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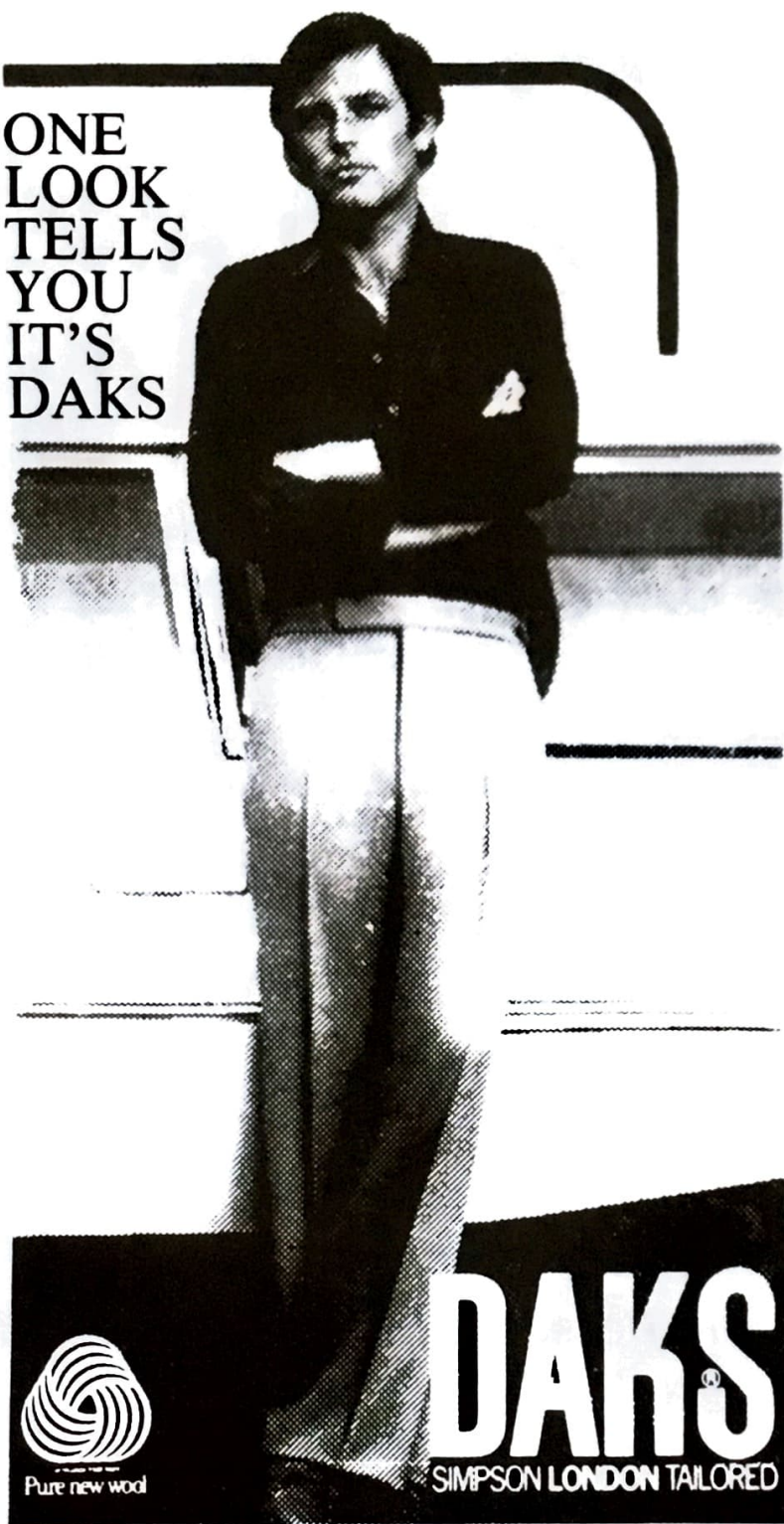
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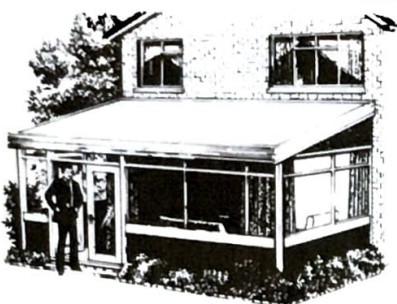
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It was officially opened by King Edward VII in 1908 and has functioned continuously as a School for the sons of Servicemen since 1909; over 4,000 boys have passed through the School in that time. There are places for 270 boys.

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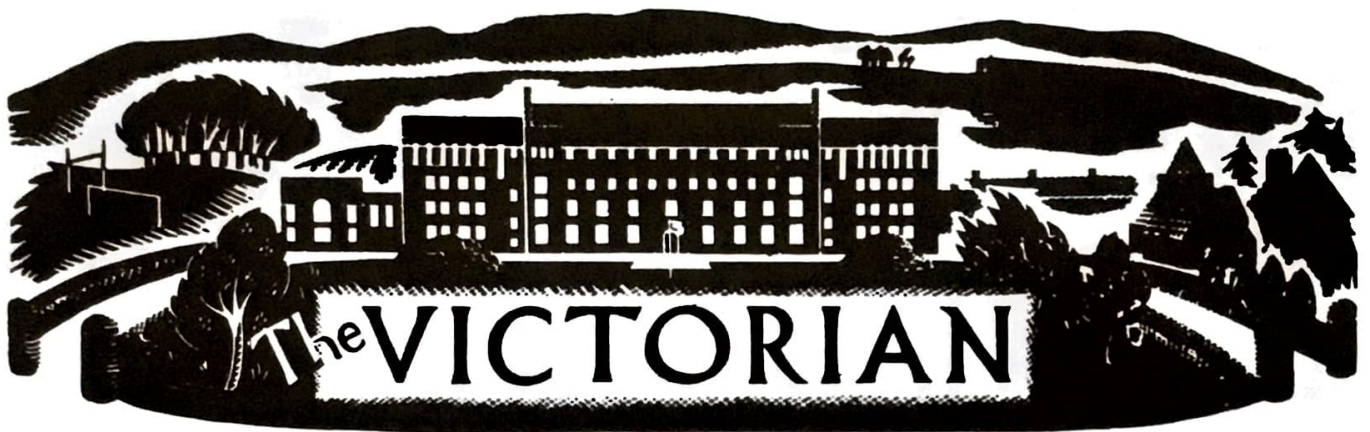
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SSM, Colour Party and Orderlies.

Headmaster's View

A year is a very short time in education, and especially so for those most involved in Boarding School life — who see each session roll round, apparently faster each year. Of course, that could be just age and yet . . . but as I write, another School year is nearly past and one I will record as being interspersed with some noticeable highlights.

First, as recorded elsewhere, the year (and much of many people's lives) has been dominated by the Appeal Fund for the Sports Hall. What has been so heartening is the marvellous response from so many people across Scotland and the world, so that we are now very near our target figure of £600,000. As encouraging is to know that the building contract is let — the Sports Hall is to be built and be in use next Session. The School is indebted to Her Majesty's Commissioners, the Services, parents, boys, Old Victorians, friends and so many businesses, institutions, charities, and worldwide generosity.

Yet, coincidentally with this magnificent achievement, we have also marked the retirement of Lt Gen Sir John MacMillan, CBE, as GOC Scotland and Chairman of the Commissioners. To show our appreciation on the occasion of his retiral, a Reception was held at the School for himself and Lady MacMillan on Thursday 14 March 1991. In thanking him for all that he had done for QVS, I said, "He came, he saw, he conquered — the need for a Sports Hall." While others talked about having one, he was practical, and it was through his vision, drive and colossal personal effort, with that of his wife's, that it has become the reality it is. Rightly the Commissioners have Prince Philip's permission to have the Sports Hall named The MacMillan Hall (a foundation ceremony to be carried out by HRH The Prince Andrew on Grand Day this

year). The presentation took the form of the playing of a new pipe tune, by boy piper Stewart Harris "Victorians' Tribute to General MacMillan", a specially created Highland Dance to be known as "Lady MacMillan's Eightsome", and the gift of a picture incorporating, in sepia, photographs of the General's father inspecting a Victorian, one of his mother presenting a prize, and 2 of the General himself inspecting young Victorians. Our great gratitude to Lt Gen Sir John MacMillan was obvious.

Another marked feature of our year has been the making and showing of a film by the BBC, entitled "The Victorians". Perhaps instead of printing a magazine, we should have sent video copies of the film to all, for it would seem to tell much about the School — how it came to be, how it operates, what it stands for, and what it produces. Alex Scott, the film-maker, wanted to tell Scotland about the boys and their School, that so many only saw as a Pipe Band at Murrayfield. His presentation was most pleasing, sensitive, kindly — and fun. Yes, many aspects stayed on the cutting-room floor — shooting, music, rugby, some academic subjects, and many hobbies — yet so much was covered, and we are grateful to Alex Scott and the BBC for their permanent record of QVS.

On a serious note, the School year was indelibly etched by the Gulf War. Quite rightly little was said in School, but much was thought, and every day in Chapel silence was kept before each Service each morning. Thankfully we experienced no casualty outcome, and on Sunday, 10th March, The Rev Archie Orrock, a former School Chaplain, led the School in its Service of Thanksgiving that the Gulf War was over.

As predicted in Brigadier Tweedy's "Notes" in "The Victorian" of 1989, a signal change took place at the beginning of November, 1990. The new Command Structure was implemented of Headmaster and Bursar, hence ending 83 years at QVS with a Commandant. I paid tribute to the magnanimity of Brigadier



Headmaster, Monitors and Prefects

Tweedy, whose typical unselfishness and enthusiasm for QVS has made that change so easy.

So far, I have not written of the Staff and boys, not because they have not been busy and done much and achieved much, but rather perhaps to avoid repeating what I wrote last year and what I will say at Prize-giving this year. Nevertheless, on the gloomy side the Feasibility Study for the expansion of the School and new Boarding Houses, still lies undusted in MOD, and so we await with interest to hear if our proposals for an interim refurbishment of Cunningham and Trenchard Houses bears more immediate fruit.

Finally, what of that strange, un-school-like phrase Agency Status? What does it mean for QVS and when will it happen? Briefly, (bold adverb!) as part of Government New Management Strategy, it will make the School an Agency whereby the Commissioners as Governors of the School, should be able to have real

decision making control of how the School operated, though the funding will come from the MOD through the Adjutant General's Budget. When? Perhaps in October 1991, and if not then, in April 1992. If I should say that the behind the scenes work in implementing Agency Status at QVS was considerable, I would be understating the case. What matters is that it will not affect the status and future of Queen Victoria School as we ultimately know it.

Hence, against all these aspects of change and extraordinary events, the School has continued. Staff have pressed ahead with the introduction of Standard Grade, Revised Highers, 5-14 Action Plan. Boys have worked (most of them), played, and many achieved much for so small a School. Our thanks go to all adults who contributed to the boys' and the School's good — Administrative, Office, Uniform, as well as Teaching. A happy summer holiday to you all.

Bursar's Notes

It is with a sense of some relief that I write in my capacity as Bursar and can thus avoid further excuses for failure to implement what I forecast in these columns two years ago.

As the Headmaster has already written, there is progress in the move to Agency Status; not always as expeditious as we might wish but certainly progress. In advance of this comes increasing local financial responsibility which is not only welcome but at times salutary; all of us who have been brought up in the service environment have tended to be sheltered from the real world of finance and it is very right that we are all more aware of what even basic living can cost. As year succeeds year it is increasingly important that we are all cost conscious and learn the value of turning off lights, closing windows and respecting property.

My first edition of the Bursar's Notes will also be my last as I have asked to retire at the end of the year. My decision is purely personal as I feel I want some time to devote to doing my own thing whether that be as

the gardener's labourer, the general handyman or even perhaps time for a little golf or painting. It was not an easy decision but I will have completed 7 years and I also feel it is time I made way for a younger man who will see the School into the 21st century and rise to the many challenges we will inevitably face.

Looking back, I see that 6 years ago I wrote that there was far more to a School like QVS than just those immediately involved, referring of course to parents and Old Victorians. I shall take with me many happy memories of just this association and a very real pride in what we have all achieved; this is not the occasion to say goodbye but an opportunity that I must take to say a personal word of thanks to everyone of you reading this magazine for the tremendous support you have all given me.

Lt Col J. SHARP, MBE

We extend a warm welcome to Lt Col Jim Sharp, the new Administrative Officer. Jim Sharp was born in March, 1937 at Saline in Fife. He enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders in 1955. He rose rapidly through the ranks and was promoted WO1 in 1974 serving first as RSM 2 UDR in Armagh, Northern Ireland and then from 1975 to 1978 as RSM 1 Gordons.

Commissioned in 1978 as OC 22 Cadet Training Team in Aberdeen he moved back to Northern Ireland in 1980 to become QM of 7 UDR in Belfast. In 1982 he became QM of 1 Gordons and by summer 1986 he had earned a spell in the sun and became Garrison QM at Dhekelia in Cyprus. On promotion to Lt Col he became CO of the School Regiment at the Army School of MT.

He was awarded the MBE in the New Years Honour List 1989 and came to the School whilst still a serving officer in August 1990 and on his retirement from the Army in December 1990 was appointed Administrative Officer.

We all wish Jim and his wife Angela, a long and happy stay with the School.



Chapel Notes



There can be little doubt that as Operation Granby dominated the concerns of the school pupils and staff so it has therefore dominated what has taken place in the school chapel. Every morning from 17th January until the end of hostilities the school day within the chapel began with prayers for the Gulf. Almost fifty of the boys' parents or close relatives were involved in the war, a large proportion for such a small school and the pastoral care and counselling from all the school staff had to cope with an individual boy's fear and bewilderment in a crisis of uncertainty and unpredictability.

As a chaplain I am often asked, indeed I often ask myself, Why does God allow men to be so evil? It may seem glib and too easy to answer with the Psalmist . . .

"Thy ways are higher than our ways,
Thy thoughts so far above our own thoughts
that we cannot understand them . . ."

Yet can we say anything else? We could attempt a detailed theological or philosophical argument to explain the reasons for the evil of war yet the gap between the Creator and his creation can never completely be filled, at least in this life anyway.

What I am trying to share with you about the meaning and purpose of life might be best summed up in the following lines of prose which were found in the pocket of a soldier during the last Great War.

"I prayed for strength that I might achieve
I was made weak that I might obey
I prayed for health that I might do better things
I was given infirmity that I might do greater things
I prayed for riches that I might be happy
I was given poverty that I might be wise
I prayed for power that I might have the praise
of men
I was given a feeling of inadequacy that I might
feel the need for God

I prayed for all things that I might enjoy life
I was given life that I might enjoy all things
I had received nothing that I had asked for, or
hoped for
But my prayer was answered, I was most
blessed."

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Special services:

September 16th Battle of Britain Sunday
October 28th Harvest Festival Sunday
November 11th Remembrance Sunday
December 9th Scripture Union Nativity Play
December 16th School Carol Service
March 3rd Administration Service — Church of
Scotland
March 9th Gulf Thanksgiving Service — O.V. W/Ed.

Congregational Rolls

Admission to full membership of the Church of
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Baptismal Service, Sunday, 24th February, 1991.

James Welsh	Bryan Espie
Richard Veitch	Matthew Wight
Scott Kintrae	
David McMillan	

Scottish Episcopal Confirmation Service, June, 1991.

Paul Clark	Stuart Ford
Mark Butcher	
Jamie Fenwick	

I am pleased to record the deep appreciation of the school to our visiting Chaplains: Canon O'Sullivan, Roman Catholic Church; Dr Tellini, Scottish Episcopal Church; and to our Church of Scotland Elders: Mr Phillip and the Headmaster.

J.R.S.

THE SERMON PREACHED BY THE REV ARCHIE ORROCK MA BD FORMER SCHOOL CHAPLAIN AT THE SCHOOL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE END OF THE GULF WAR, 1991: OVA SUNDAY, 10 MARCH, 91

Joshua 1 v.9 "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord Thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest".

The Scott Monument, Princes Street, Edinburgh; the statue of Wellington of Waterloo; Thomas Guthrie, pioneer in Social Work — these are memorials in stone but dead as sand is. Our School, built as Scotland's memorial to Queen Victoria is a living memorial, alive in the classroom, alive on the sportsfield, alive in the chapel, alive in the community. Initially it was to care for orphans of a war; it now has a wider catchment field, but the aim is still the same: to train boys to be good citizens — that is to do justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.

Our School was born out of the vision of a few ordinary folk. Each one of us here in this Chapel, itself a memorial to those who fell, need a vision of what we might do and be. Perhaps some of you have set your sights high and have the long-term vision of becoming an Admiral, a General or an Air Marshal or Prime Minister, and why not? Benjamin Disraeli sitting under a tree one day when he was 12 years of age, declared he would be Prime Minister of Great Britain, and Prime Minister he became, and one of the all time greats.

Set your vision high by all means, but your vision must be qualified; it must carry potential that for your time on earth, a family, a society, a community, a country will be the better, stronger, richer. Whatever your age now, be it 10 or 18, there should be in you a want, a discontent with things as they are. You are in this world because God needed another man to fulfil his plan. You are that man.

However, vision is not enough, and well did the founding fathers know that. Vision must be followed by action. The men of vision had to find a site on which to build a School; they had to find surveyors, architects, they had to raise money; above all they had to find builders. Our first Scripture Lesson told us how God had promised his people Israel a fatherland, but first they must go into action and possess the land. This was to cause problem upon problem, battle upon battle, but they had security. God promised He would be with them and that He would see them through. You here, at this School, are in the early stages of the process of realising your vision through learning, through sport, through living in a close-knit community and through discipline.

Vision, action and one more thing . . . Every pioneering venture calls for sacrifice, whether it be Scott going to the Antarctic, or Britain standing alone in 1940, or breaking through into space, or facing the hurdle of O and H grade exams. In August 1927, a village on the east coast of Scotland was awakened in

the middle of the night. A cargo ship had struck a rock, and a rocket was fired to call the crew to the lifeboat house. As each man was at his appointed post a recruit who had taken part in practices only, spoke to the skipper. "Sir," he said, "If we go out tonight, we'll never come back". The skipper replied, "Son, we must go out, and we needn't come back". So it was that 500,000 men and women of the United Nations went out to the Gulf fervently hoping they would return but at the back of their minds the inevitable thought that enemy fire, or desert rigours might claim their lives. Today we are thanking God that nearly all did come back.

Let me close by telling you about an occasion in World War I. The Australians were experimenting with mines on the Western Front using TNT, the most common, most powerful explosion then known. All was now in readiness to explode a mine which would make possible the capture of an enemy position with a minimum loss of life. It was a moment of acute crisis. The men were going over, mine or no mine; without the explosion, they might achieve their purpose but only at tremendous cost. The time for the explosion came and no explosion came, only silence. Then a Sapper Lieutenant ran up to the Brigadier and said, "Sir, I know what is wrong", and at once disappeared into a tunnel leading to the mine chamber. Outside they waited for what seemed an eternity, until an ear-splitting deafening roar, falling masonry told its story. Now the men were charging and the position was taken and consolidated, but the Sapper Lieutenant was never seen again. In a moment he had to decide whether it was to be their lives, or his. In his decision, were vision, action and sacrifice rolled into one.

Where today are the men and women who will take sacrifice on board, first in their own hearts sacrificing the base things, the sordid things? Who are ready to face up to the challenge of Christ, to take up Christ's cross or if need be to be crucified for its sake — in School, office, factory floor or wherever? Where are those who are ready to glory in difficulties, in loneliness, in persecution, counting not the cost? Where are the men and women of prayer who count God's word more important than their daily bread? Who will converse with God not merely in Chapel, but in space, or in the supermarket? Who will carry with them the sense of the presence of God into daily life?

Therefore let it be from this company, from Queen Victoria School, that there go forth into the wider world, men of vision, action, and sacrifice, pioneers for God — and the world will give thanks they were ever born.



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I bring you young Victorians from Dunblane."

So said the voice of the Castle to a darkened arena nightly from the 2nd to 25th August 1990; the spotlights hit the Castle Gates to the sound of the Drum Major's voice and the Pipes and Drums emerging to the appropriate strains of 'I am a young man.'

The 70 boys involved in the Tattoo, 27 Pipers, 19 Drummers and 24 Dancers, returned to School on the afternoon of Sun 29 July and exactly four weeks later returned to their homes or to relatives or friends for a short break before returning for the start of the new Session on Tuesday 28th August. There is no doubt that although tired they were rightly elated and intensely proud of their remarkable achievement. One additional dancer was recruited in the second week as a result of injuries.

They had completed 25 highly successful public performances as part of a show that has been unanimously agreed as one of the best in its history. In addition to their performances they took part in the Glasgow and Edinburgh Marches and a small team performed at the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital, Edinburgh. Fortunately the weather was kind throughout apart from one appallingly wet night; veterans of the Tattoo described it as one of the worst that anyone

could remember and despite frantic efforts to dry clothes, some jackets were still wet when they left for the following evening's show.

Life naturally revolved around the Tattoo and the buses departed at 1830 each day and returned at midnight (1730 and 0150 on Saturdays). There was no formal reveille but a very substantial Brunch was served at 1100 which all were required to attend. From 1130 to 1700 boys were free to do their own thing which may have involved anything from football, swimming or other games including croquet and putting; some went to Stirling for 10 Pin Bowling or shopping and many just wanted to relax with a video. Expeditions to the Stirling Ice Rink had to be curtailed as a result of the number of casualties on the first visit. At 1700 they changed into half dress for their evening meal at 1730 and so the routine began again.

There is no doubt that the decision to live in Dunblane was the correct one despite the fact that the boys spent a total of some 58 hours in their buses and travelled a distance equivalent of Dunblane to the heel of Italy!

We would wish to take this opportunity to record our most sincere thanks not only to the boys themselves, but to their parents for allowing them to take part, to the many members of the Staff at all levels who did so much to make it possible especially the Pipe Major, Drum Major, HDI and Mr Philip who acted as Housemaster and to Mr Henderson and his team from Sutcliffe Catering who fed us like fighting cocks.

All in all it was a most memorable and rewarding month which we like to think has done much to enhance the reputation of the School.

Boy Pipe Major: Ross Coleman
Boy Drum Major: John Stephens
Senior Dancer: Sandy Williamson



GRAND DAY 1991

Inspecting Officer

**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ANDREW
DUKE OF YORK, CVO ADC**

PRIZE-GIVING

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

PARADE

On Parade

Parade Commander, Senior Monitor	Calum Redpath
Guard Commanders:	
No. 1 Guard	Sandy Williamson
No. 2 Guard	Melvin Mutch
No. 3 Guard	Fionn McKee
No. 4 Guard	Christopher Berry
No. 5 Guard	David Kay
No. 6 Guard	Craig Wood
No. 7 Guard	Stuart Davidson
No. 8 Guard	Douglas Hunter
I/c Colour Party	Matthew Smith
Ensigns	James Harper
	Mark Smith
Escorts	Iain Morris
	Cameron Macintosh
Orderlies	James Cornelius
	Ian Logue
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 Royal 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 Royal Salute the Parade will form a Hollow Square for the Inspecting Officer's Address and the Presentation of Prizes 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 Royal Salutes and when the Colours pass during the March Past.

TEA

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

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

RETREAT

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

PARADE MUSIC

March on to Parade	Within a mile o' Edinburgh Toon Cabar Feidh
March on the Colours	The Victorians
Royal Salute	St Andrew's Cross
Inspection	Morag of Dunvegan The Mingulay Boat Song My Home
March Past in Slow Time	The Highland Cradle Song The Skye Boat Song 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	The MacKenzie Highlanders Happy We've Been A' thigether
Retreat Call	
Drummers Salute	
Retreat Marches	Balmoral Shoals of Herring Lochanside
Dancers March on	Brigadier Tweedy's March
Strathspeys	Marquis of Huntly
Reels	The Ale is Dear Piper of Drummond
Dancers March off	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>	Iain MacNeil
<i>Boy Drum Major</i>	John Stephens
<i>Senior Dancer</i>	Sandy Williamson

The Pipes and Drums



Pipes and Drums

ODE TO THE BAND

Another year we've had to do,
Before we find these notes are due,
The work was hard, you'll know was true,
At The Edinburgh Military . . . Tattoo.

Yes, a hard but very gratifying period for the Band which meant that each member, had to give up, voluntarily, from his summer holidays, the period from July 30, until August 25, to take part in the Festival Spectacle, with the highlight of their performance, being the appearance of our 24 Dancers, which never failed to bring thunderous applause from the audience.

Behind the scenes of the nightly performances of course, were the 'EXTRAS', being of course the long Street marches of Glasgow and Edinburgh Cavalcades, which, in Full Dress, hot temperatures, and as one wee boy put it, "Care-ey-in Ma big drum" can be quite trying. All these thoughts were however, overcome with the promise of special Steak and Chip meals every other night and of course, the appearance of the Australian Girls Drill Team who, with the co-operation of certain members, managed to cement Scottish/Australian, 'G'daaay' relationships.

A thoroughly well deserved round of applause for all participants and staff.

Other events are too numerous to mention, but cases of special merit were:

Sept. 15 1990 — QVS Fete (featuring Flying Pipes and Drummers on the Death Slide) (Prior to Retreat of course).

Sept. 22 — Albert Hall (S.A.A.F.A. Concert Pipes and Dancers).

Feb. 21 — Invitation and Participation in The Royal Marine Concert at the Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline.

Over this period as well, a competition was devised, by the Brigadier, for pipers, to compose a Pipe tune, in commemoration, for the endless work, done by General Sir John MacMillan in aid of the Sports Hall Appeal. This competition was won by D. S. Harris and the tune 'The Victorians Tribute to General MacMillan', was played for him, as well as a premiere performance of a new dance, arranged by Miss G. Anderson for Lady MacMillan, on the evening of the Piping, Drumming and Bugling Competition, on the 14th March 1991.

In closing, our best wishes for the future go to all leavers departing on Grand Day.

SCHOOL PIPING COMPETITION — PRIZE WINNERS 1991 —

Wavell Chanter Competition

Slow March — C. Murray; March — C. Murray.
Winner of the Wavell Chanter — C. Murray.

Junior Piping Competition — C Class

Slow March — C. Murray; March — G. Antrobus.
Group Captain T. Kean CBE AFC Prize—P. Matuszczyk.

Intermediate Piping Competition

Slow March — G. Whyte; March — G. Whyte.
Gordon Stobo Cup — G. Whyte.

Senior Piping Competition

Slow March and March — I. MacNeil;
Strathspey and Reel — I. MacNeil.
The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) Piping Shield —
School Champion: I. MacNeil.

Scots Guards Prize

For the Piper giving most work to the benefit of the School Piping and Dancing : Winner — I. MacNeil.

SCHOOL DRUMMING & BUGLING COMPETITIONS — PRIZE WINNERS 1991 —

Side Drumming

Seniors — A. Wood; Juniors — M. Wight;
Wavell — A. Kirkwood.

Tenor Drumming

Seniors — K. McIntosh; Juniors — D. Graham.

Bugling

Seniors — K. McIntosh; Juniors — R. Veitch
Wavell — P. McGrory.

Drumming and Bugling Champion 1991

A. Wood.

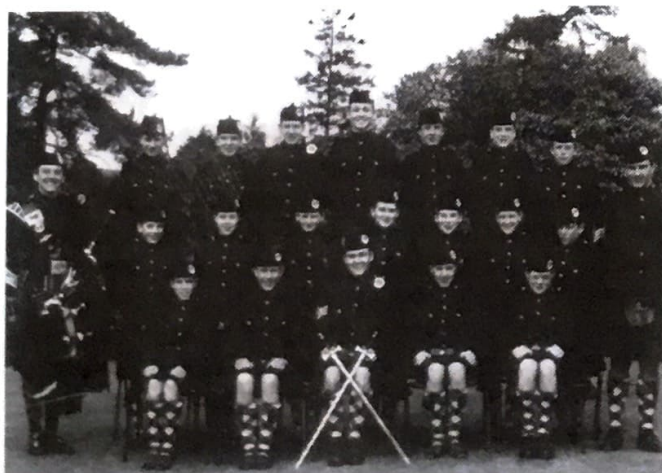
HIGHLAND DANCING

Realisation of the opportunity to appear in one of the world's most famous arenas, for the duration of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, has undoubtedly remained a highlight of our Highland Dance activities over the past year.

24 dancers appeared in each of the 25 performances of the Tattoo, on Edinburgh Castle esplanade, in August 1990. They were ably accompanied by the School Pipes and Drums.

As the centre-piece of a precisely planned routine, the boys offered The Victorians' Broadwords, with the remaining dancers forming the Scottish saltire to present a Highland Fling and Reel sequence. In all of their performances, sharing a cast list which included the band of the United States Marine Corps, the Brigade of Gurkhas and the Australian Drill Team, the boys were warmly received by capacity audiences.

Following the Tattoo, the dancers were in demand for various events throughout Scotland. Appearances at Edinburgh Castle (for the official visit of the President of Italy), Dunblane Hydro and the Burn, Edzell, were equally successful. On 16 and 17 November, nine dancers appeared on stage at the Crawford Theatre, Jordanhill, as guests of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, in "A Glasgow Flourish". A miscellany of dance, song, verse and music, the show



Highland Dancers

was the Society's contribution to Glasgow's reign as City of Culture 1990.

Performances at Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline, and Kirkintilloch Town Hall, followed in February and April respectively, the former as part of the Sports Hall Appeal Fund effort, the latter as our contribution to a Red Cross fund-raising event. On both occasions, the boys showed great resourcefulness and admirable confidence in coping with difficult on-stage conditions.

A challenging new idea, proposed this year by Brigadier Tweedy, was that first and second year dancers should attempt to compose their own dance, and that they should aim specifically for performance at a reception to be held in School in honour of Sir John and Lady MacMillan. The boys worked on this project throughout Spring Term. On 14 March, their efforts were duly rewarded when they successfully presented a delightful new dance: "Lady MacMillan's Eightsome".

Our demonstration work has consistently shown that there is a significant reservoir of public goodwill towards Highland dancing, and the Highland Dancers of Queen Victoria School evidently feel gratified, on these occasions, that they are such competent ambassadors of the tradition. We are grateful to Pipers Cameron Hunter, Iain MacNeil, Dean Ross and Ralph Bowman, who have regularly accompanied us, sometimes complementing our performances with impressive solo or group work of their own.

During this Summer Term, we look forward to several interesting engagements. The Junior Team will entertain the Lord High Commissioner and guests at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in May; the Intermediate and Senior dancers will travel to Crieff in June to appear at the BLESMA Garden Party; and a special dance arrangement involving all Highland Dancers of Queen Victoria School will be presented on Grand Day for parents and friends, in the presence of HRH The Prince Andrew, Duke of York.

Old Victorians' Association

President: Lt Col R. Smith
Secretary: P. T. Gilchrist
Treasurer: W. S. Carruthers

As in the 1990 notes I am pleased to report another good year for the OVA, both in terms of membership and activity. For the second year running there has been a significant change within the Committee. Jimmy White (2289) has not enjoyed good health recently and his duties as Treasurer have been handed on to Bill Carruthers (2073). Jimmy has been a tower of strength in the OVA for 20 years, serving in his time as Secretary, Treasurer and, for a short period, as President. Old Victorians have much to thank him for

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?



and will, I am sure, wish him better health in the years to come.

Membership now stands at 617, an increase of 78 since last year. Our then goal of 600 was reached in February when C. F. Stewart (3747) joined. Thus we are aiming for 700 this year and I would invite all Old Victorians reading this who are not members to contact the OVA immediately! A significant boost to membership is the new system organised by the Bursar for recruitment at source, i.e. during the last year at school. Thank you Brigadier for this and all your other efforts.

Heartiest congratulations to Lt Col Paul Evans (2946) on the award of the OBE in the New Year's Honours List. Paul had hoped to attend the Re-union but service in the Gulf came first as it did for other Old Victorians. I would like to record all those who did serve there and would ask that you contact the OVA with news of your experiences. In particular I would like to re-establish contact with D. Aitchison (2513) and F. McLuskey (2503) who were working in Iraq and Kuwait respectively when the crisis started — has anyone any news?

Events during the past year have included Grand Day, the Edinburgh Tattoo, the Open Day in September, Remembrance Sunday and the Re-union Weekend. All of these were attended by Old Victorians of all ages and were heartily successful in their own rights. The continuing attendance by so many at such occasions is a tribute to the feelings for the School cherished by Old Victorians.

The Sports Hall Appeal, no doubt reported elsewhere (!), has been responsible for considerable generosity and effort by many Old Victorians. Moreover the publicity generated by the Appeal has resulted in the re-establishment of contact by a large number with both the School and the Association. I hope we can both maintain such contact and improve upon it.

George Dowling (269) starred in a recent BBC TV programme about the School and I am pleased to report that, despite an illness last autumn that resulted in amputation of his left leg, he is well and truly up and about and attended both days of the Re-union. Ron Taylor (745) took the salute at the Re-union Church Parade this year having distinguished himself on the Saturday by shooting the bull out during our sporting contests. Incidentally, by virtue of judicious programming (and good play) the OVA 7 a side team beat both school rugby teams this year!

Activity in the London Branch is restricted to a faithful few. There are many Old Victorians living in the London area and your ideas and support are requested. Gary Anderson (3187), Bob Gill (2900) and Ron Taylor would like to hear from you. Likewise, for anyone in or going to either Canada or Australia the OVA representatives there Bill Geddes (2314) and Eddie Cameron (2433) would like to hear from you. Please contact Central Branch for further information.

At the March AGM it was agreed that a special effort should be made each year to encourage Old Victorians to celebrate their 50th anniversary of joining the School by at least one visit during that year, ideally at either the Re-union or Grand Day (or both!). Thus in 1992 we will be looking out particularly for those who joined in 1942.

The past 12 months have been particularly significant in the increased number of visits by Old Victorians to the School and the hospitality accorded by the Headmaster, Bursar, Staff and all the boys has been outstanding. The relationship between the Association and the School is largely fostered by the welcome received and may I tender sincere gratitude for this on behalf of the Association.

OBITUARIES

It is with great regret that we have to publish the deaths of five Old Victorians which have been notified since the last issue of the Victorian.

857 A. L. Ashton B.E.M.

Arthur enlisted as a boy musician in the Royal Marines in 1926. He served for 21 years, was awarded the B.E.M. and retired as Bandmaster Royal Marines, Plymouth Division. In retirement he was employed as a music teacher. He died on 7th August 1990.

985 J. H. Stratton

Joe left the School in 1928 and was trained as a printer. He served in the RA and the A&SH during the 39-45 War, in the Persian Gulf, India, North Africa and in Italy where he was severely wounded. Latterly he was employed by BP in Harlow. He retired in 1978 and died in August 1990.

1489 R. Quinn, M.B.E., L.R.S.M.

Bud Quinn enlisted in the A&SH as a band boy in 1936, serving on regimental duty during the War and qualifying at Kneller Hall as a Bandmaster in 1952. After Bandmaster appointments with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Cameronians, he was commissioned as Director of Music RA in 1962, serving initially with the RA (BAOR) Band and latterly with the Royal Artillery Band at Woolwich. He retired in 1962 as a Major and died on 23rd July 1990.

1632 G. C. Thomson

George left the School in 1938 and served in the Merchant Navy during the 1939-45 War as a radio officer. His post war career included employment as circulation manager of the Scottish Daily Mail, manager of a finance house and latterly as Group Secretary of the NFU. He died on 26th November 1990.

2295 M. B. A. Lochlin

Martin Lochlin left the School in 1955 and served in the Royal Engineers. He died in 1990 aged 55.

A CORRESPONDING PROBLEM TO BE UNTIED

Dear Headmaster,

Further to our talk regarding the design of the necktie of the Old Victorians, wherein I mentioned there was disagreement among the members as to its basis, I paid a visit to the H.Q. of the Army Education Corps at Eltham, London, S.E.9 as it was my opinion they were involved. It is my contention the original necktie was evolved in 1925 — the year of the inception of the O.V.A. — from the colours of the then War Office (yellow and red) and that of the A.E.C.

The present tie is stated by Vic Carroll (former President of the O.V.A.) to have been taken from the Hunting Stewart Tartan (the Royal Scots) and the War Office. The present tie bears this out (yellow and red with blue and green).

During my discussions with Victor I must admit to

being somewhat apprehensive of my contention about the blue and green not being colours of the A.E.C. For this reason discussion with the A.E.C. was essential.

During my visit to the A.E.C. at Eltham I had discussion with a member of the Admin. Office. My first request as to the Corps colours elicited the reply "Blue and Gold", as at present. On enquiring if there had been any alterations I was informed the previous colours were "light and dark blue" — and certainly no green. I had previously asked to see the C.O. who was engaged but I enquired in the office if they could go back to 1925 — on which they telephoned the Commanding Officer who immediately replied "purple and blue" — Eureka! These were the colours I immediately recollected as the tie, to my mind, was somewhat drab brightened only by the War Office red and yellow.

When I left school in 1925 I was given a lapel badge and a tie — without charge! and was informed the tie was made up of the War Office colours and the A.E.C. Unfortunately I no longer have the badge or tie but now wonder if some boy of that period may not still have the old tie to enable us to settle the matter? Alternatively can any old boy back me up!

How the present O.V.A. tie came to be used I do not know but it may have come about consequent on the supply of the "walking out" dress now issued.

Captain Ron Taylor, OVA

MEMORIES DO NOT FADE

(Some correspondence received by the Headmaster during the year)

(1)

Dear Sir,

It was through tears of sadness but wonderful happy memories you brought back to me after reading your report regarding Queen Victoria School and I wish to thank you very much indeed. You see my father was a 21 years service man with the Gordon Highlanders who spent most of his life in India, with three boys and a girl born there, so when he came out of the army there were eight of us so as you can imagine the very strict upbringing we all had, but what a happy family we had. Three of my brothers James Craig, Alistair Craig and John Craig, the youngest one, were all sent to your school and down through the years, that was the big event when we were all dressed up for our trip to Dunblane for Parents Day.

To us it was like Wonder Land, the country, the playing grounds and the School Band marching up and down and proud we were as John Craig, my youngest brother, played the Big Drum. Out came the family album, what a sight! Father with his white stiff shirt and bowler hat, mother with large hat and long fox fur stole with us all trying to get on to the cannon then another round the flag pole. John taken in full dress uniform with Bearskin for the big drum.

Other two boys, Robert Stewart and George Maitland, close family to us, made up our large group.



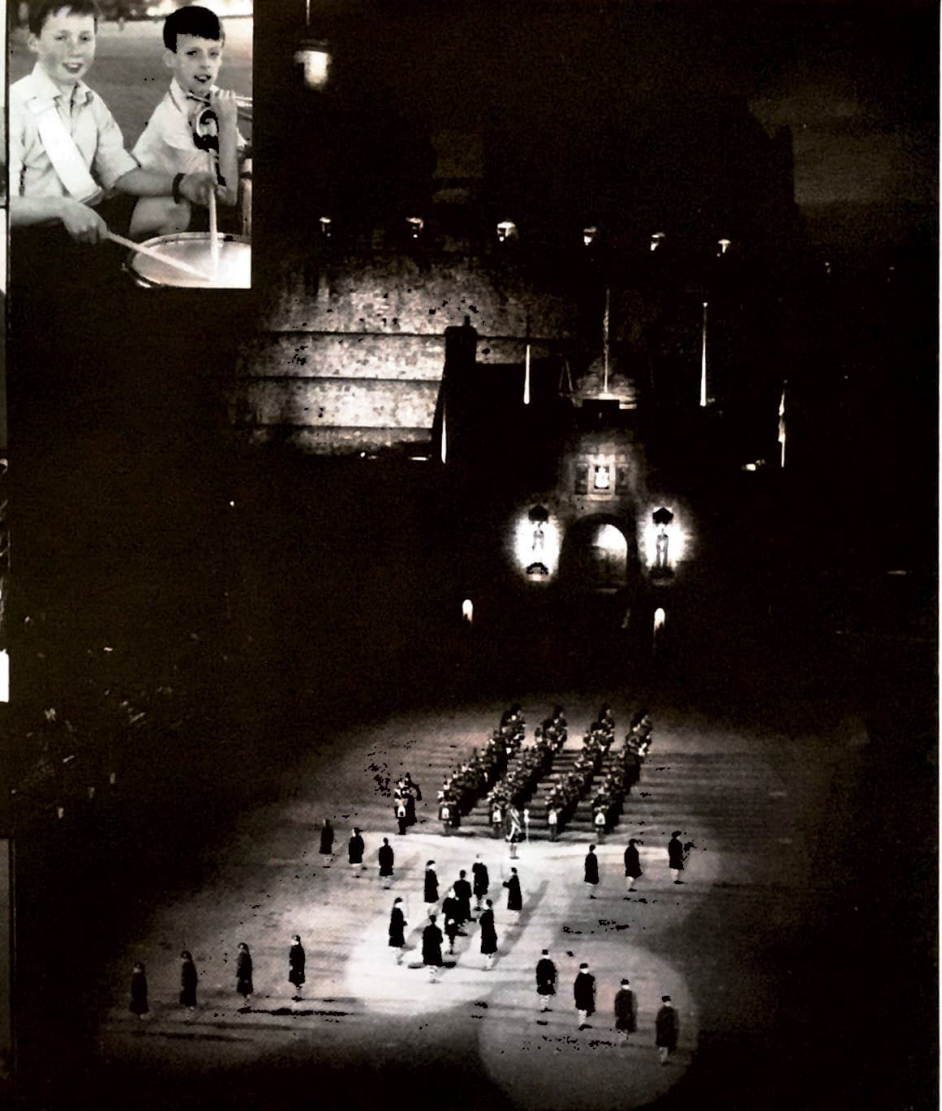
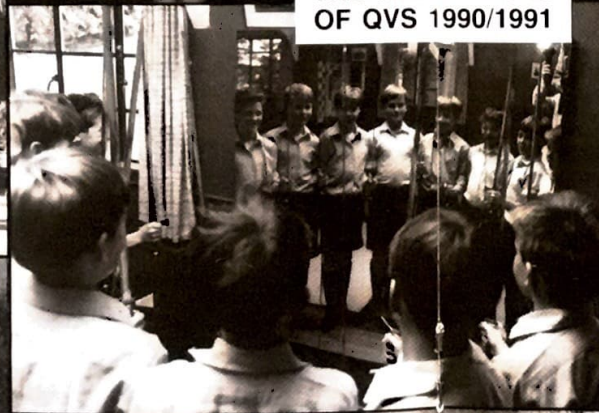
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THE MANY FACES
OF QVS 1990/1991



I also have a large photograph taken at the entrance with the ivy all around the door. It was some big reunion when they were all grown men. What stories they must have had to recall and what pranks they got up to. I remember John laughing when he told me he could swim. He said they just pushed him in, no problem at all.

My brothers are all dead now and I dearly missed every one of them. Only one bad incident we had when John left school, he went into the army, the ROC and was caught in St Valery in the last war and was a prisoner for five years.

I am 78 years of age now and disabled, but lucky my husband is still with me.

All I can say now is looking up at Queen Victoria School there is a little bit of heaven.

Thanking you again,

Yours sincerely,
Signed Mrs Christine Craig Manson

II

Dear Sir,

There have been several articles about Queen Victoria School in the newspapers lately, and they brought back memories to me.

Both my brothers were pupils in the 1920's. I don't know the date Robert Ross Spence joined but he was there until October 1924. Donald Ross Spence joined on the 22 January 1923 and in fact the names of both are on the Memorial Tablet in your Chapel.

My mother and my sisters and I always visited on their Grand Days; also they used to do a Gilbert and Sullivan play each year and we went to it. Our grocer took us, (from Thornhill Village) in his van, until someone reported him to the police so that was the end of that.

Robert stayed on and trained as an Army School-master but, the Geddes Act came along and cut down on that. Robert joined the Gordons (our father's Regiment who went missing at the Battle of Ypres, in October 1914) having just come home with family from Egypt. Donald then was 8 months old.

Robert, when he paid a visit to School was set up as a model to the boys. He went out to Singapore via Gibraltar in 1937 and was eventually taken prisoner and died on that infamous railway.

Donald became a Piper and joined the boys' Service in the Gordons. Our mother died suddenly in January 1928 and Donald was very unsettled after that and left in the summer of 1928. He was a Pipe Major with the Gordons when the War started in 1939, but gave up that and was on the Maginot line for several months and then was sent home in January 1940 to an Officers' Training Camp.

He spent the next few years as an instructor, being sent to France, in August 1944 and was killed out there near Caen at the end of August.

So, I have a lot of memories and also I came recently upon a copy of your School Song:

"Sons of Soldiers, Sons of Sailors,
Sons of Scotsmen All".

It was really moving to hear them all sing that.

Well, I am the only one left now and I hope I haven't bored you with my memories. I am in my 81st year now and I would like to send you a small donation towards your Sports Hall.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth G. Halliday (Mrs)

Open Day

**THAT WAS THE OPEN DAY THAT WAS
QVS OPEN DAY — 15 September, 1990**



To raise money for the Sports Hall Appeal the School held an Open Day on Saturday, 15 September; it was a day blessed with fair weather, good attendance and few frayed tempers. The Committee who had planned in detail over so many weeks deserved such an outcome. That the Open Day raised in excess of £5,000 is a reflection of their hard work, the active support of many parents and the enthusiasm of the boys.

The day began with a Business and Careers Convention organised by Mr Webster which took place in the Central Hall and Main Building rooms: firms represented included:

Tarmac Bank of Scotland Iceland Frozen
Rolls Royce Marks and Spencer British Petroleum
many of whom kindly sponsored the Open Day. All boys in S3 to S6 were able to visit the Convention during the morning.

Meanwhile the slaving staff and as many "slaves" as they could get hold of, set up the fields for the invasion of the afternoon. Many of us think it a Day to Remember — there was so much to do, see and participate in, and this article cannot list all there was. But, from Death Slide to the Scripture Union Ice Cream Parlour, from the Golden Lions and Blue Arrows to Mr

McIntyre's Noddy Train and historic tours of QV, and from a mammoth Bric-a-Brac to the Human Fruit Machine, plus all the displays provided by the 3 Services and the countless stalls, it was a great afternoon out. One remembers Mr Boast's Bar-B-Que queue that never got smaller, the Lord Justice Clerk selling Race Balloons and a Cake and Jam and Pickles Stall that was calorifically incredible.

One of the highlights of the Day was that it was officially opened by Mr David Sole, Captain of Scotland's Grand Slam Rugby Team, and we have a photograph of him and Sam Morton, the youngest boy in the School, using a JB Digger to cut the first Sports Hall turf (postscript: ironically about 800 yds from where the Sports Hall is now to be built!).

We thank everybody in School for all they did, we thank those who gave generously and those who spent generously. We thank, in particular, those parents who *did* things: the mums who ran stalls or brought marvellous items, and the long suffering fathers who did what they were told! It was a great

success, and we were more than £5,000 nearer our target.

QVS COFFEE AFTERNOONS

We held 2 Coffee Afternoons in aid of the Sports Hall Appeal, one in the Summer Term 1990 and the other in March 1991. Coffee afternoons is a bit of a euphemism, for what was in actual fact, coffee, tea, jams, raffles, cakes, stalls, book stalls and bric-a-brac. On the first afternoon, we raised £400 and on the second £480, both excellent sums. Mrs Hankinson would like to thank *all* those who helped: Staff members, wives and daughters, parents, the SU boys who raised the money for coffee and biscuits, and the ladies who donated so much baking (and marmalade!) as well as the Raffle prizes.

Our well attended afternoons were held in the Reception Area: perhaps next time, we'll be holding one in the new Sports Hall.

J.M.H.



Haig House

Mrs MacKeich

At the October break, 1990, Forms IV, V and VI bade farewell to a much loved lady who was much of the heart and warmth at the centre of Haig House, Mrs Betty MacKeich. Affectionately known as "Auntie Betty" in her latter years as Matron, she was a tireless worker who loved — and still does — her boys, but not with a blind love. She knew their faults, could speak her mind, listened to many a teenage moan, offered much sage advice, helped soothe many a painful experience, and even knew the occasional alienation that a teenager inflicts on an adult who insists on clear standards of behaviour. Throughout all, she grafted for them, celebrated with them, cried over them, lived for them, and was rewarded with that unique mixture of pain and pleasure which being a substitute parent to a 'family' of seventy teenagers offers.

As a token of their esteem, the present pupils presented her with an engraved silver gallery-tray and tea-service, while cards and gifts from past Victorians



all around the country bore testimony to the place she holds in the lives of many. Staff and Commissioners with their gifts also recognised her fine contribution to the life of the School. We all wish her continuing good health, every happiness, particularly with her grandchildren, and a long and fulfilling retirement.

B.P.



Instrumentalists

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

As another session comes to a close, we can reflect upon what has again been a busy calendar of events.

Since the last issue of the *Victorian*, a large number of boys have had success with Associated Board music exams at various times throughout the year:

Gd. 1: Piano: Paul Matuszczyk*, William Milne, Steven Nelthorpe, Neil Ward*.

Violin: James Scott.

Gd. 2: Piano: Geoffrey Greenhowe, John Nelson.

Clarinet: Murray MacDonald*, David McGuire*.

Gd. 3: Euphonium: James Law*, Alto Saxophone: Colin Rostant, Trombone: Gordon Donald.

Gd. 4: Piano: James Wilson, Clarinet: David McGuire.

Gd. 5: Baritone: Kenneth McIntosh*, Flute: Ross Coleman, James Scott*.

* The above passed with merit.

Also in last summer's Central Region Music Festival, the following boys were awarded merit certificates for performance:

Robert MacKinnon : 1st Place : Solo Voice

David Pattison : 1st Place : Orchestral Percussion

Colin Rostant : 1st Place : Alto Saxophone

Mark Casey : 2nd Place : Trumpet

Kenneth McIntosh : 2nd Place : Baritone

Our thanks are extended to all the tutorial staff for the invaluable contribution they make to our school life. During the course of this session, some staff changes took place. Miss Carolyn Mulgrew has joined our team as piano tutor replacing Mrs Charlotte McGirr and Mrs Sheila Nelson. We were also sorry to lose the services of our singing teacher, Mr John Dallas whose family commitments precluded him from continuing at QVS. All three have given generously of their time over the years and will be sadly missed.

Central Region activities have again had the support

of Queen Victoria School boys participating in both the Youth Choir and the Concert Band. The Youth Choir — which included Martin Coulthard, James Doig, Ian Findlay, Robert MacKinnon and David Porter — performed the "Czech Mass" by Rubrah at Christmas time and the main feature of the summer programme was Puccini's "Messa di Gloria". The Concert Band have rehearsed on a weekly basis on Friday evenings under the direction of Mr Alan Bell — our woodwind specialist. Boys involved were: Mark Casey, Trumpet; Murray MacDonald and Colin Rostant, Alto Saxophone; Kenneth McIntosh, Tenor Saxophone; David McGuire, Clarinet; and David Pattison, Percussion. In August, the Concert Band will feature in the Edinburgh Festival of Youth Orchestras and Bands.

Our own Carol Service was again a major success with our traditional four-part choir of over one hundred singers, performing carols such as "The Holly and the Ivy" and "The Angel Gabriel". First year classes were keen to show off their newly acquired skills of performance on newly acquired tuned percussion instruments and they produced the musical accompaniment for the Wavell Choir singing Christmas pop favourites including "Mistletoe and Wine". A highlight feature, however, of both carol service and departmental success of session 90-91 must be attributed to the formation of a school swing band. During the carol service they performed as one of their items the ever popular "Merry Christmas Everybody" and as exit music, feet were a-tapping to that classic swing number — Tuxedo Junction.

As well as making music, there has been ample opportunity throughout the session for boys to hear good music at various venues around the country, including the newly opened Royal International Concert Hall in Glasgow, The Queens Hall, Edinburgh, The

In all, we have enjoyed a most successful and productive academic year and look forward to a well earned summer break.

Recruits Cups, 1990: Alan Cargill (RN), Jamie Wilson (Army) and Gordon Donald (RAF).

Once again members of the Pipe Band are prominent in the preparations for the annual ceremony of Beating the Retreat by the massed Pipes and Drums of the Scottish Schools CCF Contingents on the Esplanade Edinburgh Castle. We shall also be hosting the Annual CCF Pipes and Drums Competition for the Scottish CCF Contingents at QVS in June — our thanks to Pipe Major Dippie and Drum Major Brown for their continued support.

For the assistance, interest and encouragement we receive from the Headmaster, the Bursar, 23CTT, 32 Signal Regt(V), TA Centre Dunblane, 51 Highland Brigade, Schools Liaison Staff, Army HQ Scotland and many others may we express our sincere appreciation. My personal thanks are also due to our own CCF Staff without whose support there would be no CCF — no notes to write!

CCF Section

Army Section: OC— Major J. R. Silcox, CF
Att from 32 Sig Regt (V)
Major J. D. Hankinson
Lieut D. Garden

Lieut G. D. M. Carroll

2nd Lieut J. T. Dow

WO1 D. Duthie (SSI)

Flt Lt M. J. Boast, RAFVR(T)

Fg Off H. D. Brown, RAFVR(T)

1990-91 has been a year of consolidation. Staffing has reached its full complement but the work load seems to have been as intensive as ever. Major Silcox, who has been our Officer IC Shooting throughout the 80s, has taken on the responsibility of Commanding the Army Section in addition to his T.A. commitment as chaplain to the 32 Sig Regt (V). Lieut Garden, whose CCF appointment had been "put on ice" whilst he concentrated on his increased academic responsibilities is easing himself back into the fold in assisting Major Silcox with the shooting.

The headmaster is another former member of the CCF staff who has returned to the fold and has accepted the responsibility of Cadre training.

It is most encouraging for the staff to see the enthusiasm of those cadets who attend the various camps, courses and competitions and both staff and cadets are to be congratulated on the successes recorded elsewhere in these notes. Suffice for me here to single out two of our senior cadets who will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year and who have proved most loyal in their support to the CCF during their five years of cadet service, and, not only by their example and contribution during the weekly training sessions, but also for their support for the many camps and courses which they have attended over the years and from which they and the contingent have benefited: Callum Redpath in successfully completing his Flying Scholarship at Dundee Flying School and Melvin Mutch on his success at the Leadership Course at Redford Barracks and his selection to shoot for the national team. Well done and thank you.

Congratulations too to the winners of the QVS/CCF

"QV RN CCF DIVISION, HO!"

It has been a busy year for the Section. For the first time we took part in the National RN CCF Regatta at HMS OSPREY. Racing in a boatswain dinghy we had Coxswain F. McKee on the helm, with AB W. Milne as his crew, and on the Panther Windsurfer for our sailboard champion, PO D. Hunter. Cadets thoroughly enjoyed the 2 day Event. Although we did not win any Cups this year, it was a good experience and the cadets did very well. Unfortunately, due to the School Programme, the Section was unable to take part in the Scottish CCF Regatta. This Summer Term ('91) every member of the Section has had the opportunity to train on Topper Dinghies, Mirror Dinghies and Sailboards. Hopefully, most of the Cadets will gain some RYA Certificates. On the firing range, the Section has kept up its high standards by once again winning the Scottish RN CCF Shooting Shield with AB A. Cargill winning the Best Shot Medal. The Team was: Coxswain F. McKee (Captain), AB A. Cargill, AB M. Wilson and AB P. Harbour.

Some of the team will shoot for the school later this year at Bisley. Over the winter months all the cadets had some canoe handling skills in the school swimming pool. A few of the boys had gained their Star Awards and hopefully more will next year.

Sub Lt G. Borking has been in the section for just over a year now and had some cold experiences over the winter months with the cadets from Division One (Recruits). "How have you found the first year in the Section, Graham?"

T.S.

After 20 years service in Submarines I would never have predicted that 3 years later I would be back on board a Fleet Submarine with a group of QVS cadets on a guided tour. This was the way our Junior Division spent their Field Day in June last year. Having spent some time in the Clyde Submarine Base I rather

enjoyed this new experience and hope I was able to bring a little Depth! to the boys visit.

The field day was for me a culmination of an enjoyable term spent windsurfing at Lochore on CCF evenings for the most part without incident (chasing boards across the car park and rescuing stranded cadets the exceptions).

The Winter term meant dredging back all the seamanship knowledge I had tried so hard to forget and unfortunately succeeded. This is a hard term for the RN CCF but the self reliance camp in October, February and again in May have proved a welcome if cold diversion.

Now Summer is back with us and it's back to Lochore with some old but mainly new faces for windsurfing and sailing.

G.B.



ARMY SECTION

The Section, comprising 72 cadets, has been reorganised this year to give greater emphasis on the Infantry Skills as part of Military life which is so much enjoyed by the boys but still retains the specialist sections of other corps.

Alpha Section Infantry	} I/C 2Lt Dow
Bravo Section Infantry	
Charlie Section Infantry	
R.C.T. Section	
Signals Section	I/C Major Silcox
Cadre	I/C Major Hankinson
Recruits	I/C Lt Carroll

This reorganisation has proved most successful and we look forward to exploiting benefits from it in the years to come.

Senior Instructors Cadre

Towards the end of our winter session CSM M. Mutch, Staff Sgt J. Stephens and Sgt J. Laws attended a 5 day Senior Cadet Instructors Course at Redford Barracks with notable success, CSM Mutch taking the parade on the closing day.

Sgt James Laws was also successful in securing one of only twenty five places at the UKLF leadership Cadre over Easter and completed the week with distinction.

Military Shooting

The summer term continues to be the only real time that the Combined Cadet Force can shoot the Cadet, 5.56m GP Rifle. This we have done at Cultybraggan taking up to eighteen cadets each Thursday afternoon for their Full Bore APC Test. This is run by Lt Garden and the SSM.

APC (Full Bore) Results

Section	Marksman	1st Class	2nd Class	Pass	Totals
Army	9	12	17	19	57
RAF	2	3	4	6	15
Navy	1	5	3	4	13

Lt Garden also runs the Small Bore APC Tests over the First and Second Terms.

APC (Small Bore) Results

Section	Marksman	1st Class	2nd Class	Pass	Totals
Army	2	5	4	3	14
RAF	4	1	6	4	15
Navy	1	2	0	4	7

It is intended that every cadet should sit his Skill at Arms Test in either Small Bore or Full Bore every 18 months.

Highland Tactical Competition **28-30 September, 1990.**

Cameron Barracks — Tain Training Area — Fort George Ranges: 28-30 September, 1990.

An eight man Tri Service Team entered last years competition under the guidance of 2Lt Dow and the SSM. This is a most demanding weekend where the cadets are tested in: Battle Prep, Section Attacks, Patrols, Command Tasks, First Aid, Skill at Arms, Map Reading, Assault Course, and Fire Control Orders.

The Team scored 108 points and reached 9th position against 16 other teams. I congratulate them for this fine effort.

Finally, I would wish to express my most sincere thanks to my fellow officers for their hard work over the past year and the kindly way they 'broke in' a new OC.

J.R.S.

RECRUITS

The Army Section had 20 recruits this year, most of whom approached their activities and tasks with enjoyment and enthusiasm. Under the guidance of



Cadet N.C.O.s the recruits were instructed in the use of map and compass, navigation, campcraft, fieldcraft and skill at arms. A lot more work was achieved this year out of doors and gaining regular access to the CCF Hut made organisation a lot simpler.

On three occasions in the year a self-reliance weekend was set up and organised to test the recruits from all three sections on all of the above mentioned skills but also incorporating their ability to plan, prepare and organise themselves in terms of necessary equipment and choices of routes to designated training areas. This of course required the cadets to exercise team work and elements of leadership which are most important attributes. These weekends were popular and were quite successful due to the cadets' enthusiasm and the help given by Maj Silcox, Sub Lt. Borking, Wg Cmdr Williams, S. S. M. Duthie and other cadet officers. Their assistance was much appreciated — and the kind weather!

During the summer term the recruits were introduced to orienteering and it is hoped to develop this further. This is an activity which not only tests the cadets ability to use a compass and navigate effectively, but also encourages them to read and use a map more efficiently. They soon realise that the shortest distance between two checkpoints isn't necessarily the quickest means of getting to them. Only by interpreting the map and envisaging the ground and obstacles that it represents can a quick route be taken.

At the time of going to print the final results of the recruits Part 1 APC are not fully known, but I am fairly confident that they will perform reasonably success-

fully in their remaining tests. My thanks to all the cadet N.C.O.s who have assisted me in my work i.e. Cdt Sgt D. Ross, Cdt Cpls Morris, Finlay, Smith and Wallace and also to the services of the Cadet Training Team.

Lt G. Carroll
IC Recruits

RCT

This year the RCT section had the thrilling task of learning the mechanics of the 4 tonner and a new course in JCB manoeuvring. Thanks to Sgt Slough and 153 Regiment for taking the time to teach us. Special thanks to Sgt Wernicki for his expert guidance in not just the mechanics.

Dean Clemison

SIGNALS SECTION

A small but very enthusiastic group of cadets form the Army Signals Section.

The Signals Radio Room has been upgraded and repainted to receive our 320 set for use in the Cadet Signal Net. (Our old signal sets, C12 and C13, were so old that they have been donated by the School to the Blandford Museum!). Our parent support Regiment, 32 Signals, are making arrangements to erect an antenna array which can be left on site to allow maximum use of the 320. This work should be complete for the beginning of the new session.

The section place on record our indebtedness to our Administration Officer Col. Sharp for his very practical support and help with the Radio Room.

I also acknowledge with gratitude the expert guidance of Staff Sgt. Megan, Royal Signals, Sgt. Haney, Royal Signals.

JRS
Signals Officer

ANNUAL ARMY CAMP — BAOR — 1st BATTALION ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS MINDEN, JUNE, 1990

Annual camp last year saw us journeying with 20 cadets to visit 1st Battalion A&SH in Minden, Germany. The cadets were accompanied by Lt G. Carroll, SSM D. Duthie, Maj. J. Silcox and Wg Cmdr. I. T. Williams. The cadet senior NCOs were Sgt. I. McNeil and Sgt. A. Williamson.

After a long coach and ferry journey we arrived at Minden and were welcomed by 2nd Lt. Alistair Brown and S/Sgt. Paddy Carroll, who, during the forthcoming days, were to prove themselves able and pleasant hosts.

We had five days of activities and visits to look forward to with our first day being out on the training area nearby to carry out a platoon attack. The lads enjoyed this immensely. They were taught how to embus and disembus from armoured personnel carriers, platoon tactics, flanking movements — all aided by having a fair amount of blank, thunderflashes and smoke grenades. All the staff had a shot at driving the tracked APCs which was great fun.

The following day we visited a local helicopter

museum. This was an interesting visit where we were able to see many restored machines which charted the development of the helicopter.

The next day was a 'day off' and we visited a nearby swimming complex with indoor and outdoor pools. The facilities were marvellous and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Our penultimate day's activities were spent on camp getting hands on experience of signals, anti-tank laser weaponry, vehicles and mortar. We also had the privilege of the RSM A&SH taking our platoon for drill, followed by a conducted tour of the Sergeants' Mess and a viewing of the Regimental Silver. A plaque, from the school, commemorating the visit, was presented to the RSM for the Sergeants' Mess.

Our last day took us on a visit which none of us will ever forget. We visited the memorial and grounds of the concentration camp at Bergen Belsen. The poignancy and impact of the area cannot be understated and we all felt the pain and suffering endured in that place in our hearts.

That day was completed in a much more light-hearted manner by the whole group being entertained in the grounds of the Officers' Mess to a barbecue, by some of the Regiment's officers. We were treated extremely well and the cadets really appreciated the friendly way in which they were greeted.

On the morning of our departure we were given a farewell by the CO. A vote of thanks was given to the regiment by Cdt. Sgt. A. Williamson and a school plaque was presented to the CO for the Officers' Mess.

Our visit was then complete and everyone had enjoyed it and gained benefit from it and so it was back on the coach and setting off for the return journey with our driver Jack — and the less said about him the better! Put it this way — we would never have got to Minden if Cdt. A. Wood hadn't been reading the route map for him — but Jack was a pleasant chap!

Lt. G. Carroll

RAF SECTION

Cadet N.C.O.s as at 30th April 1991: Flt Sgt C. J. Redpath; Cpls C. Berry, R. D. Bowman, M. Smith, C. R. Blackhurst; J/Cpls J. Boyd, J. Harper, D. J. McGuire, P. A. Munro, S. W. Cooke, P. M. Hayes, I. B. Veitch.

Results of the Proficiency Part 2 Examinations sat in March 1991: 76% P. Mitchell, S. Nelthorpe; 74% A. Moffat; 72% K. Murray; 68% K. Crease; 66% M. Coulthard; 62% G. Donald, I. Mackay; 60% B. Sherwood, J. Witkowski; 54% R. Monteith; 52% C. Wilson. All candidates passed.

Our Summer Camp was at RAF Swanton Morley, Norfolk where we spent a very enjoyable week. The weather was good and we visited the north Norfolk coast as well as the usual station visits and exercises.

Our Summer Term Field Day was spent at the Air Museum East Fortune in the morning, then on to the coast near Dirleton for an afternoon exercise.

Our Autumn Term field day was meant to be visiting our affiliated station at RAF Kinloss but as they could not accommodate us that day the section split up to go

shooting, hill walking and an exploratory visit to Aonach Mor.

On Thursdays throughout the year air experience flying took place with No 12 AEF RAF Turnhouse. Many thanks to Mr Brown and Mr Williams for giving up their half days to take the cadets.

Our Senior Cadet NCO, Flt Sgt Callum Redpath, is to be congratulated on gaining his "wings" in flying solo on the completion of his Flying Scholarship Award at Dundee Flying School.

We welcome Flt Lt E. Boyle as our Liaison Officer and wish him well in his new post. Our thanks go to our liaison NCO F/Sgt R. Thomas for his help.

M.J.B.



Easter Tri-Service Adventure Training Camp 1991

The Combined CCF Annual Camp took place at the Badaguish Centre, Aviemore between Saturday 23rd and Friday 29th March.

16 Cadets took part in 5½ days of skiing instruction. While there was not an overabundance of snow the main runs were always covered and this year the dreaded Aviemore wind kept, in the main, away.

The milder weather also allowed us, for the second year, to hold a Barbecue on the evening of our traditional obstacle course race at Badaguish.

The following awards were attained: Paul Harbour, Silver; Andrew Riddel, Gold; Steven Boyne, Silver; Tony Wood, Gold; Paul Clark, Gold; Neil Campbell, Silver; Matthew Wight, Gold; Colin Rostant, Silver; Paul Lapsley, Gold; Gordon Donald, Silver; Steve Millan, Silver; Brian Espie, Silver; Keith Forrest, Silver; Alex McCartney, Bronze; David McGuire, Silver.

Stuart Davidson, our most senior cadet, helped with the instruction and was recommended for a BASI award.

The School is greatly indebted to the Skiing and Support Staff who made this such a happy and enjoyable camp.

Mr T. Thomson, Mr I. Dow, Mr T. Dale, Mr D. Duthie, Mr R. Milne (Chief), Mr L. Bovill.

The continuing financial support from the Headmaster and Bursar is recorded with much appreciation as is the help and encouragement of our Contingent Commander, Wing Commander Williams.

J.R.S.

EASTER CAMP — RAF GERMANY

Every third year our RAF Section is allocated places on the RAF Germany Camp. This year, however, due to the RAF's involvement in the Gulf, numbers and venues were limited and we were restricted to three cadet places at RAF Gutersloh. A total of sixty cadets from sixteen schools in the UK accompanied by seven VR(T) officers, including Wg. Cmdr. I. T. Williams from QVS in his role as Camp Commandant, were flown from Luton Airport to RAF Wildenrath en route to RAF Gutersloh and RAF Laarbruch in the early hours of Wednesday morning, 27th March. Overnight accommodation for the outward and return journeys was provided by the Joint Services Air Trooping Centre at RAF Stanbridge.

Most of the cadets, and some adults too, slept during the three and a half hours bus journey through the Rhur industrial belt and across the North German plain to our destination. RAF Gutersloh lies a few kilometres to the north of the Dortmund-Hannover autobahn. The nearby industrial town of Gutersloh has a population of around 100,000. We learnt that the largest producers of terry towelling in Germany and the biggest book publishing company are to be found here; they are also famous for their high quality washing and dish-washing machines; and, so we were informed, Gutersloh's sausage products are well known all over the world! However, this was not to be a geography field study visit.

Our three cadets from QVS — Martin Coulthard, Iain MacKay and Steven Nelthorpe — although amongst the youngest in the Gutersloh party, acquitted themselves well, participated in all the activities, and their behaviour and performance were a credit to the school.

The station is the base for two squadrons of Harrier vertical take off close support aircraft, squadrons of Chinook and Puma helicopters and one RAF regiment squadron. The role of the station is to provide close air support for the British Army and the squadrons are part of Britain's Air Force assigned to NATO in central Europe. The squadrons of helicopter and the RAF regiment had been operating in the Gulf and were either in transit, or, having returned to Gutersloh, were enjoying a well earned leave. The station is also a busy air trooping terminal and is considered one of the busiest military airfields in western Europe.

The cadets thoroughly enjoyed their eight days at camp, and despite the cancellation of the flying programme, classified it as "very good", "brill" and, from a veteran of five camps, "probably the best". Although the accommodation was spartan but adequate, the food was considered excellent. The station ACLO, Flt Lt Rich James, ably assisted by Flt Sgt Rae Goodson SLNCO from HQ Air Cadets, had prepared a varied, interesting and challenging programme. The station staff were most supportive in generating and encouraging the cadets' service interests, and the "Section ½-day attachments" were a great success — fifty-two such attachments were arranged with cadets having "hands-on" experience with the engineers and

technicians in 4 Sqn, the Helicopter Service Flt, Air Traffic Control, with the MT and Fire Sections, the Police Section and at the Medical Centre. When time and energy permitted in the evenings the cadets had the use of the well equipped gymnasium and sports centre; a visit was also arranged to the local swimming baths. Cadets also participated in a series of leadership and initiative exercises, shooting (25m range) and a "Kegelbahn" competition; gliding was also available on Sunday afternoon — but at a price!

Visits were arranged to the Mohne Dam, the target of the "Dambusters" raid, to Fort Fun Abenteuerland, to Celle — a market town and family seat of our Hanoverian monarchs, and to Bergen Belsen, the memorial and documentation centre on the site of the former Nazi concentration and prisoner of war camp which is dedicated "To the children, women and men who were humiliated, tortured and murdered". Why an exhibition and a memorial to such horrific atrocities committed by the human race to fellow human beings? And why should we visit it forty-six years after its liberation? Simone Veil, a French woman who survived Belsen to become a politician wrote: "In our collective conscience we have to remember the lessons to be learned from these events: to ensure that never again should the mass murder of millions of people be possible . . . In order to ensure that events like these can never be repeated we have to understand why they could happen. We must never forget." Thus confirmation of the role of our service men and women world-wide today.

I.T.W.

SHOOTING NOTES



Bisley 1990. Full Bore Target Shooting
Individual Prizes and Awards

Name	Competition	Score	Poss.	Award
A. Cargill	The Ashburton	58.4	70	NRA Rifleman's Cert.
R. McGrath	The Ashburton	59.2	70	NRA Rifleman's Cert.
M. Mutch	The Ashburton	61.3	70	NRA Skilled Shot Badge
J. Stephens	The Ashburton	62.4	70	NRA Skilled Shot Badge
	The Malbrough Snap			Bronze Medal
C. McGrath	The Ashburton	63.2	70	NRA Skilled Shot Badge
	The Malbrough Snap			Bronze Medal
S. Nelthorpe	The Malbrough Snap			Bronze Medal

Public Schools Snapshooting

Q.V.S. Second equal

R. Coleman	46	50	Bronze Medal
M. Mutch	50	50	Bronze Medal High Score Silver Medal
J. Stephens	49	50	Bronze Medal
C. McGrath	48	50	Bronze Medal

Ashburton Day Team Scores

		300yds	500yds	Total	Possible
J. Law	The Reserve	39.1		39.1	50
A. Cargill	Cadet Pairs	28.2	30.2	58.4	70
K. Murray	Cadet Pairs	29.1	21.1	50.1	70
R. Coleman					
(Capt.)	(VIII)	28.1	31.0	59.1	70
M. Mutch					
(Vice Capt.)	(VIII)	31.2	30.1	61.3	70
R. McGrath		27.0	32.2	59.2	70
J. Stephens		30.0	32.4	62.4	70
C. McGrath		31.1	32.1	63.2	70
D. Whyte		27.1	25.0	52.1	70
M. Casey		24.0	27.0	51.0	70
S. Nelthorpe		26	29	55	70

Spenser Mellish. Two sighters, ten to count. 500 yds only.

M. Mutch	45.4	45.4	50
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Ashburton Day Team Scores and Positions

Competition	Score	Position	Previous Years Scores				
			1990	1989	1988	1987	1986
Pairs	108	33rd	—	112	115	103	103
Fours	—	—	—	222	213	188	185
VIII's	462	41st	—	460	508	478	389

Imperial Meeting, Bisley

M. Mutch — Sunday Aggregate, NRA Silver Medal; Daily Mail, Silver Medal Bor.; Alexandria, Silver Medal Bor.; Qualifier for the second stage of the Queens; Junior Aggregate; Third NRA Silver Tankard.

Small Bore Target Shooting

Selected Results:

Perthshire Small Bore Rifle Ass. Summer League

Division Three. 'A' Team. Aggregate. First.

Watsonians Open Rifle Meeting.

K. Murray. Class D. Third.

British Schools' Small Bore Rifle Ass. Winter League.

Division Three. First.

Team: K. Murray, J. Law, A. Cargill, S. Nelthorpe.

Masters and Instructors Trophy winner Mr Garden.

British Schools Home International Match, Scotland 'A' Team. M. Mutch.

British Schools National Team — Channel Isle Tour. M. Mutch (only Scot selected).

Territorial Army Indoor Postal Winter League. M. Mutch. Highest placed cadet. 9th in Britain.

Perthshire Open Indoor Meeting 1991. J. Law. Class D. First. Mr Garden. Pitcastle. Grandtully Cup.

Perthshire Small Bore Rifle Ass. Winter League. 1990/91. 'A' Team. Div. 2. Second place.

M. Mutch. F.K. Balfour Trophy. Highest individual junior. Strathcona Shield. Scottish Rifle Ass. .22 Competition. Q.V.S. First. Score 574.

Wavell House .177 Air Rifle Shooting

Congratulations to Christopher Murray on winning the H. Berry Memorial Trophy against fierce competition. Christopher's elder brother Keith is a fine shot and obviously Christopher is following in the same success.

Space precludes publishing the details of all the competition entered by the School. All this activity would not be possible without a dedicated team of skilled and enthusiastic coaches, Mr Garden, Mr Duthie and Mr Dippie.

I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Headmaster, Bursar and Wing Commander Williams for their continuing practical support and encouragement.

J.R.S.

Melvin Mutch — British Schools Small Bore Rifle Team



Melvin Mutch

This year I was selected to shoot for the British Schools Small Bore Rifle Team against the Channel Islands during Easter, 1991. This is a first for the school at this level of competition and quite a considerable achievement since the school has only been shooting competitively for six years. In fact, I was the only Scot in the team.

The tour was a most demanding but enjoyable experience and we shot against representative Channel Island teams both indoor and outside. The standard of shooting was very high, there were three under 21 National members and several Athlings in the British team.

I am pleased to report that I was the highest scoring indoor shot over the whole tour and overall I came second to Dave Boardman — a British under 21 shot.

I pay tribute to our School Coach, John Silcox who devotes much of his spare time to coach shooting at the School and hope that others in the school will follow in my footsteps. I would also express my thanks to the Headmaster and Bursar for their encouragement and support over the years.

M.M.

ATHLETICS, 1991

Although we may not have had the numbers participating this year, we made up for it in the quality of performance.

Robert Mackinnon after winning the under 15 title at the Scottish Schools was selected for the international team at 15-17 level. He also threw a Scottish Best for an under 15-year-old of 50.60 metres. As well as gaining the A. H. Dalrymple Trophy for the most outstanding throwing performance in the Scottish Schools Championship, he was awarded the J. D. Semple Memorial Award (a training grant) from the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association.

Stuart Cook and Andrew Casey ran very well all season gaining personal bests in races from 800m to 5000m. Stuart gained what he had wanted for many years — a Scottish Schools medal in the 5000m. Andrew ran well in the 3000m to gain 6th place.

Scottish Schools results:

017	S. Cook	3rd	5000m	15.44.4
	C. McGrath	1st	Hammer	30.26m
15-17	A. Casey	6th	3000m	9.25.0
	S. McLean	4th	Pole Vault	2.40m
	A. Wood	6th	Pole Vault	2.30m
	S. Gardner	1st	Hammer	39.04
14-15	I. Findlay	5th	Discus	27.42
	R. Mackinnon	1st	Hammer	45.94 (record)
	J. Law	3rd	Hammer	28.02
U14	W. Milne	1st	Hammer	23.78
	S. Millan	2nd	Hammer	18.32

RUGBY

1st XV



1st XV Rugby

Points					
Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
8	2	0	6	90	142

This season has been more successful than the results might seem to suggest, since in four of the six games that we lost, both teams were closely matched and the result could have gone either way. The closest and most enjoyable games we played this season were against Merchiston and Fettes, which saw the opposition pushed hard in both the scrum and line, with only weak tackling being the factor which let us down in

both instances. The two high points of the season were our now customary defeat of Lomond and win against Edinburgh Academy. Finally, I would firstly like to thank Mr Boast for the time he took in coaching the teams and secondly the boys whose enthusiasm on and off the pitch all made for an enjoyable season and I was proud to have been their captain.

M.S.

2nd XV

Points					
Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
8	2	0	6	98	100

Although the season started off with the first game being a defeat against Glenalmond, it proved to be an improvement from last year's record — we won 2 games. Out of the eight games played, most of the players seemed to be in agreement that the game against Rannoch was the most difficult. This was the team's best game so far; the scoreline didn't reflect the team's performance — we lost 4-0. The game against Lomond was the team's best chance to get every player on the scoresheet and the score, 76-6 in our favour didn't do any damage to our points difference. Overall, though, the season was an enjoyable one and the team gave for all the games a 100% effort. Thanks must go to Mr Boast and Mr Phillip for their great help in the training sessions.

C.M.H.

3rd YEAR XV

				Points		
	Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
'A' team	5	1	1	3	48	71
'B' team	4	2	0	2	34	38

The 'A' team had a somewhat disappointing season this year, and the 'B' team put in an average performance. Due to the loss of Mr Dow through injury, we did not have a full season of training, just warming up exercises. Similarly, the teams changed a lot due to injury, illness, or just failure to play well, but this did not stop Steven Nelthorpe or Paul Clark who were the highest scorers for the 'A' and 'B' teams. We had one game cancelled due to bad weather. I can only hope the next year we will have a full training season and more matches.

A.C.

2nd YEAR XV

				Points		
	Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
'A' team	6	4	0	2	108	82
'B' team	4	0	0	4	16	56

This year the 'A' team played with reasonable success as is shown in the figures in the table above. Our victories were mainly due to the speed of the backs which proved vital and our forwards who drove and ran well, which was another valuable asset. This season was the 'A' team's most successful year. The 'B' team put a great amount of effort and fought to the end, but it wasn't enough for them to have a victory unfortunately. Their opposition overpowered them with speed in most cases. Both teams and myself

would like to thank Mr Squires, Mr Dale and Mr Stewart for their professional assistance. I would also like to say it was a privilege to captain the 2nd Year 1st XV.

I.M.P.

1st YEAR XV

				Points	
	Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	For
'A' team	3	2	0	1	38
'B' team	1	0	0	1	0

The First Year were unfortunate this season in that many of their fixtures were cancelled, largely due to illness. But we think that our teams played well for their first season in the Senior School. The 'A' team improved in their game as the season progressed. The forwards led by John Nelson and Steven Marshall, made a great impact to the team with their strength, speed and ability to play the game. The backs also played well with a combination of James Scott, Alex Smith, John Leitch and Ian Logue who played well all season. The 'B' team played and practised and played hard rugby but also had many of their games cancelled. Roberts and Kennet led the team. The teams would probably not have been in such a good position if it had not been for the coaching of Mr Willman and Mr Borking, both of whom we thank.

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON



Cross Country Seniors

Normally the cross country report is an account of glittering prizes, but for various reasons our pot-hunting this year was not as fruitful as in previous seasons.

In September we kicked off as usual with the now customary short sharp shock treatment, namely the annual training weekend at Carlaw near Langholm. Fortified by Mr Boast's wholesome pancakes, the boys (along with Mr Laing and Mr Shannon) toured the Borders countryside à pied, and if that was not enjoyable enough we visited Carlisle, had a stone throwing competition at Maryport, and broke the long journey home with a Sabbath barbecue on the beach in the shadow of Bamburgh Castle.

The enthusiasm displayed during this weekend, however, proved to be ephemeral. A number of boys opted out, some for good and others when it suited

them. Injuries, bad luck and 'the bug' also had a major effect, especially towards the end of the season, and the big races in particular. The 'bad luck' came in the form of a small stone which shattered the minibus windscreen on the way to Dumfries. The rest of that particular Sunday was spent somewhere on the side of the A74 waiting for the arrival of our replacement window.

In the first part of the season Andrew Casey, Paul Taylor and John Leitch had good runs at Aberdeen and Falkirk resulting in their selection for the East of Scotland team. Andrew was subsequently selected to run for this team in the Inter-Counties race at Leicester. At Aberdeen the Junior Boys team of Paul Taylor, John Leitch and Alex Smith was second, and the Colts team of Alistair Mackinnon, James Speirs and Craig Kintrae took third place.

The latter part of the season brought little success in terms of medals, but there were some good individual performances. We went back to Aberdeen for the East District Championships where Paul Taylor in sixth place led our Junior Boys team to a fourth place. Andrew Casey took fourth place in the Youths race. The National Championships at Dundee coincided with the school's flu epidemic and of the two boys we took, one dropped out of the race and the other did not even manage to toe the starting line being engaged in answering a very inconvenient call of nature as the starter fired his gun.

A slightly larger number of runners took part in the Scottish Schools at Irvine, but the results were very disappointing. Andrew Casey kept up his run of good performances in finishing fourth in the Over-17 age group and Scott Kintrae who never missed a training session all winter had his best run, finishing 18th in the Under-15s. Our only team result was 18th in the Under-14 age group.

We were again invited to the St Aloysius road relay and finished 11th. The team in running order was Andrew Casey, Steven Boyne, Paul Taylor, Scott Kintrae, Alex Smith and James Spiers.

INTER-HOUSE RESULTS

U-14	U-15	O-15	Haig
9.52.2	11.26	17.20	15.27.1
1. J. Leitch(C)	1. P. Taylor(T)	1. G. Whyte(C)	1. A. Casey
2. J. Speirs(C)	2. S. Kintrae(T)	2. C. Wilson(T)	2. C. Wood
3. S. Marshall(C)	3. J. Wilson(T)	3. M. Coulthard(C)	3. K. McIntosh

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Despite being undoubtedly the favourite sport of a majority of the pupils, this as yet remains the poor relation to other less well populated but better funded, more adequately staffed minority sports. Whatever the reasons for this and the varying opinions of the validity or otherwise of these reasons, 'fitba' remains an avidly pursued sport in boys' spare time. This year Haig House have managed to fit in around their other commitments a number of matches against other independent schools, some good play being displayed

by all sides even if, in some cases, known by the alien English title of 'soccah'. It is pleasing to relate that to date of writing, 'fitba' has yet to lose a match to 'soccah'! It is good to see football developing well. Keep the ball moving now!

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

In order to keep pace with changing fashions in fiction and other popular reads, the library regularly researches its reader requirements. The paperback experiment, started two years ago, has been discontinued: all paperbacks are now given a hard cover to provide a longer shelf life and to help them withstand the rigours of modern schoolboy use. There is no doubt that a more intensive use of the library materials has developed during the last five years in conjunction with the changes in syllabi. For senior boys, the library has become the natural place in which to do "prep".

Over Easter the library furniture was revamped and as a result the quality feel maintained — an important matter as the library hosts many meetings. On a wider front, good contacts have been maintained with most of Scotland's major libraries and a keen eye kept on electronic developments and the use of data bases. Books from QVS have even found their way to the National Lending Library for Scotland.

Finally, a farewell — with many thanks — to Mr R. Brown who retires before the next School Magazine comes out. His patient and enthusiastic support for the library has been most marked and we all wish him well for the future.

B.W.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are pleased to report that Community Service in Dunblane, as differentiated from Community Service Swimming for the Disabled as carried out by older boys in Stirling, began again in October of last year. It was done by S3 boys and it has to be said, as a compliment to them, that they took part with enthusiasm, goodwill and obvious success with the old folk.

Houses were visited regularly each Monday evening. Going to Dunblane Nursing Home were Kenneth Crease and William Duffus, sometimes helped by Andrew Riddel — they served meals, helped feed, washed dishes, talked — and kept getting boxes of chocolates given to them! The other groups went to Aultwharrie and Ardnablane, the Masonic Homes: Iain Mackay, Martin Coulthard and sometimes Andrew Riddel and Peter Kennedy and Robert Monteith had regular fixtures at the snooker table with their veteran opponents, and yet found time to talk to the ladies too.

It was good to see this kind of rapport established in the community, and good to see what young 'Queeves' can do and how much they benefited from the doing it.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: SENIORS

(An article explaining what Community Service is all about — by David McGuire)

Thursday, 26th October, 1989 — the date may be wrong but it was on a Thursday about this time that we arrived at Stirling's Rainbow Slides Leisure Centre for the first time. Inside to greet us were a group of mentally and physically handicapped people eager to be given experience in swimming for about an hour each week.

I was representing Queen Victoria School along with 15 other boys in this activity; the aim of which for me anyway was to complete the service section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

And so it started. Iain MacLellan and myself were teamed up with a young man named Kenny who, unfortunately for him, was wheelchair-bound. This, however, did not curtail his enjoyment of the evening and many others to follow. The atmosphere at first seemed strange, but we soon became accustomed to the unusual noises being emitted by some people. On the whole, however, the swimming activity became very rewarding for them and for us.

The time spent with Kenny in the pool was a very educational one and with the aid of a rubber ring, he was even seen to be beating us in lengths of the pool. Could this be a lesson to us all?

The experience proved to be even more rewarding when, at the end of the Session, Iain and I were awarded the Community Service Swimming Trophy. This was a joint presentation which was performed during the 1990 Grand Day Rehearsal. I was also blessed with a good Report in my Duke of Edinburgh Handbook, although one or two sections still need to be passed.

By the end of the Session and the Presentation, I truly realise what a rewarding experience I've had over the year. I think it has a real value to the community and is one that I would strongly recommend to anyone. It not only gives the person doing the service self satisfaction and teaches them a lot about people, but the people on the receiving end are and were in my case truly grateful.

D.M.

FIRST AID

Each year a group of boys are fortunate enough in the School to take the Junior First Aid Certificate by following a course run by the Red Cross and funded by the School. This year 18 boys did this course, all passed and Paul Lapsley and Iain Mackay were commended and Andrew Moffat passed the Proficiency Badge.

Calum Redpath gained the Adult Certificate — something other boys should seriously consider doing.

LIFE SAVING

Ten members of Haig House undertook a course of preparation for the Royal Life Saving Society's Bronze

Medallion examinations. The course took place in the school pool over the second term with the exams in the summer term. Six out of ten have passed to date of writing and it is anticipated that the remainder will pass once they have done some further stamina work. We are indebted to the R.L.S.S. staff of the area, especially Mr Jim Hay, who coached the group, and Mrs Meldrum, the Area Organiser and examiner.

CANOEING

This session, almost thirty members of Haig House were coached in the school pool over the winter months. The range of skills varied from the basics of paddle technique, including consideration of the fundamental laws of physics which are used to aid the canoeist — e.g. the principle of levers — through the more advanced skills of using the paddle as a rudder or a support, and finally to the rescue procedures. The latter include being able to swim to a bank with the canoeist still keeping himself inside his sealed canoe, or Eskimo Rescue (where the canoeist flicks himself upright using the bow of another canoe, or any other floating item), or the ultimate of Eskimo Rolling with and without paddles. Approximately half this year's group reached the stage of successful rolling, the remainder all coming along well according to their ability and confidence on and under the water. Now that summer term has arrived, whitewater canoeing on a variety of rivers has started for the more advanced canoeists and in this area we are most thankful to Mr D. Walsh and Mr G. Cuthbert of the Argyll Centre in Stirling for their expert and highly qualified assistance. Ten boys will also be taking part in a two day whitewater course immediately following Grand Day. For the less advanced canoeists seeking to build their confidence, loch outings and at least one seashore outing take place. With our new batch of canoes and matching safety gear, this is becoming a flourishing sport.

HILLWALKING — 1990/91

Over the past couple of years, priority has been given to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, through which I have had some successful and some not so successful expeditions, including an Ochils walk during March 1990 when we were "visited" by an RAF Rescue Helicopter!

Outwith the Scheme, I recently had the pleasure of organising, leading and participating in a Munros Marathon in the Glencoe area for the Sports Hall Appeal Fund. Mr Shannon drove the minibus and co-ordinated the equipment and food, while his wife helped produce some culinary delights — some of which were too good to keep down! The 6 other boys, chosen by me and Mr Shannon, were Iain Mackay, Stephen MacBrearty, Keith Forrest, Stuart Ford, Matthew Wight and last minute volunteer/"victim", Brian Sherwood.

The format consisted of an overnight camp in the Lost Valley, well known as a hidden mountain sanctuary and also because our highest summit could



not be seen from there. On Sunday, 23 September, the main hill walk was done; the challenge being to complete as many summits as possible:—

Stob Coire nam Lochan (11115m);

Stob Coire nam Beith (1107m);

Stob Coire Sgreamhach (1070m);

and Bidean nam Bian (1150m)

although the route enforced a second visit to the latter peak.

We arrived back at QVS at 10 p.m. on Sunday night with only minor blisters. A total of £175 was raised by the group for the Appeal. Many thanks go to all those who made the trip a success, especially Mr Shannon, without whose help, organising the trip would be IMPOSSIBLE!

During the Summer Term, 20 boys (a record number) will have the privilege of taking part in Expedition Ben Nevis, which I hope, will be even more successful.

Our thanks again to all who take part and have encouraged us.

D.M.

CURLING

Over the Christmas and Easter Terms, some 24 boys have volunteered to spend their "free" time on Thursday afternoons at Stirling Ice Rink with the 2 "Ice-men" on the permanent staff who are usually available to coach young Curlers. The boys were quick to find their feet on the ice but soon realised that delivering a stone properly demanded considerable co-ordination of mind and body. The Curler, whilst sliding himself, must release the stone at a suitable speed in the right direction *and* with the correct "handle" to make it curl in or out as required. This inevitably led to some frustration initially, but, with practice, many experienced the pleasant feeling of seeing their stone doing what was asked. Like experienced Curlers they took full credit for the successful shots (intended or not), whilst finding some excuse for the bad ones. All seemed to agree that it was good fun trying and they were grateful to Mr Paterson for taking them each time.

KARATE/JUDO HOBBY, 1990-91

The 1990-91 session saw the introduction of a combined Martial Arts Hobby — joining the two disciplines of Judo and Karate. This gives a most effective form of self-defence and was certainly very well received by the boys. This development is encouraged by the Scottish Shotokan Karate Centres whose Chief Instructor is Sensei Ronnie Watt 5th Dan.

Sensei Watt conducted the grading examination last year for the boys, together with Sensei Dave MacDonald, a double Dan grade in both Judo and Karate.

The combining of Martial Arts not only produces a very effective self-defence system, but also broadens the Budoka's (Martial Arts student's) knowledge and understanding of other Martial Arts. This means that the boys will be better prepared for choosing a Martial Art that suits them, should they wish to do so, once they leave school. Regardless of the Martial Art being studied, the emphasis as always, is on the development of character, respect for others, self discipline and dedication — and *not* on learning fancy techniques to transform boys into fighting machines.

This year the boys were also treated to a display of kendo sword fighting, featuring the husband and wife Samurais "Les and Liz" who did the biz — for an enraptured audience.

Lesley and Elizabeth Wallace had a difficult task in escaping the boys' questions, that followed their dazzling display of Japanese swordplay and the ensuing standing ovation.

Such was the enthusiasm amongst the boys at seeing Samurai warriors in full battle regalia, that Lesley and Elizabeth will be returning to offer basic instruction to the boys. The swords are bamboo, of course, and not steel, and Elizabeth assured us that the armour gives her full protection and that her blood-curdling scream was to generate the fighting spirit and not a cry of pain! I don't know if this held true for Lesley, as his wife whacked him over the head for the 20th time that night.

Meanwhile the boys keep training away hard, with a Monday night session this term, for boys and staff.

Unfortunately, the next national Karate grading is on the 22nd June — 3 days after Grand Day — but we will arrange a grading examination for the boys as soon as we can next session.

Plans for next session also include school competitions, national events, more displays, the introduction of Merit Badges and the formation of a school display team — not to mention the constant hard effort involved in training towards the BLACK BELT.

Sensei Iain Dow, 3rd Dan
Sensei Graeme Beattie

BOYS' JUNIOR SQUASH HOBBY

Although a minority interest at this level, Squash has remained quite popular as a hobby this year. In the Junior Section, we use a mixture of coaching and play to work on basic technique and court awareness.

Those stalwarts that brave the low court temperatures of the winter period have shown a marked improvement over the season.

D.S.

JUNIOR BADMINTON

Junior Badminton is specifically for boys in S1 and S3 and is held on Monday and Tuesday evenings during the winter. The boys taking part seem to enjoy this hobby and there was some exciting and fairly skilful play. We look forward to the building of the Sports Hall, as the present facilities are far from ideal. Meanwhile my thanks to all who participated.

C.J.N.W.

INDOOR BOWLING

This Hobby met 4 times a week throughout the winter and we were delighted to be provided with yet another set of indoor bowls. The problem, nevertheless, this year, was that we had too many boys in the hobby to be able to fit people from different nights into a specific day for competitions. Even with Saturday morning sessions, it didn't just work out. We will have to try and arrange things better for next year or have less boys in the hobby. Indoor bowling is a popular hobby. Many of the boys show an aptitude for bowling and would enjoy green bowling in the summer outside. I would urge them to try and play on their home greens in the morning in the holidays when club members would be happy to give them coaching.

J.M.H.

FLY TYING

The Fly Tying Hobby has met on Thursday evenings throughout the winter with the aim of sowing seeds of interest in a skill which can be both satisfying and financially rewarding. By the end of the Easter Term all participants were able to tie the basic knots and produce a wide range of flies, from the small wet fly to the large tube fly; whether or not they will subsequently catch fish will be the subject of different skills and of course the mood of the fish, the level of the water, state of the moon or any one of more of a number of piscatorial excuses.

DRY SKI-ING HOBBY

In September we entered two teams in the Racing League at Fir Park Ski Centre, Tillicoultry. This consisted of teams of six racing a parallel slalom followed by a relay.

The first league was for experienced skiers and boys were racing against the best in Scotland. The teams raced each other twice over the six weeks and we ended up in sixth place.

The second league was for novice skiers and we finished a creditable fourth place. Altogether 48 boys from the School took part.

We also booked Fir Park for eight weeks for ski lessons in which 54 boys attended.

After Christmas we went to Hillend Ski Centre, Edinburgh on Thursdays for lessons. Throughout the term 56 boys attended.

M.J.B.

1991 SENIOR SCHOOL SKI TRIP

At the last minute our Ski trip to Crans Montana, Switzerland was cancelled due to the collapse of the International Leisure Group. Thanks to the very quick thinking of Ski-Bound, (our 1992 Tour Operator), we were offered Risoul in France.

On 15th March we left for Gatwick at 10.30 p.m. in a Wilsons of Carnwarth coach. The flight was only slightly delayed and we arrived at Lyons airport in beautiful sunny weather. The transfer to Risoul through Grenoble and Gap took 6½ hours and involved several climbs through some lovely scenery.

The skiing at Risoul was very good because at a resort height of 1850m we were assured of snow. The pistes were long, wide and varied and our ski pass covered Vars in the next valley. Instruction by the French Ski School was excellent and we all gained much from our two-hour daily lessons.

Accommodation was in almost new apartments on the ski slopes. We ate in the restaurant below and although a little crowded at times, the food was good.

In the evenings, there were the usual entertainments, tobogganing, pancakes, treasure hunt, television or just going into the centre of Risoul, which was only two minutes walk away.

The week passed very quickly and we had to leave at 4.00 a.m. for the airport. When we arrived at Gatwick we got a shock as there was no coach to meet us. A few telephone calls and four hours later we were on our way back to school arriving at 1.30 a.m. on 23rd March.

Party: A. Cargill, M. Donald, I. Findlay, S. Ford, G. Greenhowe, J. Leitch, I. Logue, D. McDade, D. McNulty, P. Mitchell, I. Orr, R. Monteith, M. Murray, B. Ramsay, R. Swan, C. Urquhart, R. Veitch, D. Wilson, M. Wilson, J. Witkowski.

Staff: Mr D. Garden, Mr M. J. Boast.

POTTERY HOBBY

This hobby attempts to introduce pupils to the basic techniques of pinching, coiling, throwing and slab work. This year, we had a mixture of beginners and more experienced potters, with some good ware being produced in both categories.

D.S.

ART

The art hobby took place on Tuesday and Friday evenings throughout the winter months. A dozen or so boys attended and produced work varying from scraper board to ceramics. Due to a necessary change of nights the number of boys attending was somewhat down on previous years due to the commitment of several boys to other hobbies and pipe band, etc.

M.S.

CAMERA CLUB

This session, photography has been run by Mr Dale, an enthusiastic and knowledgeable photographer, who has made it both enjoyable and informative. At first we persevered with small simple cameras which were able to completely destroy any composition with their offset viewfinder and fixed lenses; but then the School bought 3 Zenith SLRs. These new cameras allow us to capture pictures which are in focus, properly composed and framed.

Hopefully, this Hobby will continue in the School so that future pupils can enjoy this pastime and go on to develop their skills.

J.B./J.H.

FILM HOBBY

This year the hobby concentrated on science fiction and western films. The science fiction films were introduced by a documentary on the history of this genre, and we were also able to view 2 films which combined science fiction and the western — "West-world" and "Outlands". Woody Allen's satire on sci-fi films, "Sleeper", was enjoyed by all, but perhaps the most popular film was unconnected with the main concerns of this year's hobby and that was "My Life As A Dog", a Swedish film with a boy hero, which recreated the world of the Fifties.

M.G.K.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The School continues to foster this valuable asset in communication and self-confidence and this year we have pursued Public Speaking at several levels and ages: it was well time that debating came back as part of our cultural timetable, and no better way to do that than to introduce it early in secondary years.

However, our Senior Teams deserve first mention. The ESU Public Speaking Competition, with its lure of foreign travel as its glittering prize, tempted forward our team of Calum Redpath, Speaker; Stuart Hunter, Chairman; and James Law and Robert Mackinnon as Voters of Thanks. Having reached the National Finals 2 years running and being runners-up last year, the team aimed high but were unfortunately knocked out in the semi-finals (and we agreed reluctantly in our hearts with the judges). Calum as main Speaker, was always impressive, engaging and voluble: his subjects varied: "Not learning from our mistakes", "Misperk — the power of the spoken word", "Double Standards", and "Hypocritical or Hypercritical". When Calum had his speeches cut to size, he was an impressive speaker and one of the best in the competition. Stuart Hunter was seen as a 'find' as Chairman; he was scrupulous in preparation and presentation, and, with the increased confidence that he has already shown, will be a strong asset to the Team next session. The Team were very grateful to Robert Mackinnon for acting as Voter of Thanks in the early rounds; Robert spoke cheerfully in public and with loyalty in his heart to the team. In the later rounds, the Votes of Thanks were

given by James Law who has much potential and can speak fluently.

The other senior Team took part in the United Nations Speech Making Contest. The Team were Melvin Mutch, as Chairman; David Kay and Alexander Cook as Speakers. This is no competition for wafflers, and the research required is considerable. The Team were well informed and confident in both rounds, speaking on "Aid to the Third World" and "Nuclear Safety". They were Reserve Team for the Final and showed themselves as 3 very competent speakers.

Lastly, the Public Speaking hobby met each Wednesday, largely with boys from S3. They took part (perhaps with low profile) in the Courier Debating Competition and organised a very successful debate at QVS for 5 Central Region schools on "This House believes that technology has not benefited mankind".

In all, Public Speaking was pursued this Session with enthusiasm, a lively manner, and a considerable degree of success.

THE ELECTRONICS HOBBY

The Electronics Hobby is designed to be enjoyable and informative. It is one of those fascinating hobbies that links directly with the school Science curriculum and career prospects.

A variety of activities are provided where boys have the means and guidance to build a selection of circuits that cover the basic principles of Electronics. Projects, from a simple game to a useful kitchen device such as an egg timer, can be designed and built.

Enterprise schemes linked with ideas and ingenuity, are encouraged, from the simple to the more complex forms using chip technology. Example, The QV Electro-level; cup for a blind person or 'bath-full' indicator; electronic locks and other Digital devices.

Some of the ideas and work of the boys will be displayed on Grand day and other occasions.

G.K.

COMPUTER HOBBY

If your level of computer literacy doesn't even extend this far, there's still hope for you in our scintillating 60-minute Computer Hobby sessions which continue by popular demand with the same long-established tradition of games . . . games . . . and more games!

Such staid stalwarts as *Revs* and even *Stock Car* continue to prove popular against relatively 'flash' and aggressive newcomers such as *Barbarian* and *The Last Ninja*. Against this background, our acquisition of the long-awaited Archimedes A440-equivalent machine with its 4 Mb RAM and stereo sound monitor

ushers in the new era of RISCOS computing and an added dimension of reality through the medium of sophisticated 32-bit software with digitised Sound-Trackers. It is rapidly becoming evident that in spite of the new influx of software our current 8-bit hardware is in practical terms nearing the end of its useful life, with keyboard faults currently developing exponentially. On the other hand, to somewhat offset this picture of doom and gloom, I am happy to be able to announce that our newly created Computing Department has very recently acquired an Inkjet Colour Printer which should at last allow us to output picture-quality colour graphics from paint and drawing application packages running on either our existing Master 128s or their (Archimedes) replacements, now officially expected next year. Come what may, Archimedes, Agency Status or Angst, you can bet your bottom dollar that 10 years from now there will still be thriving Computer Hobby sessions at QVS.

DK

SCRIPTURE UNION HOBBY



Unfortunately, our activities were somewhat curtailed this winter, due to the flu and tonsillitis epidemic but we did manage to present a Nativity Play again which, as quite a novelty, had the School Sgt Major's daughter, Catriona, taking the part of Mary. This not only eliminated the usual fisticuffs which invariably ensued when a tormented boy had to play the part . . . but also ensured maximum attendances at all rehearsals! Happily — it all went right on the night — as they say.

We held only one money-raising event, ourself; a Beetle drive, but helped where possible with other "efforts".

We shall be sorry to lose David McGuire, who has been a most loyal and hardworking member, when he leaves School this Summer. We wish him every happiness and success in his adult working life and hope he will continue to grow in his inner life, began at SU, here at School.

Wavell House



WAVELL HOUSE

Forty pupils will "graduate" this year to either Cunningham or Trenchard House after completing their primary education. Some will have spent 3 years, most of them 2, and a few one year or less preparing for Senior School. For all, Wavell has been their home and the change will be a "watershed". At the start of the new Session, some will look back to their Junior days with nostalgia, but soon new routines and interests will take over and they will quickly become fully integrated with Senior life.

Wavell is a preparation for the upper school, but it is also a time of crazes, activity, emotion and discovery — a time when life should be enjoyed thoroughly and in the company of others with who lasting friendships are made. Life at boarding school need never be lonely, there is always someone to play with, talk with, argue with and even scrap with! Together with the routines, classwork, games, etc., this crowded life makes the weeks slip by, until, probably sooner than anticipated, the first stage of school life is completed.

Those remaining will no longer be "rookies" and will in their turn, assist the new boys in the process of integration with the School. There is a lot to learn — daily routines, bugle calls, idiosyncracies of teachers and staff and new terms like "hunks", "swat", "gundies" and so forth. Some will learn that having responsibilities can bring problems and most will

come to learn that facing up to difficulties is the only way forward.

The successful running of this foundation stage of the school depends upon the commitment, hard work and humour of staff, combined with the assistance and co-operation of all the other involved elements of the school. I am certain that these combined efforts are appreciated by pupils and their families — they most certainly are by me.

H.B.

WAVELL RUGBY



The game of rugby union continues to flourish in the junior school and is progressing steadily. Despite the weather and influenza playing havoc with the latter

end of the season, this year's squad proved themselves worthy players.

Games were played against Heriots, Watsons, Stewarts/Melville, Glasgow Academy, Kelvinside Academy and Dundee High School among others. Some results were favourable whilst others not so favourable. The young boys find consistency in their play the hardest thing to come by. Greater levels of concentration is a pre-requisite for going some way to achieving this and realising that a team's performance is quite often a result of how the opposition allows you to play. Thus, by playing equally well, a handsome victory one week may be followed by a sound thumping the next simply because of the difference in quality of the opposition. Thus the ability to judge the relative standards of other teams is one quality of decision making that will be focussed on in the coming season.

Talking of which brings me to an important change in the structure of junior rugby which has been introduced by the Scottish Rugby Union for season 1991/92. The underlying philosophy is to try to make the game more open and free running thereby making it more attractive for youngsters. The means of achieving this are many fold amongst which some of the changes are, no flankers at U/12 age group and no back row at U/11. Also kicking will be more restricted and line-outs will have some additional restrictions. Only time will tell if the experiment is going to be successful or not, but it will entail coaches and referees re-assessing their roles and knowledge of the laws of the game — and that can't be a bad thing.

G.C.

WAVELL CROSS COUNTRY

During spring this year the weather varied from pleasant, mild, dry February mornings to windy, wet, freezing March afternoons and the junior cross country runners had to cope with it! In so doing they enhanced their experience and ability.

The inter-dormitory championships were run on March 5th in pleasant conditions. Forty of the eighty boys in Wavell participated and in the Under 11 group Peter O'Donnell was the champion with James Martin as runner-up. In the Under 12½ group Kyle Macfarlane was champion and Aaron Kirkwood was runner-up. The competition was won by Hopetoun.

Results: 1st Hopetoun; 2nd Baird; 3rd Moore; 4th Lynedoch; 5th Abercromby.

On March 8th the annual Wavell Invitation Inter-Schools Cross Country Championship was held. We had our best ever response to invitations for many years with teams from Heriots, Kelvinside Academy, Stewarts/Melville, Dollar Academy, Glasgow Academy and Hutchesons Grammar taking part. It was a tough, competitive field — and it poured and blew a gale! Despite this all the competitors finished in remarkably high spirits, given the conditions. The results are as follows and as can be seen, for the first time for a number of years Wavell (QVS) failed to lift any of the trophies — the opposition must have been good!

U/11	U/12	U/13
1st Dollar Academy	Kelvinside Academy	Hutchesons Grammar
2nd Stewarts/Melville	Dollar Academy	Stewarts/Melville
3rd QVS	Glasgow Academy	Kelvinside Academy
4th Hutchesons	QVS	Dollar Academy
5th Glasgow Academy	Stewarts/Melville	QVS
6th Kelvinside Academy	Hutchesons Grammar	Glasgow Academy
7th Geo. Heriots	Geo. Heriots	Geo. Heriots

G.C.

WAVELL SWIMMING

The inter-dormitory gala was held in early February and was contested ferociously by all who were competing. With one relay event to go Baird and Abercromby were level — everything hinged on the last event. Baird took it and won the contest amid cheers from their supporters.

The under 11 champion was Mark Harris with Andrew Boyle as runner-up. The under 12½ champion was Andrew Paisley with Kyle Macfarlane as runner-up.

Gala results: 1st Baird; 2nd Abercromby; 3rd Lynedoch; 4th Hopetoun; 5th Moore.

The following week the annual inter-schools gala took place between QVS, Glasgow High School and George Heriot's School. This is always a popular event in the calendar partly because of the standard of competition and partly because of the friendly, sporting attitudes of all the competitors.

Glasgow High won it again — I think they've only lost the championship once in the 14 years of its existence. Heriot's were second and QVS third.

G.C.

WAVELL TABLE TENNIS

The annual knockout competition was held throughout January. Once all the preliminary rounds were completed each dormitory produced a champion. They were for Abercromby, Andrew Paisley; Baird, Richard Givens; Hopetoun, Colin Murphy; Lynedoch, Ross Seaton; and Moore, Paul Kane.

After the initial matches Colin Murphy and Ross Seaton reached the final. Ross was too good for Colin who could not answer the strong forehand top spin of the eventual champion. Ross Seaton won the championship comfortably by beating Colin 2 matches to love to become Wavell House Table Tennis Champion.

G.C.

WAVELL FOOTBALL

Throughout the year Wavell football team have been preparing for the season with indoor five-a-side. With the assistance of Matthew Smith (Archie Knox of QV) we ran a five-a-side league and Wavell Football Association Cup (WFA). The competitiveness of the boys was as fierce as any Premier Division club, but, with better skill!! New stars were found from Wavell's new arrivals. And much to the annoyance of some second years, these rookies ousted them from their first team place. The team names of the WFA League reflected the seriousness of the Wavell boys: Baby

Bouncers, Untouchables, Barbarians, Potentially Dangerous and the Dolphins.

The WFA cup and medals were sought after mementos of the season, and, many a tear was shed by the losing team. However, football is a strange game and throws up many surprises. For instance, who would have thought that the bottom of the league, Potentially Dangerous would win the cup! The league was won by the Dolphins! Congratulations to both teams.

With the summer term comes the expectation of lighter evenings, prep off and football. Due to the excellent work of Mr Carroll in organising a superb fixture list the Wavell 1st XI had 'goals' to aim for.

One of the boys' favourite matches is that against Ralston away. This is due to the footballing prowess of Ralston; the swim in the leisure pool; and the meal at the Old Mill Hotel in Paisley. I would like to thank Mr Alan MacLean of Ralston Primary School for making this a memorable day out. On a personal note I wish Mr MacLean all the best in his new school in Kilmalcolm, and, perhaps we will have a new fixture next year.

It was Oscar Wilde who said, "Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes". We gained a lot of "experience" playing Ralston. We opened the Ralston match with a beautiful goal by Craig Kintrae, who tapped the ball over the keeper's head in the early minutes of the game. However, the team sat back which gave Ross Seaton (our goalkeeper) a great deal of practice at lifting the ball out of the back of our net. In fact seven occasions to be precise. Ralston have always been difficult to beat at home. We hope to show the Paisley team that we have learned from our "experience".

The signs are looking good; we won 7-2 against Auchterarder and 4-2 against Kilbarchan; both of these matches were away games. We have four matches left to play, a five-a-side dorm competition and the Nike five-a-side tournament held at Stirling University. The football scene in Wavell is very healthy with lots of enthusiasm from the boys. However, not much more than enthusiasm would be achieved if it wasn't for the efforts of Mr Carroll in organising, bussing the boys, and refereeing. I'd also like to thank Mr Philip for taking the boys to Paisley for the Kilbarchan match. Lastly, a special mention must go to assistant coach Matthew Smith (6th form), who accompanied me to the Ralston matches and suffered the realisation that your job is finished when the game starts; you can only watch, shout, substitute and in one case mutter under one's breath. Thanks again for all your help, expertise and above all time.

The 1st XI team has been selected from the following squad of boys: R. Seaton, A. McKinnon, P. O'Donnell, P. Kane (capt.), S. H. Murray, C. Donnelly, A. Kirkwood, P. Ferguson, J. Martin, C. Kintrae, L. Hughes, A. Denholm, R. Givens, M. Logue, C. Murphy, S. Connelly and the 2nd XI team were an able opposition for our team practices — thank you boys!

G.B.

WAVELL SKI TRIP, EASTER, 1991

This year's ski trip very nearly didn't happen. Unexpectedly, the newspapers, TV and radio announced the collapse of ILG, the tour operators we were booked with were members of this group. The senior school ski trip was in the same predicament as ourselves with less than a week to go to our trip, total chaos reigned and we were left wondering whether the trip was to take place at all. Fortunately, a company called Ski-Round stepped in to rescue the situation and organise a joint Senior and Wavell Trip to Risoul in the French Alps. We had only two days to alter travel arrangements and inform parents of the changes. But it was all worth it!

Risoul as a ski-ing resort was superb. The term doorstep ski-ing was certainly applicable here, where the apartments and restaurant were virtually on the slope. The boys who were mainly beginners started tentatively on the nursery slope, but by the end of the week were ski-ing with their instructors from the top of the mountain! The ski-ing conditions have been the best I have ever experienced, with one blue run that seemed never ending. The boys' only complaint was that the food was worse than the school's and I think Mrs Carroll would agree with these comments. French food certainly doesn't compare to hamburger and chips!!

Looking back on this trip, it has been the most adventurous with the uncertainty of where we were going to end up in the first place, and on our return to Gatwick to find that there was no coach to pick us up. Upon phoning the coach company in Scotland, their comment was, "We thought you were returning next week!!" Anyway, we got home eventually (23 hours after leaving the resort) but these slight hiccups only add to the memories — "Oh, I remember Easter, 1991 well . . ."

Thanks go to Mr Carroll and his wife Maureen for all their assistance before and during the trip. Also to Mr Garden and senior boys who helped to make this trip an extremely enjoyable one!

G.B.

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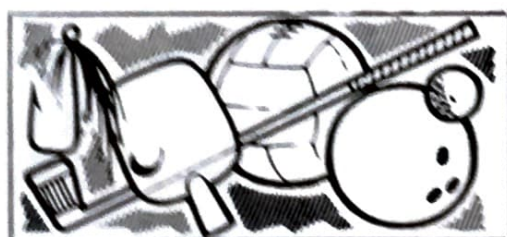
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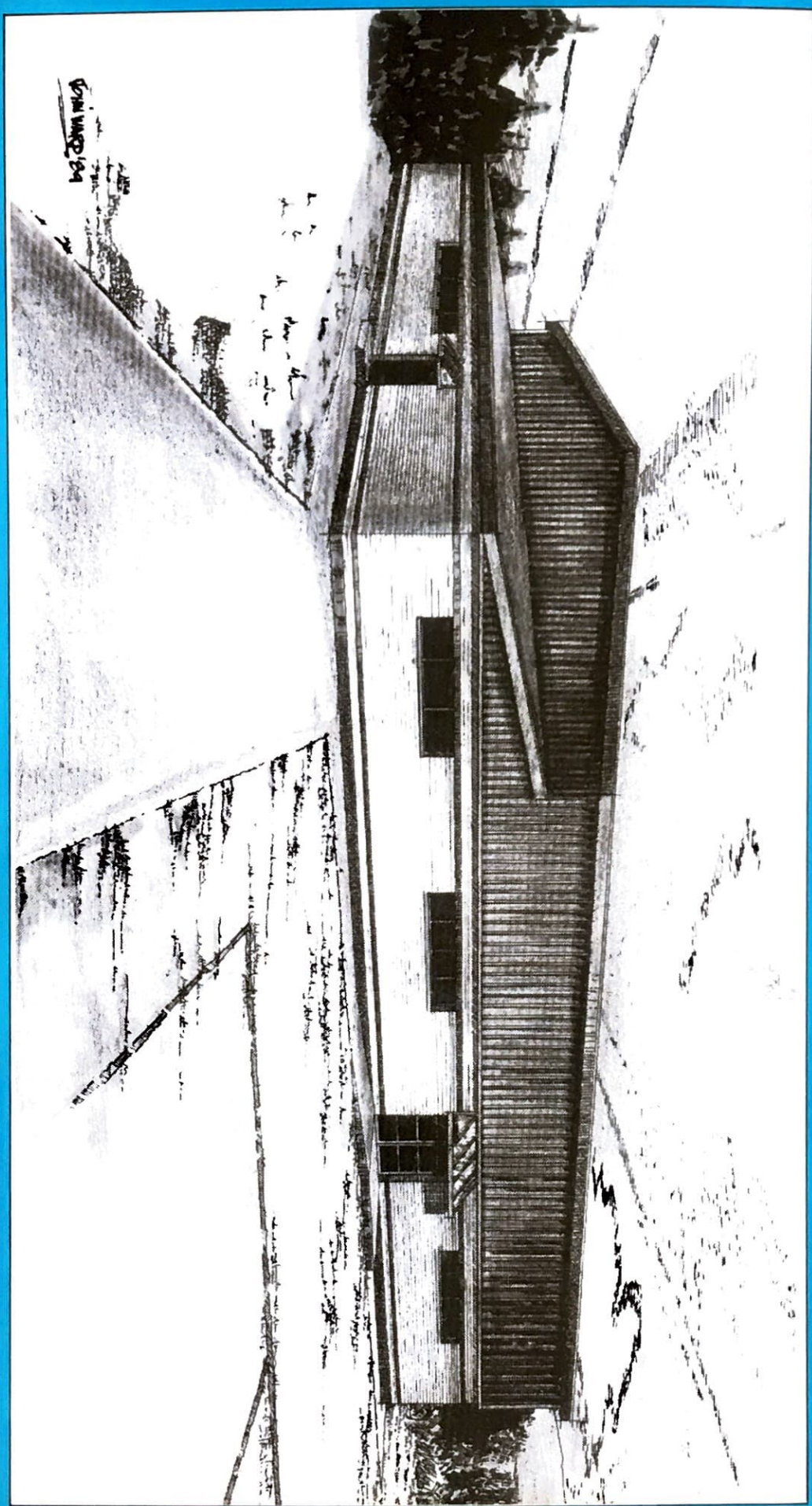
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