the advice, "Blame your predecessor". At the next major crisis, he opened the second envelope: the note read, "Announce a five year plan". In time the clouds darkened again. Hopefully, he opened the third

envelope. Its message was to the point: "Start writing three envelopes". My third envelope is still unopened.

Finally, by the time this Magazine is published another Session will nearly be over. Predictably, the year has had many good and successful periods, some more fraught, and, realistically, a few acknowledged disappointments. I have already thanked the Teaching Staff for their work in the classrooms, but they, and many other adults involved in the School, have done and given much else for the boys, some in long periods of their own time. We are very grateful to them especially. Also, I would like to thank the Prefects and Monitors, for the latter in particular have set high personal standards and done much to influence the tone of the School.

To boys, parents, Staff and everyone I wish a very happy summer holiday.



Brigadier M. R. J. Hope-Thomson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Brigadier M. R. J. Hope-Thomson, Commandant 1964-1979 just as we were about to go to press.

'Tim' Hope-Thomson, as he was known to all, was born in 1911 and educated at Wellington College and the RMC Sandhurst; commissioned into the Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1931, he was awarded an immediate MC for outstanding gallantry in Palestine in 1936. At

the start of the war he was a Company Commander with 2 RSF in the BEF. After attending Staff College in 1941 he became one of the founder members of the Airborne Forces, and in 1942 was appointed to command 4 Para. At the age of 32 he became the youngest Brigadier in India and commanded 50 Indian Parachute Bde. Through no fault of his the brigade was neither trained nor equipped for jungle warfare, and it found itself committed to a major blocking position against the Japanese advance into Burma. Despite the fact the brigade, in a very gallant action, delayed the advance for a full week, Tim was made the scapegoat for its failure to halt the advance on Kohima. This was grossly unfair, as was subsequently acknowledged by Field Marshal Slim and recently published research.

In 1944 he was appointed to command the Worcestershire Regiment where he was awarded the DSO during operations in NW Europe. After a tour as an Instructor at the Staff College he commanded 1 RHF in Germany and Berlin. In 1957 he commanded 157 Lowland Bde. His final serving job was as Vice President of the RCB from which he retired in 1964, and was appointed Commandant.

His 10 year term may well prove to have been one of the most significant in the history of the School, for it was he who masterminded the change from RAEC to civilian staff and set the standards for the future. He ensured that the Pipe Band, Dancing and Ceremonial aspects were enshrined as the School evolved from a largely military establishment to a modern boys Boarding School. For this and many other attributes we of the School today owe him a lasting debt of gratitude, and would wish to offer our very sincere condolences to Anne, Jamie, Paula and their families.



WOI HARRY BERRY

Harry Berry died on Sunday, 13th August, 1989 at the tragically early age of 50, exactly three years after

being appointed School Sergeant Major. The problem, at this stage, is not what to write, but what to leave out; he was a man of so many different parts — a true professional who set and demanded the highest standards with an immense zest for life and a most endearing sense of fun.

Born in Lanarkshire in August 1938, the family moved to Ballingry and he was brought up a Fifer — something he was immensely proud of. His contemporaries at school tend to remember him for his prowess on the football field rather than his academic achievement. Nevertheless, armed with a School Leaving Certificate, he went on to the coalfield where he trained and qualified as an electrician. Shortly before his 21st birthday he enlisted in The Black Watch or The Regiment, as he insisted it be known.

Christmas 59 saw him with the 1st Bn in Cyprus where his obvious talents and potential were quickly spotted and he began his climb up the promotion ladder. One could, however, be accused of being economical with the truth if it were not admitted that there were some hiccups as he climbed. Much of his early service was spent in Support Coy and he was a qualified Mortar and Atk gun instructor; a combination which clearly reflected both his ability and expertise as a trainer.

In July 60 he married Cora MacDonald from Dunkeld and on Boxing Day 1962 their happiness was complete with the arrival of Douglas.

As he worked his way up, whether he was in Germany, Edinburgh, N. Ireland or Hong Kong, he increasingly commanded the respect of all who were privileged to serve with him and many hoped that in his turn he would become RSM of the Bn. Sadly, this was not to be and, on promotion to WO1, he was appointed R.S.M. of the Junior Soldiers Depot in Aberdeen. In fact, it was a masterly appointment as few could have been better equipped to weld together a team found from all seven Scottish Regiments and he was a resounding success.

And so to his last serving job, and what better for such a dedicated infantryman than to be R.S.M. of the School of Infantry.

It was here that he was head hunted by a local firm who were desperate for someone to sort out their Warehouse and Stores; it certainly came as no surprise to those who knew him that, within nine months, he was promoted to Contracts Manager. He and Cora bought a house in Warminster and settled down as Wiltshire Highlanders. Harry joined the T.A. and was commissioned in the Wessex Volunteers where he soon became the M.T.O. and Bn. Recruiting Officer.

They were supremely happy for four years when, out of the blue, in late 85 his firm was taken over by predators, put into liquidation and Harry was redundant.

It is strange how a cruel twist of fate can suddenly change everything; it certainly did in Harry's case, as his redundancy coincided with the Queen Victoria

School's search for a new SSM.

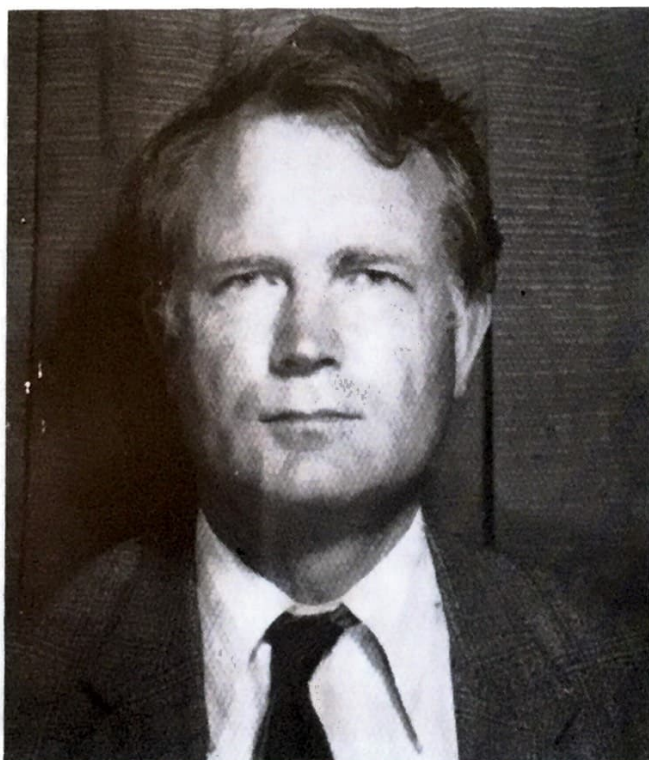
At the Selection Board he stood head and shoulders above the other candidates and so his third career began in August 86. In the sadly short time that was allowed him, his contribution to the School was immense whether it was on the ceremonial side, such as the way he master-minded the presentation of new Colours in 1987, the time he gave to shooting, small bore, full bore, and of course Bisley, refereeing football both indoors and out or a multitude of other activities, all done with unstinting enthusiasm and total dedication, yet he always had time to listen and talk to even the youngest boy for he was such a very caring person. Few who were privileged to know him will not have learnt something from him, not least the youngest members of the Queen Victoria School who, amongst many other important things, frequently learnt the perils of gambling with an expert who always ensured the odds were stacked in his favour even though the currency was invariably Mars Bars.

The turnout in the School Chapel on 18th August, the fact that he commanded standing room only in the Crematorium in Perth and the poignant Thanksgiving Service for the School on 10th September were the measure of the man.

Cora herself would be the first to admit that he was no angel and she said not long after he died, "You know, 29 years with Harry was worth 50 with any other man." There are few who would not agree with her.

MR G. M. WATSON

Mr George Watson retired from his position as Head of the Mathematics Department at the end of last Christmas term. George, with his wife Irene and two daughters, settled at Q.V.S. in 1970 after teaching at Irvine Royal Academy, Madras College, St. Joseph's Kilmarnock and Marr College, Troon. Throughout his nineteen years, George has proved a most kindly teacher and helpful colleague.



His involvement in school life went far beyond the walls of his classroom. Throughout his time at the school he maintained a lively interest in a wide range of activities and was always ready to share his knowledge and skill. He was, for instance, expert at a variety of games from trampolining (Scottish Championship finalist whilst at University) to bridge, in fact, it was his skill at the former, and not some sartorial shortcoming, that was responsible for the nickname "trampy" being coined.

He was an officer in the C.C.F., for some fifteen years, in which capacity he developed the signals section to a high degree of proficiency. He attended and helped organise camps including skiing (yet another talent) at Aviemore, hillwalking with Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions and summer camps in Germany.

George will be remembered, by pupils and colleagues alike, for his unfailing willingness to employ his considerable electronic wizardry in the resuscitation of ailing radios, cassette players and gadgets of all kinds.

An interest in electronics seemed to lead George naturally, over the last few years, to an involvement with computers. The school must thank him for doing so much to introduce Computing Studies into the curriculum.

George and Irene have now moved to their new home in Dollar where they will no doubt pursue their passion for bridge and bowls with renewed vigour. We thank George for his many years of dedicated teaching, his kindness, his humour and his friendship. I am sure all his former pupils join his colleagues in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

D.S.

S.S.M. DUTHIE

Douglas Duthie was born and raised in Peebles where he attended both the Primary and High Schools. On leaving school at 15 he served a four year apprenticeship in one of the local tweed mills.

At 19 he enlisted in the Scots guards in September '63, and, after basic training, joined 1 SG in Malaya to see active service during the Borneo Campaign. Over his years of service he served in both Battalions of his regiment, the last occasion being as CSM. Left Flank Coy. 2 SG on public duties in Chelsea Barracks, London. Before finishing his regular service he spent his last two years as the Infantry PSI with the Edinburgh and Heriot Watt UOTC. In 1985 he joined the long service list and served as WOIC Small Arms Wing of the Junior Leader Regt. RA at Bramcote, Nuneaton. This appointment finished in January '89 and in September, just as he was about to start a similar job with the Sappers at Chatham the posting was cancelled.

It was at this moment that fate stepped in on behalf of QVS and Mr Duthie was offered on a temporary attachment for six months whilst the School sought a permanent replacement for the late Harry Berry. Having as it were tested the temperature of the water as a serving soldier, Mr Duthie applied and was accepted

for the permanent appointment of School Sergeant Major.

We are most fortunate and would wish to take this opportunity to wish Mr and Mrs Duthie, and their two daughters, every success, good fortune and happiness for a long and rewarding stay in Queen Victoria School.

MAJOR M. BURROWS

Frank Burrows joined the Staff of Queen Victoria School as Administration Officer in March 1987, and has now left almost three years to the day to assume the appointment of Camp Commandant at Cultybraggan Camp, Comrie. The fact that Frank and June had bought a house in Comrie the summer before was entirely co-incidental, as at that time there was no question of the job becoming vacant; when it did, most unexpectedly, we positively encouraged him to apply, as it made so much sense and he had already done us proud.

Indeed, we all owe him an immense debt of gratitude. Not only did he ensure we got through the Presentation of New Colours administratively unscathed, but he masterminded the evacuation of the Main Building in summer 88. More importantly he got us back again on time, a task which demanded a quite remarkable degree of tact and persuasion.

We would all like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contribution to the School and wish them all happiness in their new home.

TEACHING STAFF CHANGES

As reported in the 1989 Victorian, three new teachers joined the Staff for the start of Session 1989/90: Mr Iain Dow as teacher in Special Needs, Mr Tom Dale as Assistant Principal Teacher of Physics, and Mr Glenn Harrison as teacher of Science, Physics and Electronics.

In January 1990, Mr Graham Borking and his family came to the School where he joined the Mathematics Department. Before he trained as teacher, Mr Borking was in the Royal Navy for 25 years.

In June 1989 Mrs Dorothy Bryan was appointed Headmaster's Secretary.

Mr Glenn Harrison was appointed Housemaster of Cunningham House at the start of the Spring Term, 1990. We wish him, his wife and his family a long, happy and busy time in Cunningham.



The Teaching Staff.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

When it was known that summer '89 would see the retirement of such stalwarts of the School as Cathy Thomson, John Reid and Jock Turner, we realised it was to be a notable year; at the time we did not know quite how notable it was to be in terms of comings and goings. A deservedly full appreciation of Cathy was printed in the '89 edition; John Reid should have been but wasn't and we ask him to accept our appologies as sadly ill-health forced his retirement after only nine years with us. Jock on the other hand was part of the new vintage in retiring after 13 years in August 89; his wry humour and expertise on the School's drains are both sorely missed. Sheila Carrick, who ran the School account amongst other things, emigrated to South Africa in October '89, while Paul Gilfillan was head hunted (on a vastly increased salary) in November.

In her place we welcome Mrs Dorothy Bryan as Headmaster's Secretary, Mrs Anne MacDonald as Stores Officers, John Brough, a stalwart No. 8 from Stirling County and master manipulator of the Little Wonder leaf blower vice Jock, Wilma Cameron to control the School Account, and, most critically as far as the boys are concerned, the supply of telephone change. Paul's departure was infinitely more crucial as he was the only person who understood the budget or the computer which ruled it; a replacement was certainly beyond both District Secretary and the MOD, and we must express our deepest gratitude to Helen Muirhead who "volunteered" for local promotion and the hot seat; what is more she was even rash enough to admit recently that she quite enjoyed the challenge. We must also say a special thank you to Moira Ramsay for stepping in as a temp to man the Commandant's Office. She, too, has been overheard to make the odd enthusiastic remark, although we feel that this may be more due to the fact that she can now communicate with her daughters in terms common in the computerised office rather than any special enjoyment of her secondary role as regular dogsitter.

To all who have come or gone we wish all possible good fortune.

Chapel Notes

"Goodbye Sir, excuse me, I haven't time. I'll come back, I can't wait, I haven't time. I'd love to help you, but I haven't time. I can't accept, having no time. I can't think, I can't read, I'm swamped, I haven't time.

You understand Lord, they simply haven't time. The child is playing, he hasn't time right now . . . Later on . . . The schoolboy has his homework to do, he hasn't time . . . Later on . . . The student has his courses, and so much work, he hasn't time . . .

Later on . . . The young man is at his sports, he hasn't time . . . Later on . . . The young married man has his new house he has to fix up, he hasn't time . . . Later on . . . The grandparents have their grand children, they haven't time . . . Later on . . . They are ill, they have their treatments, they haven't time . . . Later on . . . They are dying, they have no . . . Too late! They have no more time."

The above paragraphs are part of a prayer written by Michel Quoist. It reminds me of the fact that we all, boys and staff, seem to be running through life these days, hurried, jostled, over burdened. The hours are too short and the work is so demanding and there are not enough days in the week. Thank goodness therefore for the times that we can stop and have a few moments of reflective thought.

Morning and Sunday Chapel is like that within the School. Brief moments of time out of our ever increasing busy day to stop and consider a wider and greater perspective that is outside of self. Issues such as Why am I here? and where am I going? The contemplation of God our Creator and, of course, the way we use our time.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Confirmation, Roman Catholic Church:

Kenneth Crease.

Iain Orr.

James Wilson.

Admission, Church of Scotland:

Scott Cameron.

Neil Campbell.

Alan Cargill.

Martin Coulthard.

Gordon Donald.

Paul Harbour.

Peter Kennedy.

Paul Lapsley.

James Law.

Stephen McBrearty.

Iain Mackay.

Neil McKenzie.

Mark McMillan.

Peter Mitchell.

Andrew Moffat.

Robert Monteith.

Keith Murray.

Steven Nelthorpe.

Ian Payne.

Euan Redpath.

Andrew Riddel.

Andrew Robertson.

Colin Rostant.

Gordon Whyte.

Craig Wilson.

Murray Wilson.

Jan Witkowski.

Guest Preachers and Special Services:

1989

10th September, School Memorial Service for Mr H. Berry.

17th September, Guest Preacher, Rev. A. A. Orrock, MA, BD.

24th September, Guest Preacher, Rev. A. A. Orrock, MA, BD.

8th October, Guest Preacher, Rev. Professor R. Davidson, Professor of Divinity, Glasgow University.

29th October, Harvest Festival Sunday.

12th November, Remembrance Sunday.

17th December, School Carol Service.

1990

4th March, Church of Scotland Service of Admission, Guest Preacher, Rev. C. McIntosh, MA, BD. Minister, Dunblane Cathedral.

11th March, Guest Preacher, Rev. A. Smith, MA., Senior Chaplain Scotland (Army).

29th March, Service conducted by the Headmaster.

6th May, Guest Preacher, Rev. A. A. Orrock, MA, BD.

13th May, Guest Preacher, Rev. A. Smith, MA., Senior Chaplain Scotland (Army).

I would record by indebtedness to Mrs Hankinson for all the work with the Flower List, my Church of Scotland Elders Mr Philip and the Headmaster, and the Chapel Organist and Head of Music, Mr Halyburton.

Chaplains:

Rev. Dr G. Tellini, Scottish Episcopal Church.

Father B. O'Sullivan, Roman Catholic Church.

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

J.R.S.

WAILS BEAT THE ENGLISH AFTER ALL

Sir,

When rugby commentators ponder reasons for the defeat of the much-fancied English side at Murrayfield they might find it appropriate to consider the real cause — the playing of bagpipes.

Bagpipes have an honoured place in the history of Scottish regiments in war. They were not used to encourage the Scots, who are impervious to their sound, but as weapons of war to unnerve and strike terror into the enemy.

(From the Daily Telegraph sports section: March 26th, 1990).



PIPES AND DRUMS

Well, here we are now, in the '90s with the year having an unforgettable start for the band, with the final two matches of the rugby season resulting in Scotland winning the "Grand Slam" on the 17th March. The atmosphere was electrified even more with the



Pipe Band

presence of the BBC recording team who, under Mr Alex Scott, are compiling a film about the school and its activities over a yearly period. Main stars of these shots seemed to be a fairly "High Pitched" Scott McFarlane and an "effervescent" Iain MacNeil shouting encouragements (should prove to be good viewing?).

Thursday, March 15 was to be the opening of the Sports Hall Appeal Fund in the King's Dining Room, Edinburgh Castle and proved to be a rather blustery affair, as Crown Square, where the whole band performed for the guests arriving, seemed like the centre of a Vortex, as the wind tried it's best to blow all asunder. The piping and dancing inside went very well and all present seemed very impressed. A good start to a worthwhile campaign!

The piping, drumming and bugling competition on the 22nd March went off very smoothly and thanks are due to all who competed. Results are seen below. Future events are 23 May, CCF Retreat, Edinburgh Castle (2000 hrs); 2 June, Glasgow (Bellahouston) Scout Rally (1330 hrs); 16 June, Glasgow (Bellahouston) Big Blaw (1500 hrs).

The climax of the season is of course the Edinburgh Tattoo where the Band and Dancers are performing nightly (except Sunday) from the 2nd August-25 August (incl).

SCHOOL PIPING COMPETITION — PRIZE WINNERS 1990

Wavell House

Slow March — 1. A. A. Milne, 2. P. Matuszczyk, 3. C. Kerr.

March — 1. A. A. Milne, 2. P. Matuszczyk, 3. C. Kerr.

Overall winner of the Wavell Chanter — A. A. Milne.

Intermediate Competition

Slow March — 1. D. R. Munro, 2. D. S. Harris, 3. I. B. Veitch.

March — 1. D. R. Munro, 2. D. S. Harris, 3. (equal) I. B. Veitch, A. C. Cook.

Overall winner of the Gordon Stobo Cup — D. R. Munro.

Senior Competition

Slow March and March — 1. I. MacNeil, 2. D. Ross, 3. P. McEachern.

Strathspey and Reel — 1. I. MacNeil, 2. P. McEachern, 3. D. Ross.

Overall Winner of the Cameronian Shield and School Champion — I. MacNeil.

Scots Guards Prize

Given for the most work to the benefit of the Band and the Dancing Hobbies — I. MacNeil.

Special Prize

Donated by Group Captain T. Kean CBE, AFC for Most Progressed 1st Year Piper — S. Rodgers.

SCHOOL DRUMMING AND BUGLING COMPETITIONS — PRIZE WINNERS 1990

Side Drumming

Seniors — 1. C. Redpath, 2. A. Wood, 3. N. Wallace.

Juniors — 1. A. Cargill, 2. C. Wilson, 3. I. Payne.

Wavell — 1st M. Donald, 2. C. Murphy, 3. J. Leitch.

Tenor Drumming

Seniors — 1. W. Hughes, 2. J. Moreland, 3. A. Wood.

Juniors — 1. G. Donald, 2. N. McKenzie, 3. D. Graham.

Bugling

Seniors — 1. K. McIntosh, 2. C. Blackhurst, 3. N. Wallace.

Juniors — 1. R. Veitch, 2. I. Payne, 3. N. McKenzie.

Wavell — 1. S. McKinnon, 2. M. Henderson, 3. D. Duncan.

Drum and Bugle Champion 1990 — A. Wood.

HIGHLAND DANCING

Session 1989-90 has again been a year of quiet but impressive achievement. Our activities began even before the new session was under way: eight dancers and one piper, accompanied by Miss Anderson, travelled to Aberdeen in August to take part in the International Youth Festival of Music and Dance. Highlight of our five-day stay was a performance recorded by Grampian Television at His Majesty's Theatre. On this occasion, the School party was much encouraged by the fact that Brigadier and Mrs Tweedy travelled from their home in Dunkeld to be present in the audience.

Our first major engagement within the School year took S1-S6 boys to a "mini Tattoo" at the David Livingstone Memorial Centre, Blantyre. The same group, headed by Alexander Williamson, our very able and efficient Senior Dancer, entertained at the S.S.A.-F.A. concert in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh, on 2nd December, 1989. Five Intermediate boys successfully contributed a Highland dance item to the Sports Hall Appeal launch ceremony in the Great Hall, Edinburgh Castle, on 19th March. On the first of these occasions, we enjoyed dancing to the sound of the full Band, and on the second and third, to the accompaniment of Pipers Ross Coleman, Cameron Hunter and Iain MacNeil.

The Primary School has been capable of fielding demonstration teams since 1981, and this year has seen the emergence of an exceptionally competent group. Their first public appearance was offered at Chalmers Church hall, Bridge of Allan, in January. An afternoon performance for senior citizens at Falkirk soon followed, and by OVA Re-union weekend in March, it was clear that Wavell dancers could independently sustain a substantial programme of Highland dancing.



Highland Dancers

On all of these occasions, the efforts of the demonstration teams were invariably very warmly received by the public.

Technical training is promoted partly by an examination structure, and on Monday, 19th February, we welcomed an examiner from The Scottish Dance Teachers Alliance. 59 medal tests were taken, the majority of boys receiving a "Commended" or "Highly Commended" grading for their performance. It is little wonder that the visiting examiner passed very favourable comment on Iain MacNeil's piping, too — he cheerfully and skilfully played his way through 105 test pieces!

Following our success at Blackford Highland Games in 1989, when Murray Wilson (Trenchard) won the trophy in his class and several other Q.V.S. dancers reached the prize-list, preparations are under way to compete again this year.

The demonstration teams are scheduled to appear at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in May, Bellahouston Park twice in June, and — together with the Pipes and Drums — the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in August. As always, we look forward especially to entertaining our families and friends on Grand Day.

SIXTH FORM

It is very encouraging to see the numbers of our Senior Pupils who are returning for a Sixth Form these days. While their numbers are bound to vary from year to year, according to their academic potential and their various career intentions, (for Sixth Form is not to every pupil's advantage) it would appear that more young men see the benefits and challenges of a Sixth Form as being sufficient to outweigh any inevitable restrictions of school life, and as being clearly beneficial to their long term prospects. This has resulted in a concomitant improvement in the standards of pupil leadership in the Senior House, with these young men increasingly willing and able to accept more responsibility and exercise greater initiative in House and School life, factors which in themselves help continue the upward spiral of challenge and beneficial potential. As encouragement to them, and to my colleagues in all branches of the school, I am happy to record the fact that many distinguished visitors, and others who have encountered our Sixth Formers elsewhere, have commented very favourably on their openness and high standards, upon both of which I hope we can build further improvements.

B.R.P.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

In my seventeen years living on the school campus one species above all seems to have been present only in very small numbers. Indeed for large periods of each year one can go from week to week seeing only the rarest of specimens, and then only for the briefest of glimpses. It would appear that this species is either frightened by my kind, or is relatively disinterested in the communal or individual living of the young of *Homo Sapiens* Victorianus. Often landing



Haig Home

in the school grounds for not even long enough to be approached, or their presence even noticed, the fully grown adults tend to shy away, whisking their young off to other habitats as fast as possible. Occasionally, a bolder breeding pair can be approached, and on these exciting occasions one can sometimes achieve real communication between the species, bringing untold enlightenment and encouragement to the serious student of the species, and bringing joy to young Victoriani. This is even more the case when the occasional pair settles long enough to observe the special antics of the young Victoriani. Sometimes, they can even be heard seemingly to compliment these antics with their own strange signals of appreciation.

Of course this seemingly endangered species does have a very broad distribution over much of Europe, with even a few breeding pairs in other continents, but the greatest concentration of them is in Britain and, in particular, in Scotland. So, though it is understandable that frequent migratory visits from the Central European breeding colonies cannot be expected, as an enthusiastic student of the species I might have hoped for regular visits from those nesting in mainland Britain, particularly Scotland. Thereby, we Victoriani might come to understand the species better and, vice versa, these closely related visitors might come to enjoy the ambience of our habitat, with all the atmosphere it provides through the many activities of the youthful Victoriani. Both species might also begin to understand the problems of each other's peculiar habitats.

As an enthusiast for greater understanding between the species, it is my hope that, as these elusive visitors realise the welcome for their species in our habitat,

there will be an increased presence among *Homo Sapiens Victoriani* of that seldom seen, but much sought after species, *Homo Sapiens Parentis*.

B. R. PHILIP,
Housemaster, Haig House

Old Victorians' Association

President: Lt. Col. R. Smith
Secretary: P. J. Gilchrist
Treasurer: J. W. White

It is very pleasing to report an excellent year for the Association with increased membership and activity, and positive indications of greater contact for those Old Victorians remote from the School. The first item of news is indicated above, a new Secretary. Jack Quinn (2517) had intimated his desire to relinquish the duties and we have been able to introduce a member of a younger generation, Peter Gilchrist (3104) to the Committee. I am sure that all Old Victorians will support him in his task and that his comparative youth will help to broaden the representation of members' views. To Jack our grateful thanks for all he has done for the O.V.A., not least in his genial hosting of many a gathering at the Stirling Arms.

Membership continues to thrive. It stands at 539, an increase of 63 in the year and, with an improved system of recruiting at source, ie. with leavers, it should be feasible to reach our new goal of 600 in 1990. Our 500th member was Graeme Kidd (3851) — Who will be 600?

The London Branch was formally reconstituted at

the 1989 A.G.M. David Issitt (2852) is now Secretary and anyone in the London area interested should contact him at 146 Denham Way, Maple Cross, Rickmansworth, Herts. There are also efforts in hand to rejuvenate both the Ontario and the Australian branches; no mean feat considering the distances involved. Bill Geddes (2314) in Toronto and Eddie Cameron (2433) in Thornleigh (N.S.W.) provide the impetus in their respective areas. Any queries or information will be passed on by Central Branch. Our best wishes to all three Branches for the daunting tasks ahead.

Visits to the School by Old Victorians continue to be welcomed and are a good source of new recruits for the O.V.A. The more formal events (Grand Day and the Reunion) continue to be the focal points for major O.V.A. activity. This year we are able to offer an additional event. A visit to the Edinburgh Tattoo on August 2nd is being undertaken. Tickets are still available so contact committee members for full details.

Grand Day 1989 proved a welcome return to the full event (after the limitations of 1988) with a fine parade, excellent turnout of Old Victorians and good weather (just!). A much appreciated finale was the ad-hoc assembly of Old Victorians of all ages to meet the Inspecting Officer at the close of the parade.

On Remembrance Sunday, Vic Carroll (1272) was honoured to be invited to take the salute at the parade Service. A family occasion was expanded when his brother, Bill (1028) and Graham Tennick (3833) laid wreaths on behalf of Old Victorians at home and overseas. A similar honour was accorded to Tom Kean (750) at the Parade Service during the Reunion Weekend (10th-11th March, 1990).

We enjoyed a most successful Reunion. Approximately 100 Old Victorians attended, many even enduring the dramas of the A.G.M! The most travelled attendee was Ralph Masterson (2548) bringing greetings from New South Wales. It is very gratifying to see so many younger Old Victorians who turn out and this year their enthusiasm was rewarded by the re-introduction of rugby to the programme with a series of 7-a-side games played on a wet, muddy afternoon with great endeavour and some(?) skill. We also turned out a football team (with great success) and 6 shooters. The social events, tea, after Church reception and the continuing conviviality of the Stirling Arms were much enjoyed and appreciated.

During the Reunion today's Boy Pipe Major and Drum Major were able to meet their counterparts of 1925, Tom Kean and Ron Taylor (745) respectively. Tom obliged most effectively on the pipes and Ron was heard to comment that his feet wanted to emulate the dancers! Perhaps an O.V.A. dancing demonstration team next year?

The A.G.M. enabled the O.V.A. to have a pre-launch of the Sports Hall Appeal. Consequently, cheques from the Association and from the 200 club were presented to General MacMillan after Church. That from the O.V.A. was in memory of the 39 members

who have died since the inception of the O.V.A., representing their Life Membership subscriptions. The Appeal has also generated additional contact with many Old Victorians, some of whom have joined the O.V.A. as well as subscribing to the Appeal.

Through the coming months may I ask Old Victorians to provide information to the Committee in respect of two anniversaries. The more immediate is that it is 50 years since the wartime evacuation of the Dukie contingent to the School. Not all came from Dover, some subsequently (myself included) joined directly from home and thought of themselves as Victorians rather than Dukies. Our records of them are limited and any information would be welcome for the archives. Of more long-term and much more vital concern is the School Centenary in 2008. It seems years away, but, may I suggest we should begin to gather memories and memorabilia now to assist in recording our first 100 years effectively. The O.V.A. would like to help the School to record its history in the best possible way — your assistance is requested.

Finally, my thanks to the Commandant, Headmaster, Staff and Boys for their hospitality to all Old Victorians, who have visited the School in the past 12 months. We continue to be welcome no matter what is happening and it is a source of continuing gratification to me that so many of us consider such visits to be worthwhile.

OBITUARIES

It is with great regret that we have to inform you that the deaths of eleven Old Victorians have been notified since the last issue of the Victorian.

1064 T. DEGNAN

1155 L. K. DEGNAN, B.E.M.

Tom, who attained the rank of B.S.M., R.A. in World War II service in Burma, died on 16th February, 1989. Laurence, the last of four brothers, served in REME, in North Africa and Korea, was subsequently a Manager for Vauxhall Motors, died on 17th July, 1989.

1025 A. K. CARSON

Arthur Carson died on 16th July, 1989. He served during World War II as a Sgt R.A., subsequently joining B.P., for whom he worked for 26 years becoming Manager of Northern Region.

3475 R. LAMBIE

Ray, a REME Cpl, serving in Germany, died as a result of a traffic accident on 28th July, 1989. He was a staunch supporter of the O.V.A. and his last visit to the School was for the 1989 Reunion.

1901 J. F. PHILLIPS, B.D.S.

James (Falky) Phillips was Boy Pipe Major and subsequently, Senior Monitor in the late 1940's. After National Service with the Royal Hampshire Regiment, he gave up a technical cadetship to study dentistry at St Andrews University. He spent many happy years in

practice and was greatly respected within his profession. He died on 14th October, 1989, shortly after retiring prematurely to St Andrews, a long cherished dream.

509 H. G. TAYLOR

George, served in the Royal Tank Corps. in India. His brother (Ron) wrote to me of his death on 17th October, 1989, commenting on his love of cricket and his great work for the "old" London Branch.

97 W. G. TUCKER

Bill, our oldest Old Victorian, died in November, 1989. He enlisted in the Cameronians in 1912, served in France and was wounded in 1917 and was commissioned in 1939. He served until 1955 and on retirement became a farmer in Wiltshire.

1416 J. C. BOWLER

Jim was a drummer in the Cameron Highlanders and served in World War II, being evacuated from Dunkirk and subsequently in Burma. He died on 15th December, 1989.

654 L. G. HIGH

The elder brother of the School Triplets, Leslie died on 6th January, 1990. He served in the Life Guards during World War II and was wounded and invalided out in 1945.

1215 J. E. RYAN

John died on 8th January, 1990. He served in the Royal Signals in the Middle East and France in World War II and was commissioned in 1942, retiring as a Captain. Emigrating to New Zealand, he was a much respected electronics engineer and writer.

759 T. E. SMITH

Tom died at St Albans on 20th February, 1990. He served with the Black Watch for 9 years and was then re-called for World War II.

'EARLY MEMORIES OF THE SCHOOL' by George Dowling: No. 269

My father was appointed to the staff of the QV School when he retired from the Cameronians Scottish Rifles after 21 years service. The family moved to the QVS in 1907 before the school was opened in 1908. My father became the first hall porter night watchman. The road to the married quarter wasn't finished and only three of the M.Q. were finished, the remainder in course of construction. These gradually filled up with new members of the staff until the big day came for the opening of the school by King Edward VII, also the laying of the foundation stone for the chapel. For this occasion our family were seated with others on the square next to the south end of the main building and watched the procession moving towards where the School Chapel would be — this was then called King Edward's Walk.

The first boys began to arrive and as the hospital

was not built then, the hospital became for the time being the small dormitory top flat on the south end of the school, until the hospital was completed and opened.

At this time there was quite a gale and I was coming home from school in Dunblane, I was literally lifted off my feet and carried about 30 yards. At the same time one of the workmen on the hospital was blown off the structure and was killed. This to my belief was the first casualty. I joined the school at the end of 1912. The 12 married quarters were completed and staffed. The staff at this time decided to have a bar to save having to go to the hotels and as the road up to the school was quite dark, they were to have to take turns to have a hurricane lamp above one of the doors. So my pal Victor Fennessey and I got a ladder and put the lamp above another door and we heard quite a commotion when the men went home at night.

I had another experience that year just as I joined the school. I was invited with other Roman Catholic children to a Christmas party in Doune. It snowed all the way there and on the way home we ran into snow drifts at the Hill of Rhu Road, so we had to get out of the coach and help push it for about 40 yards. This was a coach and horses we were in. When we joined the school we had name plates above each bed called 'nomination' plates. I was given Lynedoch after Lord Lynedoch's Cameronians. We then started in earnest.

The young boys coming into the school had to go into the sewing room roughly for 6 months to learn to darn, sew and patch. This helped me as I still do my own darning and sewing on of buttons. After this you had a chance of picking your own trade — piper, drummer, military band, tailor's shop, shoemaker's shop and later, woodwork. I chose the military band.

When the swimming pool was to be opened, my father had to first clean it out and I noticed a large coin or medal at the bottom of the bath, so, after pulling it down to the shallows, and I was made to undress and after a while got it out. It turned out to be a Coronation Medal. I had been the first boy in the swimming pool. During this time the hospital was inside the school we had different diseases cropped up, and then the top dormitory adjacent to the hospital was used for isolation. During the evenings, the main gates were closed and our hospital sergeant forgot about them being closed and ran straight into them on his bicycle, the cycle was ruined and he was knocked unconscious — nothing really serious. A few accidents followed. Mr Johnson was killed just outside the school gate. A young boy, John Vallance, the son of the other Hall Porter was riding back step on the insurance agent's bicycle and had his toe torn off.

I think our first Grand Day was 1911, when we had the real Trooping of the Colours as the Guards do each year. On this occasion the boys pitched tents and one of the first boys in the school, Johnny McIlroy had a marquee fall on him and he was carried up to the quarters on a stretcher but was alright and was on the Grand Day Parade next day.

One of the next occasions I remember was the visit and inspection of the school and boys. The King

GRAND DAY 1990

Inspecting Officer

VICE ADMIRAL SIR MICHAEL LIVESAY KCB
FLAG OFFICER SCOTLAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND

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 the attendance at Prize-Giving is restricted to those holding personal tickets.

PARADE

On Parade

Parade Commander, Senior Monitor	Stuart Cook
Guard Commanders:	
No. 1 Guard	James Scott
No. 2 Guard	Malcolm Kerr
No. 3 Guard	Richard McGrath
No. 4 Guard	Scott Poole
No. 5 Guard	Gordon Stewart
No. 6 Guard	Christopher Berry
No. 7 Guard	Fionn McKee
No. 8 Guard	Matthew Smith
I/c Colour Party	Craig Henderson
Ensigns	Mark Forsyth
	Jamie Boyle
Escorts	Paul Porter
	Scott McElveen
Orderlies	David Chapman
	James Welsh
School Sergeant Major	Mr D. Duthie (late SG)

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 Livesay 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 about approximately 20 minutes. Spectators are asked to stand during the sounding of the Retreat Call and lowering of the Union Flag.

PARADE MUSIC

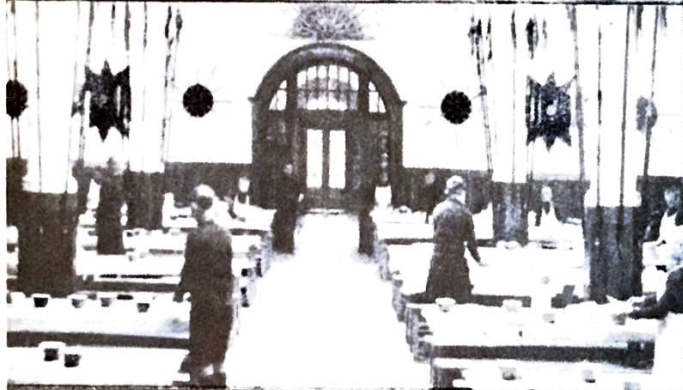
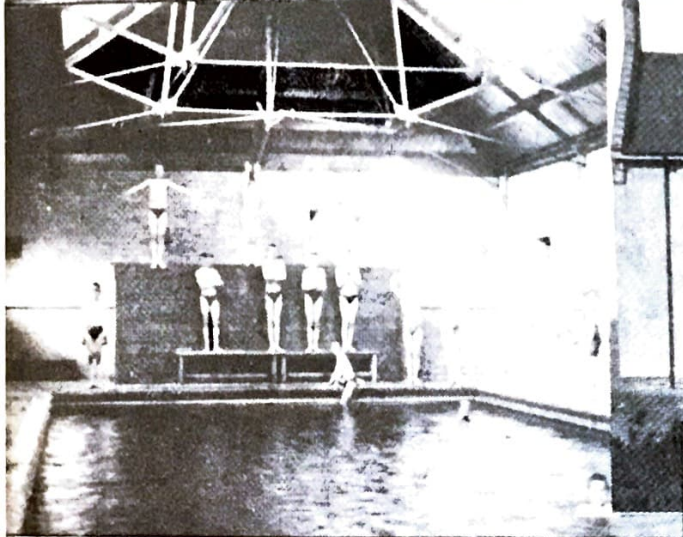
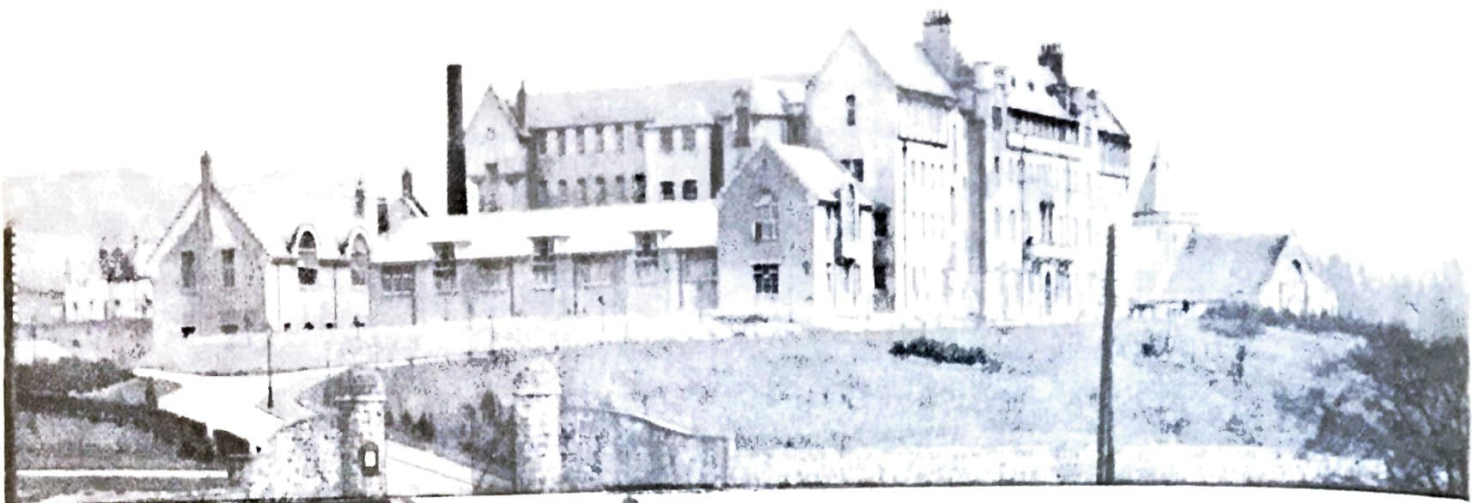
March on to Parade	Leaving Port Askaig Bengullion
March on the Colours	The Victorians
General Salute	Loch Leven Castle
Inspection	Mary Darroch My Ain Fireside Morag of Dunvegan The Mingulay Boat Song The Dark Island The Sky Boat Song
March Past in Slow Time	My Home Westering Home
Break into Quick Time	Bonnie Dundee
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	After the Battle The Green Hills of Tyrol
Dancers March on	Corriechoillies Welcome Teribus
Strathspeys	Stumpie Aspen Bank
Reels	The Ale is Dear Piper of Drummond
Dancers March off	Brigadier Tweedy's March Cock of the North
March off Parade	The Victorians

<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 MEd MSDTAMBATD
<i>Boy Pipe Major</i>	Ross Coleman
<i>Boy Drum Major</i>	John Stephens
<i>Senior Dancer</i>	Sandy Williamson

AS YOU WERE!



George V took the salute at the main door of the school. We were given the remainder of the day as a holiday. Later we enjoyed different affairs. The 9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) came to the school specially for a sham fight which took place from the top wood and down to the wood adjoining the school playing field. We put up a very good show under Colour Sgt. Martin, C Coy., Billy Ouf as he was known by the boys, on account of his shouting: 'Ouf, lght, Ouf' when trying to keep the boys in step. We had a couple of Torch Light Tattoos in 1913 and 1914 on Guy Fawkes nights, with four bands on parade. Good show of fireworks.

During the summer break all boys who didn't go home went to Barry Camp, but after filling our palliasses with straw and beginning to settle in, we got order to empty the straw, to pack up everything and returned to the school the same day we left. The day war broke out. During the war the bigger boys had to take turns of telephone duty in the School Porter's office. Also the waking of the Orderly Bugler to blow Reveille. We had practices of clearing the school when a mock air raid was put on. We went down to the back of the swimming pool beside the wood and burn. Sunday mornings were usually special. Boys marching down to their different church services. Two boys usually had to take the milk from Kippendavie Farm, also the Sunday papers up to Landrick House where the Commandant, Col. Wilkinson had his abode. During the war, quite a large part of the grass in front of the school was ploughed up by the former Lairdie of Kippendavie and we planted potatoes and had to look after them and at the finish we had to do our own Tattie Howking for the school.

We had a second sham fight with the Dandy Ninth and also the whole school took part in a Paper Chase or Hares and Hounds where the Hares were given a start of about 10 minutes over a 4 mile course, scattering some paper every so often and the hounds followed the paper. This was partly over Kippenross and Sheriffmuir. At this time I was in C Coy's team at football and cricket at which I got my cap, taking 3 wickets and 3 catches in one match against D Coy. Later I went on to be Captain of 2nd fifteen at Rugby. I also won the Bell medal for miniature Range Shooting which I still have. Instead of Barry Camp for 2 years, the boys who were left at the summer holidays went berry picking to the Hall Farm, Aberuthven, where we gathered rasps and strawberries. We were paid so much for this, and I came home with a poisoned thumb and had to stay in the hospital for three days with the Hospital Nurse, Jessie McHendry, in attendance.

While in isolation on a Saturday afternoon, I went round by Barbush and down part of the Ramoyle where my mother was then living as my father was away from home with the National Reserve and took my brother's bicycle out and with my feet between the crossbars, went down the Braeport and crashed into the wall at Dargai Terrace and was taken up to the school unconscious. I wasn't punished at the school,

though with my bruises and injuries I had been punished enough. The sergeant major of the Scottish Horse saw this happen and raised the alarm. Before the Gymnasium was built, the central hall was used for all parades, for meals etc. and for concerts and boxing and demonstrations of Highland Dancing. During weekends we used to get out of school for walks on Saturdays and on Sunday afternoons. The adjutant, Captain Mather, often took a walk through the lower corridors and any boys caught beside the radiators were duly taken to the front hall and I was one of them. My father as the Hall Porter was on duty and was ordered to give us all two of the strap, my two seemed to be heavier than the others and I didn't speak to my father for two weeks, but all came well again. My younger brother also came to the school after I left and went onto the Boys' Technical College at Chepstowe. I left the school in November 1917 and went to the Black Watch in Perth and on to Germany and India before coming home, and in 1931 the Commandant sent for me about a vacancy as a Gardener Guardsman, so I came back to the school and was the first old boy to come back and work in the school — for 9 years.

BOYS' NOTICE BOARD; OLD VICTORIANS SUNDAY: 11 MARCH 1990

The Old Victorian who will take the Salute on Parade on this Sunday is:

Group Captain T. Kean CBE, AFC (2 bars) RAF (Retd)

A brief summary of his RAF career is:

Joined RAF in 1925 as an Apprentice (Carpenter Rigger).

Cpl 1928, qualified as Sgt Pilot 1932.

Served in 45 Bomber Sqn (Egypt) and 41 Fighter Sqn (Aden) 1933-36.

Qualified as a Flying Instructor 1936.

Served at Central Flying School and Commissioned 1940.

During the War served in pilot training appointments and achieved rapid promotion — Pilot Officer 1940 — Wing Commander 1942.

Continued in flying training (Chief Instructor appointments) 1946-50 and subsequently in Command appointments and staff posting 1950-60.

Group Captain 1955.

Retired 1960 but employed at University of St Andrews as Supplies Officer.

Decorations — AFC 1941, bar 1944, 2nd bar 1950. OBE 1955, CBE 1959.

He took part in one of six simultaneous worldwide flights from RAF College Manby in 1950. This occurred during his 'Senior Flying Course'.

He now resides at the RAF Benevolent Fund Retirement Home at Adastrean House, Aboyne.

His School Number was: 750, at QVS from 2 September 1919 — 20 January 1925.

CCF Section

COMBINED CADET FORCE

<i>Contingent Commander:</i>	Wg. Cdr. I. T. Williams, RAFVR(T)
<i>RN Section: OC</i>	—Lieut. T. Shannon, R.N.R. Sub-Lieut. G. Borking
<i>Army Section: OC</i>	—Lieut. G. D. M. Carroll Mr I. T. Dow WO1 D. Duthie (SSI)
<i>RAF Section: OC</i>	—Flt. Lieut. M. J. Boast Fg. Off. H. D. Brown
<i>Officer I/C Shooting:</i>	Major J. R. Silcox, CF Att. from 32 Sig. Regt. (V)

1989-90 has been a busy year for both staff and cadets, particularly for the former, in that we have experienced a retiral, resignations, vacancies, uncertainties and, on the positive side, new appointments.

Capt. George Watson, who commanded the Army Section, announced his retiral from the CCF at the end of the summer term, 1989 and in expressing our appreciation of his services in last year's edition of the "Victorian" we concluded that "... his involvement will be greatly missed" — he certainly has been!

Lieut. David Garden, OC designate of the Army Section, took up the appointment of Head of Science in August, 1989 and felt that with the added responsibility, the extensions to the Science Department, new members of staff, implementation of "Standard Grade" and increased in-service commitments he was unable to devote the time required for CCF involvement and tendered his resignation. He was later persuaded to place his CCF appointment "on ice" and to review the situation in a year's time. It has been good to see him back helping with the shooting on Wednesday evenings during this past term and he is planning to accompany the Shooting Team to Bisley in July — his assistance in this area is greatly appreciated.

Lieutenant Commander Bill Webster, who has commanded the School's RN Section since its formation in the early eighties, finally had to concede that, with the increasing pressure and claims upon his time that housemastering now demanded there were not sufficient hours or minutes left in the day (or night!) to fulfil the necessary commitment to the CCF, particularly during the more intensive periods at the end of term or session. We are greatly indebted to Mr Webster for his unstinting service in building up the RN Section and in generating so much enthusiasm amongst the cadets for all matters naval. Whilst he seized every opportunity to promote the traditions and claims of the Senior Service he was always keen to involve the cadets in tri-service activities and has himself attended camps with both the Army and RAF Sections. We thank you.

Lieutenant Tom Shannon, despite his elevation to the marital status, was persuaded to find additional time for maritime activities and to assume the

responsibilities of commanding the RN Section — his continued support is much appreciated. Despite our land-locked location the naval cadets have succeeded in spending considerable time at sea, or on loch or river, sailing, windsurfing and canoeing — do I hear complaints or accusations of symptoms of wet rot setting in amongst the boys of the dark blue?

We welcome on board Mr Graham Borking, the newest (but not quite the youngest!) member of the Teaching Staff. He is a former CPO, "served full time... regular... sub-mariner", and recently qualified to teach mathematics; nevertheless, he was not given time to find his land legs at QVS before being roped in to the Naval Section — even before his family arrived on the campus! We are already benefitting from his professionalism and expertise and, despite his many years on and under the sea, enjoying his dry humour.

On a sadder note we have to record the very sudden and unexpected death in August, 1989 of our SSI and school sergeant major, Mr Harry Berry. Harry enjoyed life to the full and only days before the bereavement he had accompanied the shooting team at Bisley and earlier in the month attended summer camp with the cadets. He was never happier than when he could be out "in the field" with the boys — whether it was drilling on the square or climbing in the hills, instructing military subjects or relating tales around the camp fire, coaching on the range or kicking a football with the cadets in the evening: they all loved him. Our sincere condolences to his wife Cora and their family.

CSM Douglas Duthie came to us initially on a temporary basis — seconded from the Scots Guards — to help us out after the loss of our school sergeant major. Mr Duthie quickly proved to be a most industrious "helper-out": he quietly and efficiently set about taking up the reins, the pen, the pace stick, the telephone, the files, the rifles and even the cabinets and the desk — anything that could and should move was moved and, if need be, kept moving! We were delighted that he appreciated being with us as much as we with him and he officially took up the appointment of school sergeant major and SSI with the CCF on 1st May this year. He had already endeared himself to us and is certainly a great asset — apart from his physical presence! We warmly welcome him together with his wife Helen and two daughters, Kirsteen and Catriona.

We also welcome to our staff Mr Iain Dow who is currently working his way through the army section training manual and being involved with Lieut. Graham Carroll in training the younger members of the Army Section. Mr Dow has already completed the Officers' Preliminary Course at Army HQ Scotland, the CCF Officers Basic Qualifying Course at the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park as well as the interview with Brigadier Highland. His willingness to become involved with the CCF is much appreciated.

The continued support of Major John Silcox, School Chaplain, as Officer I/C Shooting and in commanding the Easter Adventure Training Camp in the Cairngorms has been invaluable. Congratulations to the

cadets for the many successes which they have enjoyed as a result of Major Silcox's enthusiasm and encouragement.

Special thanks are also due to Lieut. Graham Carroll who, although being unable to accept the responsibilities of commanding the Army Section because of his other school commitments as Deputy Housemaster of the Preparatory House and Master I/C Primary Department Games, has found time to organise overnight self reliance exercises and the overseas camp.

The RAF Section has been least affected by staff changes and my thanks again to Flt. Lt. M. J. Boast, Fg. Off. H. D. Brown and the NCOs for their continued support. Cdt/Sgt Callum Redpath is to be congratulated on his being awarded a Flying Scholarship as well as gaining his "wings" on completion of his continuous gliding course — well done.

Winners of the QVS/CCF Recruits' Cups for the 1988/89 session were Craig Wood (RN), Mark Casey (Army) and Iain B. Veitch (RAF).

As a result of staff shortages, and in an endeavour to make the training as varied as possible, I have had to call for an increased level of support from outside agencies. My thanks to Capt. Bob Kelly and his team of NCOs from 23 Cadet Training Team for their continued support, advice and encouragement in so many areas; to the Commanding Officer and his staff of 32 (Scottish) Signal Regiment (V) for their assistance in ensuring the success of our Easter Camp in the Cairngorms and in particular to S/Sgt Bernie Meehan who has provided weekly instruction for our Signals Section; to Sgts Steve Dargie (PSI) and Francis Wernicki from the Dunblane TA Centre who produced an interesting weekly programme for the RCT Section. Another interesting innovation was a series of visits arranged by Chief Observer Hamish Lee of the Royal Observer Corps to "Dundee 40 Post". The post, a concrete chamber some 20 feet below ground, is one of a network of 870 monitoring posts sited to cover the whole of the United Kingdom and feeds information through its Group Controls to the UK Warning and Monitoring Organisation. The visits proved most interesting and informative and the cadets appreciated the opportunity of handling and assisting in assembling some of the equipment — our thanks to Hamish and the other members of the team.

Our appreciation too of the assistance given by Captain D. A. H. Kerr, OBE, RN, Captain HMS Neptune, who was the Reviewing Officer for our Biennial Inspection in November — we thank him for the advice, encouragement and the continuing interest given and shown in so many ways.

Members of the Pipe Band are once again prominent in the preparation for the annual ceremony of Beating Retreat by the massed Pipes and Drums of the Scottish Schools Combined Cadet Forces on the Esplanade, Edinburgh Castle — thanks to Pipe-Major Dippie and Drum-Major Brown for their continuing co-operation.

The help and encouragement that I have received from so many people and organisations, from within and out-with the School, during what has been a busy

and particularly difficult year is greatly appreciated — my sincere thanks to you all. I do not wish to offend anyone, however, if I make special mention of two people whose visits, correspondence and telephone calls have been a regular source of encouragement and support throughout — Lt. Col. Alastair Rose, SO2 G3 Trg. Cadets from Army HQ Scotland, and Mr Jim Keatings from 51 Highland Brigade. Thank you.

I.T.W.

R.N. SECTION

The Naval Section welcomes a new training officer, Mr Graham Borking. Before becoming a teacher Mr Borking was a CPO in the Royal Navy and already his experience is proving invaluable.

The cadets have achieved a great deal this session. Apart from our normal training programme here in the school, we have also had two days at sea onboard HMS Attacker, a fast patrol boat, based on the Clyde. The cadets enjoyed the trips very much and look forward to more trips, "doon the water." In shooting, the section shooting team (Cox R. Colman, P.O. F. McKee, L.S. A. Anderson, A.B. A. Cargill and A.B. M. Wilson), won the Scottish Naval Shooting Shield with P.O. F. McKee picking up the best shot trophy. Once again Cox R. Colman will join the school shooting team at Bisley this summer.

The cadets who went on the various Easter camps all returned to school with good reports, particularly P.O. F. McKee.

The Commander who ran Fionn's course wrote a very good report on Fionn who gained his R.Y.A. Level III Power Boat Certificate.

This summer term all the cadets in the section go windsurfing and sailing at Lochore Meadows and have the opportunity to gain R.Y.A. certificates in sailing and windsurfing.

Finally on behalf of the R.N. Section I would like to thank the people outside the school who have given the section support and help this session. The team from Faslane (Captain Kerr, Lt Adams and Las Wheatley). From D.N.R. staff Lt Kit Kat. The commanding officer and men of H.M.S Attacker. And lastly our area chief C.P.O. P. Richards. Thank you.

T.S.



Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, KCB, FOSNI presenting a cheque for the Sports Hall Appeal to Cameron Hunter, Senior Naval Coy.

ARMY SECTION

Annual Camp — Cultybraggan

Annual camp in 1989 saw a small number of cadets attend Cultybraggan Central Camp, accompanied by Capt G. Watson, Maj. Silcox, Lt. Garden, Lt. Carroll, and the late SSI Mr H. Berry. The camp was very well organised and the boys were able to enjoy a varied number of activities.

They shot the new cadet G. P. rifle on the new 30m range; they went rafting at St. Fillans and also went orienteering. On another day the cadets found themselves abailing 40m down a viaduct at Lochearnhead.

On the Wednesday evening of the camp the group tackled the assault course competition. It should be noted that our group was made up of young, small recruits, in the main. The manner in which they attacked the assault course cannot be understated. Their positive attitude and determination, linked with a great team spirit assured them of a very respectable time. Indeed, the 2 I/C of the Lowland Brigade, who was a spectator, was noticeably impressed.

1990 will see the Army Section along with one or two from the other sections visit 1st Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Minden, W. Germany.

However it would be nice to see more cadets attending annual camp, especially Central Camp, which, despite the proximity of its location to Q.V.S., is always well organised and would be a fulfilling experience.

G.C.

Recruits

Twenty boys entered the army section as recruits last September. Since then they have progressed steadily through the training syllabus for map, compass, fieldcraft and skill at arms. By the time of publication they will have been formally tested in these areas and hopefully they will all have passed!

In preparation for their formal assessments, the recruits spent two weekends during the Easter term on a self-reliance exercise under the supervision of myself, SSI D. Duthie, Wg. Cdr. I. T. Williams, Cdt. Sgt. J. Scott, Cdt. Sgt. C. Henderson, Cdt. Cpl. C. McGrath and Cdt. Cpl. J. Stephens. My thanks to them for making both ventures successful.

During these weekends the cadets had to set up camp, cook in the field, carry out navigation exercises and carry out a night patrol. They had to carry out evasive action when flares went up, negotiate obstacles and 'recce an enemy position'.

All in all these exercises were very successful. The boys certainly enjoyed themselves — but I wish someone had talked to the weather! Wind, rain, snow — you name it — we got it!

It is intended to have a couple of similar, but perhaps more demanding, exercises in the summer term.

Before closing it would not be right not to mention the recruits performance on the Biennial Inspection Parade. They conducted themselves admirably and they were a credit to the C.C.F.

Many thanks to all staff who helped and to 2/Lt I. Dow for his assistance.

G.C.

R.A.F. SECTION

Cadet N.C.O.'s as at 30th April 1990

Sgts: — M. G. Kerr, C. J. Redpath

Cpls: — S. Cook, C. Berry, R. D. Bowman,
C. J. McKenzie

J/Cpls: — M. Smith, S. D. Poole, G. P. Stewart,
C. R. Blackhurst, J. L. Boyd, R. S. Carr,
M. J. McCabe

Results of the Proficiency Part 2 examinations sat in March 1990: Passes were gained by Cdt. M. Bailey, J. A. Bell, S. W. Cooke, S. Gardner, W. A. Hamilton, P. M. Hayes, K. A. McIntosh, K. Slater and I. B. Veitch.

Our summer camp was at R.A.F. Coltishall, Norfolk where we spent a very enjoyable week. As well as the usual station visits and air experience flying, we were able to see some of north Norfolk and had a day's visit to Norwich.

We only had one field day this year because of the bi-annual inspection. The section was split into three groups: one going to see how the R.A.F. Regiment functions at R.A.F. Leuchars; another on a hill-walk with some of the Naval Section; and the remainder trying to master wind surfing on Loch Lomond.

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

It is almost taken for granted, the time and energy that Mr Silcox expends in seeing that all cadets are put through their paces on the range.

Our Liaison Officer, Flt. Lt. D. Otridge leaves us this term and, we wish him all the best for his posting to R.A.F. Finningley. Our thanks go to him and also his liaison N.C.O. F/Sgt R. Thomas for all their help throughout the year.

M.J.B.

EASTER SKI CAMP, AVIEMORE

The 'home based' annual Ski Camp took place between Thursday 29th March and Wednesday 4th April at the Badaguish Outdoor Centre in the Cairngorms, Aviemore.



Along with Aviemore's Ski and tourist centres we found difficulty this year because of the lack of good snow conditions. Nevertheless, our Chief Ski Instructor, Mr Tommy Thomson found snow for his pupils each day of the camp, but not in the quality or quantity that he would have liked.

Skiing is that type of outdoor activity that runs the risk of injury and we were all most upset when Brian Sherwood fell on the first day and broke his leg heroically trying to avoid a skier who had fallen in front of him. He was attended to very quickly on the slopes by Mr Dale and the Ski Patrol and bravely and cheerfully recovered in Raigmore Hospital, Inverness. We are all confident however that this will not keep him away next year.

The milder weather even allowed us to have an outdoor Bar B.Q.! This was at the conclusion of an Assault Course/Command Task Competition over the many obstacles permanently set out at the Outdoor Centre: water obstacle, climbing frame, and high tower to name but a few. These were negotiated with differing technique but always with great determination and effort by two teams who had to transport a very heavy Land Rover tyre around and over them all. The staff were most impressed with the resourcefulness and teamwork of all the cadets in this most arduous event.

While this undoubtedly took a great deal of physical strength out of the cadets, Mr Robert Milne, our Civilian Chef, produced every day without fail some really delicious dish to replace that much needed energy. We are indeed grateful to Mr Milne for his continuing help at our Easter Camp. It is generally agreed by all that the camp meals, "were just great".

Other activities of the week apart from skiing included a very popular and successful Clay Pigeon Shoot and an afternoon at the Local Ice Rink skating.

Despite the poor conditions Mr Thomson had great praise for the efforts of all the cadets. He was certain that with more and better snow which would have enabled him to accomplish what he had originally planned the standard of the achievements would have been much higher. Nevertheless he awarded the following medals: S. McIveen, Gold; F. McGerty, Gold; S. Davidson, Gold; P. Clark, Silver; J. Witkowski, Silver; G. Donald, Silver; M. Coulthard, Silver; T. Wood, Silver; S. Brogan, Bronze; S. Harris, Bronze; R. Carr, Bronze; N. Campbell, Bronze.

The Cadet Force is indeed indebted to the following members of staff and ski instructors who made this camp such a success:

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

S.S.M. Mr Duthie, Camp Administrator, 21/C.

Mr Tommy Thomson, Chief Instructor.

Sgt Mark Saunders, Assistant Instructor.

Mr T. Dale, Assistant Instructor.

Mr B. Philip, Assistant Instructor.

John Stephens, Cadet Instructor.

J.R.S. O.C.

SHOOTING NOTES

Full Bore Target Shooting, Bisley Shooting Team. Individual Prizes and awards from the 120 Annual Meeting, Bisley.

Name	Competition	Score	Poss.	Award
R. Coleman	Wellington	34.00	35	N.R.A. Silver Spoon
R. Coleman	National Rifle Association			Skilled Shot Badge
M. Mutch	Iveagh 500	35.04	35	N.R.A. Silver Spoon
M. Mutch	Spencer Mellish	45.03	50	Bronze Medal
M. Mutch	National Rifle Association			Marksman Badge
D. Whyte	Ashburton Day	62.05	70	Cadet One Hundred
D. Whyte	National Rifle Association			Skilled Shot Badge
I. Campbell	Ashburton Day	60.03	70	Rifleman's Certificate
F. McKee	Ashburton Day	60.02	70	Rifleman's Certificate

Ashburton Day Team Scores

		300yds	500yds	Total	Possible
C. McKenzie	The Reserve	36.01		36.01	50
J. Bell	(Cadet Pairs)	26.02	30.01	56.03	70
A. Anderson	(Cadet Pairs)	28.01	28.01	56.02	70
S. Davidson	(Cadet Fours)	26.00	26.00	52.00	70
D. Whyte	(Cadet Fours)	30.01	32.04	62.05	70
I. Campbell	(VIII)	28.01	32.02	60.03	70
R. Coleman	(VIII)	30.00	28.00	58.00	70
R. McGrath	(VIII)	27.00	29.01	56.01	70
C. Berry	(VIII)	29.00	26.00	55.00	70
C. McGrath	(VIII)	29.01	28.01	57.02	70
F. McKee	(VIII)	30.01	30.01	60.02	70
M. Mutch	(VIII)	33.03	28.00	61.03	70
J. Stephens	(VIII)	25.00	28.01	53.01	70
M. Mutch	Spencer Mellish	45.03			50

Ashburton Day. Team scores and positions, past years

Competition	Score	Pos. 89	Pos. 88	1988	1987	1986	1985
Cadet Pairs	112	28th	27th	115	103	103	108
Cadet Fours	222	15th	25th	213	188	185	189
VIII's	460	39th	60th	508	478	389	406

Coutts Small School Improvement Prize, 1989. £50.

The School was indeed pleased to receive this prize money from the N.R.A. Meeting last July. It was decided that this award should go towards the cost of a Shooting Trophy in memory of the late Mr Berry. It will be awarded to the best shot in the Junior House, a permanent reminder of Mr Berry's great support for shooting within the whole school and his special interest in encouraging the younger boys.

A.P.C. Tests. Small Bore.

These are carried out during the winter months by the M i/c S.

Section	Marksman	1st Class	2nd Class	Pass Awards	Totals
Navy	5	9	8	6	28
Army	6	10	5	6	27
R.A.F.	8	1	6	19	34
Totals	19	20	19	31	89

It is intended that every Cadet should sit this Skill at Arms Test every 18 months.



Shooting team

In addition to the Wednesday tests the S.S.M. and the M i/c S have introduced a Full Bore A.P.C. Test to encourage and develop the Cadets skill with the new 5.56 Cadet Rifle. This has been running for only two weeks at the time this article is being written but the following awards have been made.

Section	Marksman	1st Class	2nd Class	Pass Awards	Totals
Army	2	5	3	1	11
R.A.F.		1			1
Totals	2	6	3	1	12

Congratulations are due to Melvin Mutch and Colin McGrath who were both awarded their Scottish Full Bore Colours following their successes at the Scottish Rifle Association Meeting last June. This is the first time the school has achieved this standard and opens the way for Melvin and Colin to shoot for Scotland in National Matches. Well done.

Small Bore Shooting

The Trophy Cabinet in the Reception area looks very nice at the moment with no fewer than five major pieces of silver won in competition last year.

Perth County Rifle Association

Due to our success last year the 'A' Team were promoted from the fourth division to the second, and our 'B' Team promoted from the fifth to the fourth. I would remind my readers that the School shoots against adult teams in these leagues. This season we have, for example, shot against Edinburgh University twice and won both matches!

National Small Bore Teams

Congratulations are due to Melvin Mutch who was selected this year to shoot for the Scottish Schoolboys 'A' Team and to Ross Coleman and Colin McGrath who were selected to shoot for the 'B' Team. This is now the third year that we have been represented at this the highest possible level of School competition. To have three out of the top twenty four best shots in Scotland and from such a small School, is something which gives us all great satisfaction and pride.

The School was delighted to receive a coaching visit from Mr Gordon Winch (Scotland and Great Britain) during the winter. We benefited greatly from his visit and were able to wish him well for the forthcoming

Commonwealth Games where he would shoot for Scotland in the Prone Match.

Perth County Rifle Association, Open Meeting 1990

It must have been his visit which inspired Melvin Mutch to do so well and win the Adult 'B Class'. Gordon Winch won the 'A' with 795 points out of a possible 800. Melvin won the 'B' with 790 points out of 800. What an excellent achievement to come just five points behind a Commonwealth Shot and still be in the 5th year at School! Needless to say that Melvin is already drawing the attention of the Scottish Rifle Association and must be hopeful for a place in the Junior Squad very soon if he can be released next winter from school to attend their training sessions at Meadowbank in Edinburgh.

Wavell House, Shooting

Graeme Antrobus has won the Berry Memorial Trophy this year. The inter dorm shooting teams, selected after a winter's practice and resplendent in their new shooting team sweatshirts are even as this material is being written preparing for their big day at the beginning of June and the Inter Dorm Shooting Competition. The senior school can look forward to receiving some very promising shots for the future next academic year.

Space precludes publishing the details of all the competitions entered by the School but we have participated as usual in the Navy Postal Shoot, winning it again for the second time. The R.A.F. Postal Shoot, the Staniforth Cup, the British Schools Rifle Association Winter League, the Strathcona Shield and Country Life.

All of this activity would not be possible without a dedicated team of skilled and enthusiastic coaches. On behalf of the school I have much pleasure in acknowledging our debt to Mr Garden, Mr Duthie, and Mr Dippie. I would also wish to place on record the invaluable support and encouragement of the Commandant and the Headmaster, and especially the Unit's Contingent Commander, Wing Commander Williams.

J.R.S.

R.A.F. GUTERSLOH, W. GERMANY

During April of this year, it was my good fortune to have been invited to visit R.A.F. Gutersloh in West Germany. This station was the infamous Herr Goering's favourite.

This station forms part of 2 A.T.A.F. (Allied Tactical Air Force) and is the closest station to East Germany.

I flew from Luton direct to R.A.F. Gutersloh, which is itself an "Air Movements H.Q.", and, in true military fashion, was "briefed". After the short but luxurious stay in the mess, we were thrown in at the deep end — indeed the hardest part was knowing how to respond to being called "Sir" by someone who was old enough to be my father!

The first morning came and with it the vastly varied people, the rules and regulations, and the pleasant, professional personnel. We participated and we were talked to (not lectured at) and the information

proffered, although plentiful, was not like anything I had heard before. Every aspect of life and work in the R.A.F. was covered, from Supply and Administration to N.B.C. attack!

The final day was spent exclusively with the Squadrons — the Harrier Squadrons and the Army Support Helicopters. This culminated in flights aboard one of the "Tiger-Two-Thirty" Squadron's Pumas.

My visit was intended, as one officer put it, "To show the Air Force warts and all". I saw many things but no warts! For a few short days I felt part of the R.A.F., and gained tremendously from the experience. I would wholeheartedly recommend anyone to grasp such an opportunity with both hands. There were no "cardboard cut-outs", just a glimpse of the reality of serving in the R.A.F. I came back, more informed and with a few more thoughts concerning my future.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who made my visit possible, and so enjoyable. One special thank you to Flt. Lt. Hay for starting the ball rolling.

C.J.R.

RUGBY 1ST XV

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
8	2	0	6	68	192

As you can see from the results above, we did not play as well as we had hoped this Season, only winning two games against Lomond and Strathallan, and taking heavy defeats from a couple of our nearby rivals who were exceptionally strong this Season. Inevitably, as with other year teams, the 1st XV (and indeed 2nd and 3rd XV's) have to come from our relatively small numbers, and at 1st XV level we are playing larger schools with older pupils. Nevertheless, we see this only as a fact not as an excuse. Towards

the end of the season the pack was steadily improving, despite being up against much larger packs, and the backs ran with exceptional speed and tackled well in all games. We usually started to make a comeback towards the end of our matches due to an extremely high level of fitness, thanks to Mr Boast and his coaching staff who regularly sent us on merry training jaunts all over the fields!

The highlight of the season was the 7's competition against the Old Victorians at their annual weekend. This year we were permitted to play them at 7's (although to play a full rugby side would have been preferable). In the competition we conceded only 2 tries in the 3 matches, and in one match every member of the team scored except the substitute. This resulted in the School's 1st 7 comfortably becoming the outright winners of the competition.

I would like to thank Mr Boast and his Coaching Staff for their help over the Season, Matthew Smith, my vice-Captain for his practical advice and his invaluable help at stand-off, and all the rest of the team who gave a lot to their game. I was proud to be their Captain this season.

MGK

2ND XV

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
6	0	0	6	46	102

We cannot state otherwise than that it has been a disappointing season for the 2nd XV. Both because of matches cancelled and because of a spate of injuries affecting the 1st and 2nd XV's, leading to many of our regular players being "stolen" for the 1st team. Nevertheless, plain results do not properly reflect the spirit in which the 2nd XV played, and against strong opposition, the points "against" were respectably held down.

I make no excuse for the Team: they played well and



1st XV Rugby team

determinedly, so that we and those supporting us saw us "triumphing in the face of adversity" by what we gave to the game. Our thanks to Mr Laing for his help with training and support throughout the season.

CDH.

3RD XV

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
8	2	0	6	32	213

The season started well with victory over Strathallan, but other factors quickly came to account, contributing to our losing the next 6 matches. That Haig House of 60+ boys (S4 to S6) manages to field a 3rd XV rugby team is a great credit to the boys, but injuries in the 2 senior teams lead inevitably to our having to field a weaker team than we would wish. We were very proud that we rallied ourselves at the end of the season to win the match which meant more to us than any other — the Fettes match.

I would like to thank all the players for their dedication, enthusiasm and perseverance; particular thanks go to my vice-Captain Peter McEachern, and also to Scott Poole for all he did for the team. It was a pleasure and a privilege to Captain the 3rd XV.

RWM

3RD YEAR XV's

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
A Team	7	0	0	7
B Team	4	3	0	1

This year's season was not very successful for the 3rd year A Team, for we lost all our matches, yet we learned much from the experience. Admittedly, the 'flu epidemic, which hit the Intermediate Houses very badly, affected many of our A Team players, and so often we were unable to field our regular team.

Nevertheless, our praise must go to the B Team players and their many substitutes who had a good season under the captaincy of Iain Veitch for the first match and Graeme McCarron thereafter. Our thanks from both teams go to our coaches Mr Squires, Mr Stewart and Mr Dale.

RKM

2ND YEAR XV's

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
A Team	7	3	1	7	104	98
B Team	5	3	0	2	87	76

It is pleasing to report that both the 2nd year A and B Teams made further progress from last season and improved their game. In our minds much of this improvement results from the coaching and enthusiasm provided to us by Mr Dow and Mr Halyburton. Certain skills and emphasis on tackling and good passing showed in our matches, as is illustrated by both teams scoring more points than their opposing teams.

It has been a good season for us and we look forward to next year's matches. Once more we thank Mr Halyburton and Mr Dow for all their support.

AHSC.

1ST YEAR XV's

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
A Team	5	2	0	3	84	50
B Team	2	0	1	1	20	30

Both A and B teams played quite well this year but we know there is room for improvement. In some matches our opposing teams seemed large but we still gave them a good game, having to rely more on skill and enthusiasm than weight. Our forwards combined well with the backs and played consistently, with our tackling being a particularly strong feature of our game, as well as the good tactical kicking of stand-off in the A team.

I thank the players of both teams for their effort and contribution, and Mr Willman and Mr Paterson for coaching us and refereeing our games. It was an honour to be Captain of the 1st year Rugby.

IP

ATHLETICS

SCHOOL SPORTS 1989

The following records were broken:

Over 17: 1500m — G. Wood 4.47.64, 200m Hurdles — S. Wallace 28.53, Long Jump — R. McGraw 5.99m, Triple Jump — R. McGraw 11.74m.

Under 17: 60m — P. Porter 7.76, 100m — P. Porter 12.05, 200m H — C. McGrath 31.35, Discus — M. Smith 32.94m.

Under 16: Javelin — S. Finlay 32.02m.

Under 15: 100m — J. Baird 12.77, 200m — J. Baird 26.15, 400m — J. Baird 57.94.

Under 14: 100m — R. MacKinnon 13.41, 200m — R. MacKinnon 27.83, High Jump — P. Clark 1.37m, Shot — R. MacKinnon 9.87m, Hammer — R. MacKinnon 36.22m.

Under 13: 75m Hurdles — M. Wight 14.43.

Under 12: 70m Hurdles — B. Espie 14.16.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Under 12: B. Espie.

Under 13: P. Taylor.

Under 14: R. MacKinnon.

Under 15: J. Baird.

Under 16: C. Blackhurst.

Under 17: G. Monaghan.

Over 17: S. Wallace.

Wavell Inter-Dorm Champions: Moore.

Intermediate House Champions: Cunningham.

Haig House Champions: Green.

INTER-HOUSE PENTATHLON

Over 15 Champion: M. J. Smith.

Under 15 Champion: J. Baird.

Under 14 Champion: R. MacKinnon.

House Points — Over 15: Cunningham 4735 pts.

Under 15: Cunningham 4371 pts.

Under 14: Trenchard 3249 pts.

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over 17: Long Jump — R. McGraw 3rd.

Under 17: 1500m Steeplechase — J. Wood 4th, Pole Vault — C. Berry 1st, Hammer — S. Finlay 4th.

Under 15: Pole Vault — A. Wood 4th, S. Maclean 6th, Hammer — S. Gardner 1st.

Under 14: Pole Vault — P. Clark 2nd, R. Montieth 4th, Hammer — R. MacKinnon 1st (record), J. Law 2nd.

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS PENTATHLON — ABERDEEN

The following represented the school:

Under 17: C. Redpath, M. J. Smith.

Under 15: J. Baird, R. MacKinnon, S. Veitch.

We also attended Open Graded Meetings at Grange-mouth, Coatbridge and Crown Point; Invitation Meeting at Greenock and the Eastern District Championships at Meadowbank where Andrew Casey came a creditable 4th in the Senior Boys 1500m.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Queen Victoria School goes from strength to strength in this highly competitive sport that, through the winter, sees hundreds of boys locked in weekly battle over some extremely intimidating terrain. After the Scottish Championships at Irvine where our boys had to contend with pouring rain, knee deep mud and blustery winds, Steve Ovet, who finished fifth in the Senior race, was quoted as saying: "The real men were out here today."

The season started as usual with our September training weekend at Langholm which the boys survived despite Mr Laing's vigorous training sessions and Mr Boast's cooking. Training throughout the winter was well attended and as a result performances were very consistent.

Special mention must be made of Stuart Cook who became East District Youths Champion and followed this with a third place in the Scottish Championships. Stuart led his team mates, Jason Wood and Melvin Mutch to the East District Team title, a tremendous performance. The same team took first place at Dumfries and Penicuik and second place at Aberdeen. Stuart finished in the top three in five other races and had the honour of representing the East at the Inter-Counties race in Corby. It is rather unfortunate for the cross country team that Stuart is leaving school this year and will be sadly missed for his enthusiasm and commitment and his inspiration to the youngsters. Stuart has joined Fife Athletic Club, and Mr Laing is looking forward to a good few battles with

him on the cross country fields next season.

Andrew Casey had another fine season, and as a result was picked to represent the Scottish Schools at the Schools International at Rugby. He was third in both the Scottish Schools Under-17 age group and the East District Championships. Andrew did not miss a single training session throughout the winter and his performances were impressive to say the least, winning at Aberdeen, a league race at West Calder and finishing second no less than four times in Senior Boys races.

Paul Taylor, although not as consistent as he would have liked was, nevertheless, selected to run for the East of Scotland in the Junior Boys age group. He took first place at Annan, but his most notable performance was his sixth place at the Scottish Schools U-14 Championship which helped to secure second team place with Scott Kintrea, Ian Orr and Scott McFarlane. Along with Steven Boyne, this was our strongest age group, winning team prizes at Penicuik, Annan, Aberdeen, Dumfries and Kirkcaldy. This undoubtedly augers well for the future.

In inter-schools competitions we won at both Longridge Towers and Croftinloan and met with mixed results at snowbound Rannoch and Glenalmond. Once again we were invited to the prestigious six stage road relay run by St. Aloysius where we finished in fourth place and second Scottish school home.

Although only exceptionally good boys win accolades in this sport, we do value just as much the support of these boys who turn up for training sessions and competitions for enjoyment and help to make this club so successful, notably Richard McGrath, Stewart Gardiner, Mark Casey, Brian Espie, Tony Wood and other boys who are drafted in for inter-schools competitions.

INTER-HOUSE RESULTS

U14. 1. P. Taylor (T) 10.08. 2. S. Kintrae (T) 10.25. 3. I. Orr (T) 10.26.

U15. 1 S. Boyne (C) 12.12. 2. C. Wilson (T) 13.30. 3. G. Christie (T) 13.55.

O15. 1 A. Casey (T) 16.06 *Record*. 2. A. Steele (C) 19.01. 3. A. Wood (C) 19.48.

Haig. 1. S. Cook 15.17 *Record*. 2. J. Wood 16.05. 3. M. Mutch 17.19.

The following Hobbies have been pursued by boys of various ages throughout the Session. All boys are encouraged to have at least three 'official' Hobbies.

Aircraft Modelling
Aircraft Recognition
Air-rifle Shooting
Art
Athletics
Badminton
Basketball
Boat Repair
Bridge
Canoeing

Drumming &
Bugling
Dry Ski-ing
Duke of Edinburgh
Award Scheme
Electronics
Expedition Work &
Camp Craft
Film
First Aid

Metalwork
Model Making
Model Railway
Photography
Piping
Pottery
Printing
Recorders
Scripture Union
Short Tennis



Senior Cross Country team

Choirs	Fishing	Small Bore
Community Service	Fitness & Mobility	Shooting
Computing	Fly-tying	Squash
Craftwork	Full-Bore Shooting	Survival Swimming
Cross-country	Highland Dancing	Swimming for
Curling	Indoor Bowling	Handicapped
Debating/Public	Indoor Golf	Table-tennis
Speaking	Judo	Volleyball
Dinghy	Karate	War Gaming
Maintenance	Library	Wind Band
Drama	Life Saving	Woodwork

SCRIPTURE UNION

Scripture Union, or SU as it is affectionately known, continues to be a force, albeit if small, within QV School-life. Unfortunately, epidemics of illness for two consecutive terms this Session have curtailed our activities somewhat, and, in particular, prevented us from giving our usual Nativity Play at Christmas; but we have plodded on, keeping a nucleus of faithful members together, and our weekly Friday early evening meetings act as a quiet and encouraging interlude each week.

We are now concentrating our fund raising activities for the new Sports Hall and, after an encouraging start with a "Pirate Party", have plans for a "Cowboys and Indians Party" next Term. Parents are re-assured that there will be strict supervision at the latter, and in spite of boys' requests — ammunition, sharp knives and mohican haircuts are definitely not allowed.

Scripture Union welcomes all to come along to its meetings, most especially younger boys.

Hospital Sister

COMPUTING

As in the past the Computing hobby has continued this year to prove attractive to boys of all ages. In fact rumour has it that the vast majority of those who opt for Computing Studies in 3rd Year do so because of their conviction that the opportunity for playing games is really the only reason the subject exists! In any case, it never ceases to amaze me how often I am asked to provide advice on the appropriate keys to press — as if I ever had the time or inclination to become an expert on such matters! — yet how rarely they require to seek help in order to actually get the games loaded in the first instance! There is surely a lesson in motivation here!

The boys' perennial interests consist mainly of arcade-type games (including arcade-adventures), although there is always a small group who remain faithful to war simulations such as *Sink the Bismark*, *Tanks* or even the vintage flight-simulator *Aviator*. However, significantly improved offerings are already on the horizon in the form of newly released 'home-grown' *Archimedes/A3000 software* which equals and in many cases already surpasses the best offerings of IBM or other world-leading American-based companies such as Commodore, Atari or Apple.

At the same time it is anticipated that boys will be encouraged by the vastly superior performance of the new generation of *Archimedes hardware* to make full use of its WIMP environment to access its stereo

sound facilities coupled to a MIDI synthesiser/keyboard in order to experiment with musical sound generation on a grand scale — naturally with the use of headphones! We therefore eagerly await the arrival of the required 32-bit machines which will, incidentally, also allow us in the near future to carry out for the first time genuine in-house desktop publishing, including perhaps the production of this very magazine by the boys themselves!

D.K.

SENIOR BADMINTON

Combined with their earlier coaching by Mr Willman, the additional coaching for the last two years of Mr W. Seton, a visiting Scottish Badminton Union qualified coach, and the interest and enthusiasm of Mr T. Dale who joined the staff this year, badminton in the Senior Years is beginning to really take off to the point where inter-school matches have been introduced. It is hoped to develop this activity further in the coming session. In the meantime we wish to record our sincere thanks to the above mentioned coaches.

B.R.P.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

This year even more members of Haig House have been participating in this activity, a sign of its growing popularity. Over the two winter terms we have regularly gone to Edinburgh, to St Margaret's School for girls, for joint lessons in a pleasant atmosphere. We also attended their Annual Highland Ball, a most enjoyable experience as in previous years. Our thanks are due to the staff of their Senior House and, in particular, to Mrs Fraser their dancing teacher.

We also attended a Reel Party at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Bridge of Earn, in the first term; a Highland Ball at St. Denis and Cranley School for girls, Edinburgh, in the second term; and the Annual Senior Highland Ball of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, in the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh, in the third term. Finally, after the success of our own Highland Night last year, we have invited the above named girls' school, (and some boys from Merchiston Castle School to help balance numbers) to this year's event on 15th June. It is encouraging to see the obvious enjoyment and growing confidence displayed by increasing numbers of our young men in this realm of the social graces. Thanks are also due to our own Highland Dancing Instructress, Miss Anderson, for her expertise and support in our activities, and to Mr Paterson and Mr Halyburton for their help too.

B.R.P.

INDOOR BOWLING

This new hobby has had a good start. 23 boys are involved on three occasions in the week. This creates its own problems as we've encountered difficulties in getting everyone together to compete in the Championships.

The school provided a carpet and two sets of bowls and we have been fortunate to receive from Mrs Smith, a parent, another set. I am indebted to Mrs Smith, for

her help and interest in the hobby and for presenting a trophy for the Singles Champion. Mrs Hankinson has presented a trophy for the Triples Champions. The finals will be held in the theatre after the Highers are over.

Hopefully, some members of the hobby will be going to Dunblane Bowling Club one afternoon a week in the summertime to do green bowling, which they are looking forward to.

J.M.H.

KARATE

The session 1989-90 saw the introduction of Karate into the school. This started in October '89, initially as a hobby on Tuesday and Thursday nights, was introduced to Seniors last term during Games and proved to be so popular that it has now developed into an official club, open to all boys (and staff) in the school.

The club meets every Tuesday during term time from 5-6.30 p.m. and lessons are given free of charge by Mr Iain Dow (3rd Dan Shotokan Karate) who is a full time teacher at the school.

The boys have made steady progress in the standard of their techniques since October and their training will culminate in a grading examination before the end of the summer term. The examination will be given by Sensei Ronnie Watt 5th Dan, who is Chief Instructor to the Shotokan Karate Centres in Scotland. The highlight of the karate year was when Master Taiji Kase 9th Dan of the World Shotokan Academy, visited Scotland and gave an instructional course.

Master Kase is the Greatest Shotokan Karate Master in the world and several of the boys from the school were fortunate enough to attend Master Kase's course — an experience which they found most memorable and an achievement for which they can feel most proud.

There is a full calendar of events for next session including gradings, courses, displays, competitions

and joint Martial Arts seminars combining Judo and Karate training (there is also the possibility of Kendo, Aikido, Iaido and Tai Chi training).

For the future we can look forward to the day when our students pass their Shodan — their **First Degree Black Belt**.

... And as an incentive they may wish to follow in their instructor's footsteps, who has just been selected to represent Scotland in a seven nations international European championship, in Portugal this year.

Finally, on the home front Sensei Dow is planning a sponsored event to raise funds for our new sports hall — but details are being kept secret until nearer the event.

We look forward to a very eventful session in 1990/91.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

Due to pressures on staff and the great many other interests the boys have, it has to be admitted that in recent years the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme has been somewhat neglected.

This session a concerted effort was made to keep the momentum going and we currently have fourteen boys working towards their Bronze Awards. It has been of great advantage to use the Pipe Band as a 'Skill' since nearly half the boys are in the band which, naturally, takes up much of their time. Other skills include pottery, photography, woodwork, shooting, and dancing.

The 'Service' aspect of the Scheme has seen boys involved in First Aid and Handicapped Swimming, and for the 'Physical Recreation' section, cross country, squash and athletics have been undertaken.

One of the reasons for the Scheme progressing so well is that Mr Shannon has held weekly classes in map reading, compass work, camp craft, country code etc., which culminated in a practice expedition in March. Three groups of boys walked different routes



Karate and Judo

on the Ochils and camped overnight. Local interest was aroused as the Mountain Rescue team was called out when one group, making a map reading error, did not rendezvous at the designated campsite. Using the initiative expected of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, however, the boys had made camp and were waiting until morning before continuing their walk.

It is hoped that by the end of the Session, some, if not all, of the boys will receive their Bronze Awards. Many thanks indeed to members of staff involved in the running of this Scheme.

S.L.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

The year has gone full circle — and the School Public Speaking Team arrived back where they were the previous year, as Finalists in the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition (Scotland). This was as well as taking part in the United Nations Debating/Speaking Competition. The School has maintained its interest and enthusiasm for public speaking, and all rounds of all competitions were well supported. However, it should be remembered that the main object of public speaking is to take part: for it provides us with the opportunity to visit other Schools, be challenged by outside speakers, as well as focus the minds upon the art of developing ideas, arguments and fresh words to express them.

The ESU Team began its fray to reach the final on 14 September 1989, when at the High School of Stirling we competed in Round 1 against 5 schools. Calum Redpath acted as Chairman, James Scott as main Speaker, and Fionn McKee gave the Vote of Thanks. James' theme for his speech was of a greenish hue, and though not of Green Peace, was entitled "Green with Envy", and took an alternative and "fresh" look at people's attitudes to the environment, whether they be politicians, people or wombles! At the end of the evening, and after the results were known, the QVS Team thought they might have been a little lucky to come through.

Not so in succeeding rounds. Having been blessed with a bye in the second round, this School hosted a third Round Tie with 6 schools competing. For this Round 2 major improvements were made: Richard McGrath was brought in as Chairman, allowing

Callum Redpath to take the "agony" spot of impromptu Voter of Thanks, and QVS catered superlatively well for judges and visitors alike — both merely courtesy gestures and not intended as means of influencing the results. Nevertheless, Richard McGrath displayed an amused and amusing presence as Chairman, Callum Redpath spun a web of wonderful words in his Vote of Thanks, and James Scott spoke fluently, fast and effectively in outlining: "The Good Life": how technology has changed our lives for the worse. Persuasively, he told us how for him the transition from goats to gadgets has not been for the better — nor has mankind intrinsically made itself happier or more caring.

In Round 4, Tie 5, the team travelled to Perth Academy, another well-known and canny home of public speaking expertise. The QVS team, now settled in its format, did well. Our main speech was entitled: "The Serious Side of Children's Television" and James expanded on the efficacy and formative good provided by cartoons, largely on TV, but also in the media as a whole — and that their content and message was predominately for good in forming useful and moral social attitudes in the young which later benefitted society as a whole. Although the results were in alphabetical order, some would say we did rather well.

The first of the National semi-finals was again hosted by QVS: something to do with it being better not to travel if you still arrive. The competition was of a very high standard, not just in the speeches, but at all levels of Chairing and Votes of Thanks. Our speech was on "They who dare, do win", in which James developed the idea that competition and men's desire to be first affects our society and our thinking. James Scott again showed his quality and ability as a speaker — witty, wise and note-less. It was with delight we found that we had won through to the Final the second year running.

The Final was held in the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh on the day after the Spring Term ended. The QVS topic was "And now for something completely different", an analysis of society's attitude towards image and the individual/individuality. There were 5 schools in the Final which was won by Perth Academy. Queen Victoria School were Runners-Up, each team member being presented with a cheque for £50.00 and an engraved crystal vase. The cognoscenti, delighted with our success, also agreed with the judges placing Perth Academy first. For, above all, the Public Speaking Competition is a Team Competition, and all aspects of the Team's participation on and off the platform — speaking, questioning, and voting thanks — are all marked separately and added to the final score. We were well satisfied as Runners-Up this year.

We are very grateful to the ESU for their work in this area; there is no doubt this School's participation in this contest develops and enhances boys' competence and confidence. Indeed, we must return to the debating competition, most especially as the world's school debating competition is being held in Scotland next February.

Finally, we are proud that this small School has done so creditably in speaking over the years, often competing against Schools much larger — and against girls!

Transcript of the speech given by James Scott at the final of the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday 28th March 1990. The team won second place.

Mr Chairman,

Some of the more observant members of tonight's audience may have noticed that our team are wearing kilts. This is rather coincidental since tonight I hope to make my speech like my kilt, long enough to cover the subject, but revealing enough to be interesting! And not only is my speech like my kilt, but some of my speech is about my kilt. For the 'dress' that I am wearing tonight is in fact a uniform — a set of clothes that brings regularity to everyone in our school. Many school children, however, resent wearing a uniform and rebel against it. Young people tend to go against the grain. They wish to dress how they as an individual teenager want to dress, not to conform to the forty-plus fashions of the fuddy-duddies . . . what you might call 'the war of the poses!' However, as they themselves grow older, and become part of the moderate masses, they lose the idealism of youth. They mature like a ripe gorgonzola, until it appears to their children that their dress sense stinks, and their tastes and appearance have been infected and tainted by the maggotty cynicism of age. So it seems that the cream of youth is continually being churned until it becomes a bitter, unpalatable old cheese. But need this be so?

Human beings, some five billion of them, are extraordinarily mixed, individual and unique, like snowflakes. The human mould may be common, but not the casting for, from our noses to our toes we are all genetically different. You can't see my toes, but just look at my nose! Every person's mind thinks differently about different things and yet, looking at tonight's audience, I see that many of you are dressed in similar fashion. If each of us is so unique, why should this be so?

The answer to both of these questions is society's influence on us. Ever since gregarious man and woman started living in communities, their individuality — by accident or design — has been subtly controlled by the thoughts and actions of the other people around them. There is a pressure to conform to society's norms, exerted through its education system — (its schools, like sausage machines, serving up the next generation of social fodder) — and through its traditions and customs and the prevailing conventions of the day, political, moral and social. For is it not easier to go with the crowd than to step out in your own direction? And yet, from where does true fulfilment, creativity and greatness come?

Ironically enough, while society rejects and restricts individuality, the historical figures it chooses to remember and honour are the people who did not go along with the crowd in their time, who stood out as

individuals capable of original thought and action — Galileo Galilei, Peter Tchaikovsky, Emily Pankhurst, Leonardo da Vinci, Jesus of Nazareth — these people made a revolutionary stand for something that the mass of people at that time could not believe, did not believe or did not want to believe, and as a result they were persecuted, rejected of men, not recognised as people with a unique vision arising from a highly developed insight into their own individuality and society's needs.

Now, why does society remember history's individuals and forget so quickly the conformists, for the yes men of today are the yesterday people of tomorrow? Whether we like to admit it or not, society needs these individuals, for it is these people who lead the majority along the road of progress. It is these people who break the mould and pick up the pieces to reshape the future . . . what you might call a 'potted' history of mankind! The worth of any state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals comprising it.

So who are the individuals in our society? Is it 'Channel Four' or, as many people think, the dedicated followers of fashion who are prepared to wear hideous Paisley Pattern shirts in order to be different? The problem with fashion is that, before long, it becomes the unofficial uniform of trendy troglodytes. And remember, not to be fashionable today is to conform to the fashions of yesterday. These people are not individuals themselves, but merely following the examples of one or two people who are. No. The true individuals among us are the persons who are capable of original thinking for themselves, and who are prepared, if they have good reason, to question commonly held beliefs — even their own — and follow them through, even to their death if necessary.

Mr Chairman, at the end of my speech I'm not asking tonight's audience to rise up and storm through the streets of Edinburgh in a rebellion against conformity and the traditions imposed by society — (a small standing ovation, however, would be much appreciated!) — for although I may not wish to convince a crowd to riot, I may be able to convince you as individuals that what we need to do is to look inwardly at our own character and bring out the best attributes in ourselves, rather than trying to ape the stand-still points of others. We should be all we can be but, more importantly, we should be ourselves.

We should learn that collective groups are composed of individual people, and we must not make our judgements on each individual by our judgements of the group. The Scots must not consider themselves as better than the English because of Bannockburn 1314 and Murrayfield 13-7! But as Scots we, of all nations, should know that "Sense and worth o'er a' the earth do bear the gree an a' that." Our saving grace, indeed our key strength lies in our individuality. The real bread of life in society is that we must be bred to live as individuals . . . and it is upon the sum of these individuals that the strength of a team, or a nation, or the entire human race depends.



Instrumentalists

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

As we progress forward into the technological 90's decade, the music department has been very fortunate in obtaining new equipment for use by those boys in first and second year who are preparing to advance to the new standard grade courses in their certificate years of schooling. The sing-a-long days of "Songs for Boys" and "The National Song Book" are nearly extinct, having been replaced by more practical based work on tuned percussion instruments electronic keyboards, guitars and even drum-kit — all of which are now catered for in the music classroom in Q.V.S. Even the traditional aspect of music appreciation has leapt forward into the avenues of laser-technology with the acquisition of a C.D. player together with new hi-fi systems.

The number of boys participating in instrumental tuition has again risen this session to fifty-nine — the largest number since tuition began. In the area of brass instruction, we began the session with Mr Alistair Orr who arrived bright and breezy, full of vigour, and in a short space of time he had brushed away the summer holiday cobwebs, and the boys consequently made good progress with him. Unfortunately, due to the distance in travel involved, and a heavily committed teaching timetable elsewhere throughout the week, Mr Orr was forced to reduce his working hours and sadly, tuition at QVS was surrendered. With the help and co-operation of Central Region however, we again have been extremely fortunate in acquiring the services of Ruth Corbett, who since joining us has become Mrs Jones. We welcome her to our teaching staff and offer her our congratulations. I personally would like to thank sincerely all those tutors who visit the school during daytime hours and evening and who contribute so much to the overall education of boys at QVS. This dedicated work is realised when we see that there

have been nineteen entries submitted for this years Central Region Music Festival in which our boys were so successful last year with — six first places being awarded, including Wavell Choir and School Wind Band, and two second places.

Everybody enjoys the success of passing exams, and this summer term we have thirteen boys aspiring to do just that with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examinations in June, eager to imitate their predecessors who have already tasted success this year.

Alexander Cook (IIIA) : Pianoforte Gd 1 — Pass.

James Wilson (IIB) : Pianoforte Gd 3 — Distinction.

A number of boys are now benefitting from having been selected for the Central Region Concert Band which meets alternate Friday evenings and which is conducted by Mr Alan Bell — our woodwind specialist. These boys include Ross Coleman/James Scott - Flute, Hamish Sharp - Clarinet, Colin Rostant - Alto Saxophone, Mark Casey - Trumpet, Kenneth McIntosh - Baritone and Calum Redpath/Andrew McMahon - Percussion. Naturally this has a knock on effect of raising the standard of our own school wind band — the results of which are very pleasing.

Another regional activity on offer for boys to participate in is the Central Region Youth Choir which last November took part in the Federation Singing Day in Scotland — with Philip Ledger (principal of the RSAMD) conducting. Other calendar events included the Christmas and Summer concerts which works such as Schubert : Mass in G, and the Cantiques de Jean Racine by Fauré.

Our own Christmas Carol Service this year was celebrated twice so that all boys might attend and take part, whereas in the past, sixth formers have been excluded as more parents, family and friends arrived. The senior choir this year again performed unaccompanied, a number of traditional carols, one of which

had a new melody and harmonisation by Dean Ross - a fifth form higher music candidate. Congregational carols were for the first time accompanied by the wind-band alone, without organ, restoring that long departed tradition when the school brass band, used to accompany the singing. Earlier in December the Wavell Choir were much appreciated when they entertained members of the Stirling Heart/Stroke Club with seasonal hymns and carols, inspiring the joys of Christmas and the festive period.

As well as giving concerts, boys have had many opportunities to attend a wide variety of musical experiences including performances by the Central Region Schools Strathspey and Reel Society with guest fiddler Ron Gonnella, a percussion duo from Denmark who were most entertaining and instructive, the RSAMD Chamber Orchestra, Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Central Region Youth Orchestra.

In all, this has been a very busy session for us producing concerts and attending them. Great changes have taken place in instrumental resources and class content for classroom material. Altogether this has been a most successful session.

G.H.

SENIOR SCHOOL SKI-TRIP — ITALY : 1990

At 0100 hrs, 25th March, we departed school in a Smith-Shearing coach. 13.15 hrs, we arrived at Gatwick Airport via Cranage and Bristol!!! After a seven and a half hour delay caused by the Portugese ATC strike we took off and after a very quick transfer from Turin to Claviere arrived at 0115 hrs, on 26th March.

The Hotel Roma situated in the main street is only a few metres from the ski-slopes. The facilities were good with comfortable bedrooms and good food.

The ski-ing was very good and we were able to ski in and out of France as Claviere lies right on the border. At 1760m Claviere was just on the snow line and unlike many nearby resorts did not have to 'bus' to the snow. We skied all six days with warm sunny weather

most of the time. Thankfully it snowed four of the nights we were there and preserved the snowline down to the bottom of the nursery slopes.

As we had a late flight back we had a whole morning on the last day to relax and look round Claviere. After only a short delay at Turin we arrived at Gatwick at 20.30. Our Smith-Shearing drivers were better at map reading on the return trip and we arrived back at school at 0545 hrs, on 2nd April.

Ski-Awards:

One Star Gold:— M. Finlay, P. Lapsley, J. Law, A. Riddell, M. Wight, C. Wilson, S. Wood.

Three-Star Silver:— M. Butcher, I. Findlay, K. Forrest, W. Hamilton, S. McBrearty, S. MacFarlane, S. Nelthorpe, J. Ross, I. Smith, A. Smyth, N. Ward.

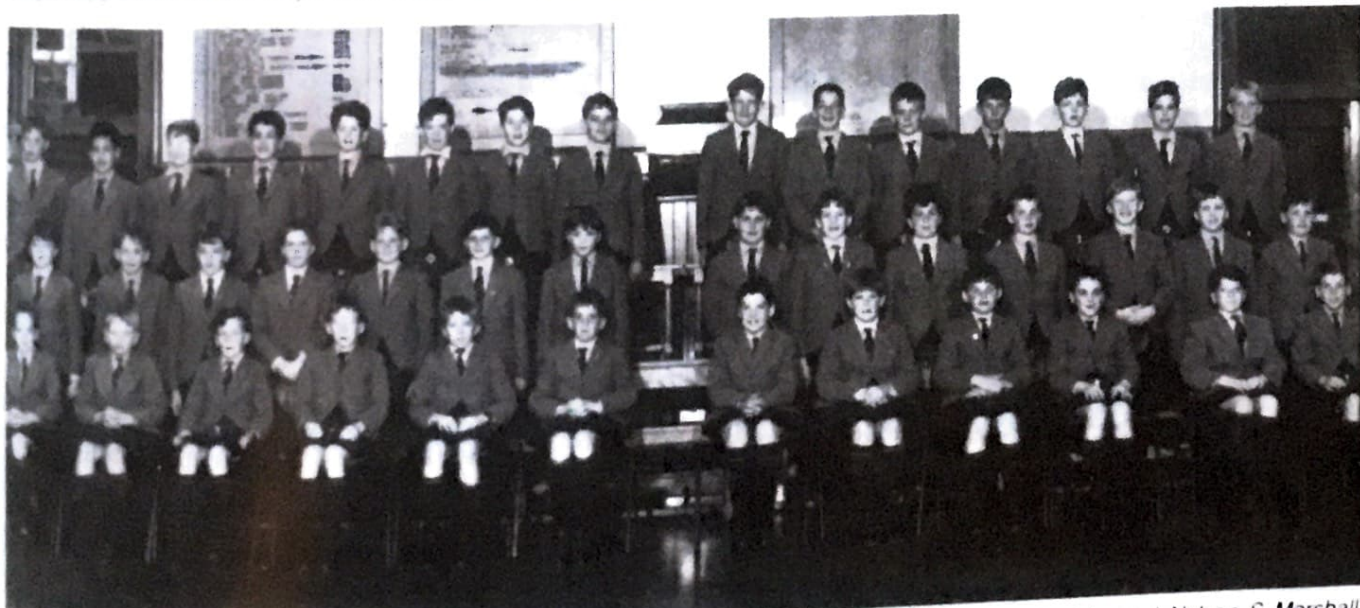
Two-Star Silver:— G. Brown, D. Burnie, C. MacNaughton.

One-Star Silver:— K. Murray.

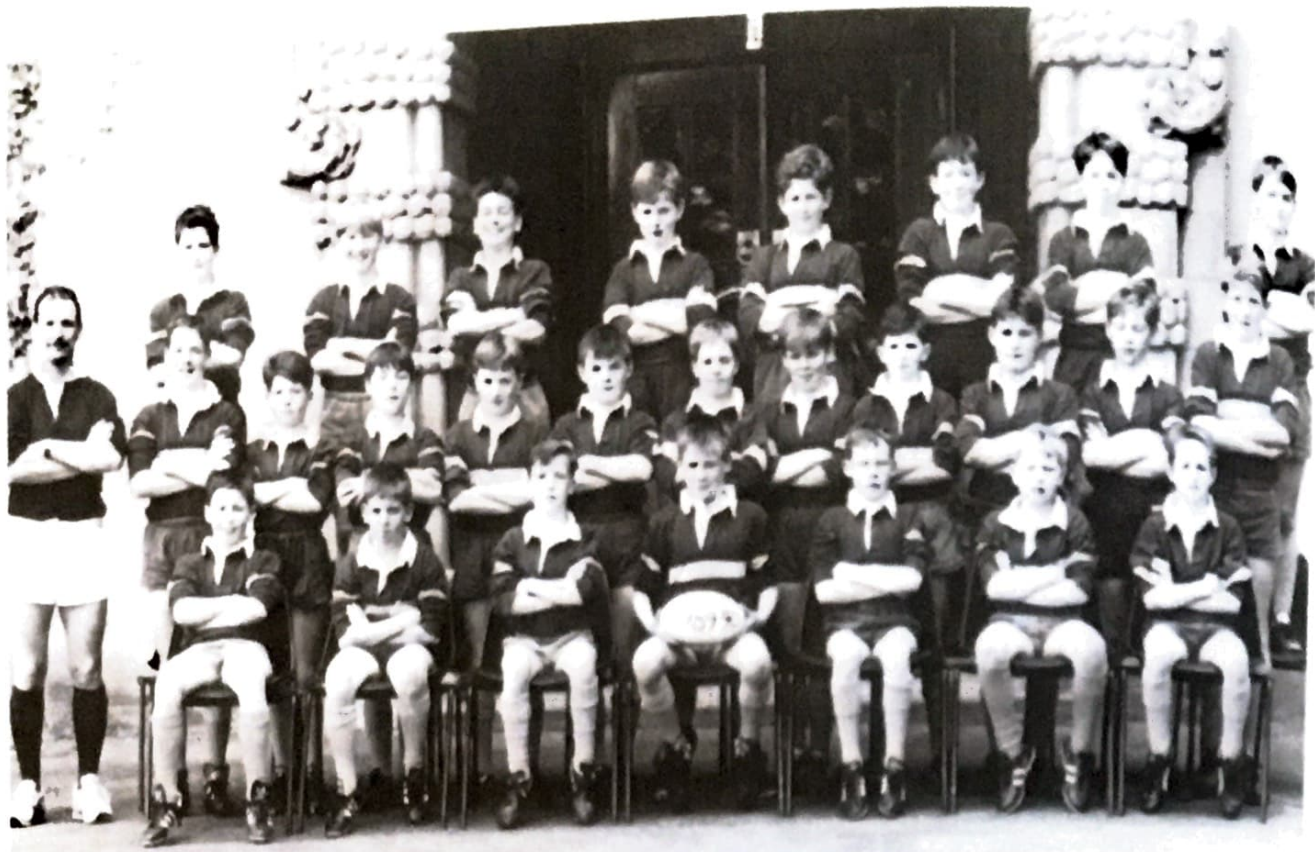
Wavell House

As everyone is aware, a great number of changes are proposed or are in the process of taking place, in the world of Education, although we are fortunate enough at Dunblane not to have to change for uncertain reasons. Nevertheless, with the advent of the 5-14 initiative, some change to the pattern of our established practices is necessary. Such change will mainly occur in the classrooms, and will in a sense follow on from disciplinary and organisational shift which has already taken place outside them.

It is likely that within two years, the way in which day schools in Scotland assess and report on children's progress will alter considerably, and I would expect that our own emphasis will incline to the 'mainstream' in due course. Whether or not we will aim to test at age 11, in Language, Mathematics and Science remains to be decided when the National procedure has become a lot clearer. In the meantime



Wavell Seniors — Back row: G. Greenhowe, C. Urquhart, G. Slater, R. Campbell, A. Ousby, I. Logue, A. Blackhurst, J. Nelson, S. Marshall, J. Leitch, A. Smith, P. Coupar, P. Kane, T. Wilson, A. Murdoch. Mid row: P. Little, C. Macintosh, J. Scott, C. Macangus, G. Antrobus, R. Monteith, P. Ramsay, J. Cornelius, S. McKenzie, A. Ewen, C. Kennedy, S. Mackinnon, C. Boyle, D. Duncan. Front row: C. Roberts, E. Maciellan, C. Kerr, P. Matuszczyk, M. Henderson, D. Kennett, J. Gallacher, P. Rae, M. Donald, P. Bates, R. Milne, J. Speirs.



Wavell 1st XV Rugby

some mild change has taken place, and for the record, 'JB' means Primary 6, and 'JA' Primary 7.

Other changes to the thrice yearly report form should result in parents gaining a more informative 'profile' of their son's 'Victorian' Qualities of Courtesy, Dress, General Conduct and Punctuality. Also included for the first time is a section for the Pipe Major, Drum Major and Highland Dancing Instructress to report. All in all it is hoped that these innovations will be a small but welcome addition to the flow of information between School and Home.

Turning away from Education, several Staff additions have taken place to the House supervisory structure viz Mr Williams (a real glutton for punishment if ever I saw one), Mr Dow, Mr Dale and Mr Borking. Welcome all.

Mr Dow has brought the sport of Karate to the School, and already seems to have nurtured a very keen group. The football hobby programme could not be the same without Mr Berry, his enthusiasm and skill are greatly missed. Once more I must register my thanks for the assistance of all who help with our Hobby programme.

Mr Carroll informs me that this year's Ski trip was 'the best yet!' and we certainly did well in the number of awards qualified for.

After several year's of waiting, the ground floor area of the House accommodation block was converted into a family flat for Mr Carroll, and recently an amenity area provided for all the staff residents, which is very much appreciated.

Lastly, I wish to thank Mr Graeme Beattie for all that he has done over the past three years as a Deputy Housemaster.

H.B.

WAVELL RUGBY

Wavell has enjoyed another very successful season during which all the teams performed well and turned in some very good results.

Now that Scottish rugby is a recognised world force, a sense of being part of the whole structure has steadily percolated down through the various levels of play to the extent that most schools and clubs are affected. Wavell House is no exception, thus more and more the various coaching sessions prior to matches have become highly organised with clear aims to be achieved. A typical coaching session could be as follows:

(a) a five minute warm-up-stretching, jogging, in twos and threes — **WITH A BALL!**

(b) passing skills — in twos — concentrating on line of pass.

(c) positional skills — players being taught to concentrate on reading the game — be in the right place to receive a pass — threes or fours.

(d) body position — in rucks and scrums — staying on your feet when tackled.

(e) tackle position — using tackle bags and rugby balls.

(f) unit skills — (i) backs working together — trying out moves. (ii) forwards working together — getting the scrum tight, body positions right, line out codes fixed.

(g) practice game to finish with or touch rugby.

In all of the above **plenty of rugby balls** are used and each exercise finishes off **with a try** being scored — after all that's the point of the game!

As a result of these organised coaching programmes the standard of rugby in Wavell has steadily improved.

It manifests itself in the level of play even in the inter-dormitory competition which is hotly contested. This year Baird won deservedly, as they also did in the 7-a-side competition.

Special mention must be made of our 1st XV who played well throughout the season and was ably led by Alex Smith and scrum leader John Nelson. Colours were awarded to these players.

We were also invited to the Glasgow Academicals Mini Tournament where we played well against and beat a huge Ayr side. However we were unable to reach the final. On another occasion we played at the Cambuslang Mini Tournament and our team reached the final but was narrowly beaten by a very good home team.

My thanks to all the staff who helped and to the boys who played well.

G.C.

WAVELL SKI TRIP - Les Carroz - Easter 1990

We returned once more to the delightful resort of Les Carroz in the Haute Savoie and stayed at the Hotel Front de Neigé. We have made three previous visits to the same resort and hotel. The reasons for this being good snow and plenty of 'pistes' for skiers of all abilities.

However 1990 has proved to be the best yet. Once again we had good snow, but especially good was the hotel staff who made our stay memorable. The food was excellent — oh dear I'm still trying to 'lose the pounds!' The children were excellent and I'm absolutely sure that the reputation of Queen Victoria School was enhanced once again. We had crepe making in the evening as well as ice-skating, quizzes, bingo and discos.

However the ski-ing was the best of all and the kids had a great time, despite some doubtful looks on the first day. Their progress was swift and by the last day and their tests they could do well — and didn't they! A number of beginners received the Premiere Ski Award which is the norm. However quite a few recieved the International Test Bronze which is really quite excellent for first time skiers — well done! We also achieved a dozen silver and for the first time we struck Gold.

All in all the best trip we've had up to now and my thanks to Mr Beattie and my wife Maureen for their contributions which helped its success.

A lasting memory: 2nd April, 6.30 in the evening temperature 70-75°F — sitting in shorts and shirt sleeves on the terrace of a patisserie — eating 'chaussons au pomme' and drinking hot chocolate — result — PARADISE!

G.C.

WAVELL FOOTBALL

When we started training in the evenings bathed in glorious sunshine I wondered whether we would have as good a team as last year. The answer is an unequivocal yes. A nugatory team is one that does not play together and simply plays as a group of individuals chasing the ball. We were fortunate to hold onto the nucleus of last year's defence and midfield.

This gave us the advantage of already proven players who have played together.

John Leitch, Richard Monteith and John Nelson join this year's defence having played together throughout last season. They were also joined by last year's midfield duo of Alex Ewen and James Cornelius.

On the whole we played a 4-3-3 formation, with Alex Smith up front as centre-forward supported by Richard Givens on the right and James Spiers on the left. Having this nucleus from last season the cohesion was there already, it was just putting the final pieces into place that was required. There were plenty of candidates and a great deal of skill and enthusiasm.

After a number of evening training sessions, under our tropical skies, I finally had to pick the first team to play away at Auchterarder. Into the team came Ross Seaton (goalkeeper), Ian Logue (back), and Graham Hughes (midfield).

We played very well away from home and won with a comfortable score of five goals to nothing. Richard Givens worked well on the right crossing the ball into the middle for Alex Smith to score four goals. James Cornelius scored the other goal.

Our next match was against Kilbarchan, again this was away. Mr Philip kindly took the team to this match. He reported that the team played well but needed to concentrate on communicating more to each other. The score was 7-2 to Wavell.

At time of writing we have just played our first home match against Auchterarder. The team was slightly changed from previous games due to our defeat by Matthew Smith's first year team the night before. There was a canard flying about that I might be dropping the whole team because of the defeat, but, in fact gave insight to possible changes that were required. So for the Auchterarder match O'Donnell came into defence and Roberts as a substitute to replace Hughes in the second half.

The match was a joy to watch with a total of thirteen goals scored by Wavell. Alex Smith scored seven of them. The last goal of the match was a beautiful swerved ball past the keeper into the top right corner of the net. Smith was proclaimed as man of the match and quite rightly so. We have still got a long way to go till the end of the season but at the moment Wavell can be pleased with their performances.

G.B.

WAVELL SWIMMING AND TABLE TENNIS

The inter-dormitory swimming gala was a very close affair up to the relay events. After the seventeen individual events had been completed only a few points separated the leaders from the team in fifth place. However, Baird swam very strongly in the relays. As the points for these events are doubled Baird ended up winning comfortably.

The results were as follows:—

1st Baird	93 pts
2nd Lynedoch	77 pts
3rd Abercromby	76 pts
4th Moore	74 pts
5th Hopetoun	54 pts

The senior individual champion was Thomas Wilson and the runner-up was Craig Roberts. The junior championship was won by Michael Crease with Andrew Paisley finishing as runner-up.

The inter-dormitory table-tennis championship was played before Christmas with each dormitory having completed its play offs and producing a dormitory champion. Thus five individuals met in a knock-out competition to find the House champion. The competitors were for Moore — Alex Smith; Lynedoch — Ross Seaton; Abercromby — Gavin Slater; Baird — John Leitch and Hopetoun — James Spiers. The result was as follows: 1st — Alex Smith, 2nd — Ross Seaton, 3rd — Gavin Slater and John Leitch (equal), 4th — James Spiers.

G.C.

WAVELL CROSS-COUNTRY

There are two main events within the school during the year apart from the many events attended outwith the school. Here I will concentrate on our own inter-dormitory championship and inter-schools championship.

The inter-dormitory competition was won comfortably by Baird, both the junior and senior teams winning their respective races.

Results: 1st Baird

2nd Lynedoch

3rd Abercromby

4th (equal) Moore and Hopetoun

Junior champion: Kyle Macfarlane, Runner-up: Richard Monteith.

Senior champion: John Leitch, Runner-up: Rory Campbell.

The inter-schools championship had one of the best fields for years with the three events, u/11, u/12 and u/13 being contested by teams from QVS, Glasgow Academy, Geo. Heriots, Hutcheson's Grammar, Kelvinside Academy and Stewarts/Melville College. The spoils were evenly shared with the results as follows:—

U/11

1st Q.V.S.....	16
2nd Kelvinside	33
3rd Glasgow Acad.	42
4th Hutchesons.....	56
5th Stewarts/Melville	64
6th Heriots.....	91

U/12

1st Kelvinside.....	43
2nd Glasgow Acad.....	44
3rd Heriots	50
4th Q.V.S.	52
5th Stewarts/Melville	53
6th Hutchesons.....	63

U/13

1st Stewarts/Melville.....	30
2nd Q.V.S.	41
3rd Hutchesons.....	42
4th Glasgow Acad.....	47
5th Kelvinside	50

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