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Headmaster's Notes

The Session 1991-1992 has, without doubt, been a momentous one for Queen Victoria School. It has been a year which marked the School's change of status to that of Executive Agency, a major step in the development of the School. It has also been a year when the School as an institution and community suffered the traumatic effects of allegations of systematic bullying made by a former member of Staff, most especially because of the manner in which those allegations were made and then reported in the national media.

The fact that since then an extremely thorough investigation by the police and Procurator Fiscal's Office has cleared our reputation of such allegations is something none of us doubted, but nevertheless welcomed. In the early part of the Spring Term, the School had an HMI Inspection concentrating on the pastoral care and supervision of the pupils. Their Report stated, "There was no evidence of widespread, systematic bullying in the School, some incidents had occurred and most of these had been dealt with appropriately" and "the behaviour of the vast majority of the boys was normal and satisfactory". Nevertheless, the Report also focused on those areas of care and supervision which should be improved. As a result, the Commissioners and the School have responded positively to the HMI Recommendations with new provisions and policies for completed implementation at the start of this September Term. The Report then has had a salutary effect, providing impetus and opportunity further to improve our provision for boys' welfare and well-being. Equally, it is important to state too, that the School Staff,

either as Housemasters, House Staff, or other members of the School Staff, have always shown enormous dedication and concern for the boys, providing them not only with their individual care, but with so much in the way of hobbies, activities and organisations. When boys leave QVS and I am asked to write a reference for them, I am nearly always impressed by how much I can record that they have participated in, qualified in and contributed to. Readers of those references and the boys themselves will recognise "a good start in life", as do the parents, who have continued to support the School. Finally, in fairness to the older boys of the School, I wish to quote what Mr Philip, their Housemaster, has written concerning the allegations: "No one denied that there had been a small number of misjudgements about how to behave between younger pupils and older pupils, faults not being only in the one direction. Such incidents had not gone unnoticed or unattended to. Each incident had been investigated thoroughly and fairly, fact and fiction carefully separated, causes examined, action taken, clear-cut sound advice and warnings administered, and the matters appropriately and meticulously documented. Meantime, if anyone has any doubts about Haig House they should visit it, savour its atmosphere, talk to the young men in it, and they will find that they are a perfectly normal cross-section of teenage society attempting to master the complex web of aspirations, doubts, problems and temptations of teenage years, and trying to understand and rationalise the confusing and frequently contradictory messages from society about what "growing-up" means. Despite such a melting pot of teenage behaviour, the overriding atmosphere of Haig House on a day-to-day practical basis is pleasant, friendly, harmonious and civilised, and is a credit to the pupils and to the families they come from".

Queen Victoria School was granted Executive Agency Status on the 1 April 1992. In simple terms, this means



Headmaster Monitors and Prefects

that Her Majesty's Commissioners have been given the authority and flexibility to govern the School within the Adjutant General's Budget, the provisions of the Agency Framework Document, and have devolved to them those aspects which in the past lay in the province of various agencies of the MOD and Civil Service. The effect is two-fold: problems that have beset us in the past can now (perhaps!) be resolved, and the School has the opportunity to manage its own financial affairs, so that what are seen as priorities can be more readily achieved. Whilst inevitably increasing the administrative load, Agency status allows closer links between the Commissioners and School Management, most especially through their General Purpose Committee. The first year of Agency will not only be a learning process, but a positive step towards the School's future development.

With regard to the future, Her Majesty's Commissioners

are examining means for the introduction of girls and the whole question of how best we may increase the School roll, particularly at S5 and S6 level. Academically, as nationally, changes go on: Standard Grades have now replaced all Ordinary Grade Examinations, the revision of Higher Grades and Sixth Year Studies continues, and the proposals of the Howie Report lie ahead of us. The School has had to cope with a great deal of educational change, and it is especially testing for a small school where staff often have to implement the new without the advantage of having colleagues in their subject to help them, as obtains in larger schools. In all, it has been a most testing year, and I wish to thank the Commissioners, all the School Staff, parents and boys for their support and help: we must all look forward to the new Session in September.

May 92



Haig House 1991-1992.

Bursar's Notes

Less than a year ago I was sitting in my office in Glasgow as O i/c RCT Manning and Records thinking that with the Gulf War behind us I could look forward to a more stable working environment and a few leisure hours on the golf course and "Munro Bagging". How wrong I was! I applied for, and was accepted for, the appointment of Bursar at the School. Since taking over in December I have played three rounds of golf and "bagged" three Munros. However I would not have it any other way.

The Headmaster in his notes has written about the bullying allegations and the change to Agency Status. The former "hit us" on the day I took over and the latter became effective in April. Both these events have meant that I have had to learn much about the School in a relatively short time. The upheaval has been immense but I am convinced that, in the long term, the School will

emerge even stronger and build upon its proud history of achievement.

I am very lucky to have had such an eminent predecessor. He influenced many aspects of life at the School — not least the ceremonial side. With such a sound base it is my aim to maintain, not just the standards, but also the enthusiasm the boys show and the enjoyment they get from it.

During the summer there are a number of building operations planned. The two most important are the conversion of the Cunningham and Trenchard dormitories into bed/study units and the extension to Wavell recreational areas. These will substantially improve the accommodation and make the houses much more pleasant places to live in. There are more enhancements planned for the future both to the living areas and the sporting and recreational facilities. Needless to say many of these plans depend on funding but with the new freedoms that Agency Status brings we hope that improvements will be made at a faster pace than in the past.

For my part I am delighted to be at the School and would like to thank everyone – especially the boys – for making me so welcome.

BRIGADIER TWEEDY

On the 8th January 1985, Brigadier Bob Tweedy took up his appointment as Commandant of the School. At the end of the Winter Term, December 1991, he retired as the School's first Bursar. In the 7 years he spent with the School his contribution, influence and caring were outstanding; the School's gratitude, appreciation and admiration are proportionate. Above all, he practised a very real knowledge of and concern for the boys, and by that one means each individual boy, for he knew them all by name, what they did or what their problems were. His job may have involved much desk work, but he rightly saw his role as a practical doer for the welfare of all the boys. Most especially he did so much to support and inspire the Pipe Band, the Highland Dancers and the ceremonial aspects of the School, not least organising our appearance in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 1990.

The Brigadier impressed us by his humour, which could even see the funny side of so many of our frustrations and difficulties with outside bodies, but in practical terms he displayed great magnanimity and loyalty in helping to cross the difficult bridge from being last Commandant to first Bursar. With his dedication to the School, he was able to take that step and take it gracefully.

After his distinguished career in the Army spanning the years 1948 to 1985, Brigadier Bob excelled as Commandant and Bursar. He and his wife, Dawn, put so much into the life of the School, for which we thank them both. Queen Victoria School was enriched and moved forward because of his untiring commitment, energy and co-operation. It is no wonder that his retiral was marked with presentations from each House, all the Staff, the parents, and Her Majesty's Commissioners.

The Editor,
The Victorian,
Queen Victoria School,
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Dear Sir,

I would be grateful if you would allow me the courtesy of your columns to express the most sincere thanks of both my wife and myself to all those who contributed so generously to the many beautiful presents that we were given on leaving the School.

We were fortunately able to say a personal thank you to many of your readers but I would ask to be allowed this opportunity to say a special thank you to all those parents who subscribed to my leaving present; the splendid montage of photographs has pride of place in my collection of memorabilia and it is now my very pleasant duty to report to you how I intend the simply marvellous sum of £503 to be invested for the benefit of the School.

My over-riding priority was to find something which would be of lasting value to the largest possible number of boys; I have consulted widely and am happy to say that there was unanimous agreement to my eventual proposal. Housemaster Wavell and I have long dreamt of having some sort of Adventure Play Ground for those in the Primary School but have never had the cash available to launch the project. We now have, and with the support of HMC Funds, the Sapper Section of Edinburgh and Heriot Watt University Officers' Training Corps will start building Tweedy's Folly or Fort Tweedy in the coming Summer Holidays. I hope it will provide many happy hours of play and I would like to thank all those whose generosity has made this possible.

Lastly, may we both take this opportunity to thank you all, Staff at all levels, Pupils, Parents and Old Victorians for seven memorable and rewarding years. We wish you all, wherever you may be, every possible good fortune and much look forward to meeting up again with so many old friends whenever the occasion arises.

Very Sincerely,

Brigadier O. R. Tweedy

COLONEL ALAN TAPP: BURSAR

Colonel and Mrs Tapp moved to Queen Victoria School and took up residence in Duthieston at the end of the Winter Term, 1991. We welcome them both and wish them a happy association with the School. Arriving as he did just before the launch of the Agency, the Colonel is enjoying the new challenges and budget changes that the status brings.

Colonel Alan Tapp joined the army as a National Serviceman in 1959 and was commissioned into the RASC. After service in Germany and Belgium, he qualified as a navigator and served in Singapore and Borneo as 1st Lieutenant and later as Captain of a tank landing craft during the Borneo confrontation. On return to the United Kingdom he served in London and Liverpool before attending the Army Staff College. He then served as a staff officer in HQ BAOR before taking command of the resident RCT Squadron in Northern Ireland. After 2½ years he was seconded to the Canadian Forces and served as a Staff Officer in the HQ Mobile Command in Montreal.

On promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 1979, he returned to Germany and Commanded 23 Transport and Movement Regiment RCT. After a further appointment as a Staff Officer in HQ BAOR he returned to the United Kingdom as Senior Instructor at the School of Transportation in Aldershot.

Following a short appointment to the CGS's staff he was promoted to Colonel in 1987 and took up the appointment of Commander Transport and Movement (Scotland). His last tour of duty as a serving officer was as O I/C RCT Manning and Records Office in Glasgow.

Colonel Tapp is married with 2 grown up sons. His hobbies are "Munro Bagging", Golf and Philately

COMINGS AND GOINGS ADMIN STAFF

Sadly, the period 91/92 has seen some "weel kent" faces disappear from the School. Mrs Dawson has gone to Edinburgh Academy and Miss Moncrieff, a stalwart for 11 years, to King's College School, Cambridge. Mr Ross, after 13 years' service, Mr Brown, Drum Major for 12 years, and Mr Hajda have retired. Though not officially a member of staff, the retirement of Mr Burnett too is a loss; his expertise on "bleeding" radiators and swimming pools is sorely missed.

A puzzle! Why is it that seven members of staff leave the School to be replaced by nine? I will leave you to fig-

ure that out.

We welcome to the "Crazy Gang" Mr Warner and Mr Connell; Mrs Evans, Mrs Willey and Mrs Duthie to the world of socks, kilts, shoes and washing machines; test tubes and new telephones see the arrival of Mrs Carrington-Porter; and Mr Gauld to photocopiers. The swinging of drumsticks and blowing of bugles is now encouraged by Mr Tomkins.

Good fortune to all our arrivals and departures.

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Address by HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York, CVO, ADC. Grand Day, 19 June, 1991.

I am delighted to have the honour of coming here today for your Grand Day.

I have to admit to being very interested in this School, not because I don't qualify on two counts to send my children here, but because I have driven past here on numerous occasions and always wanted to look round.

Now that I am here, I am extremely impressed with what I have seen, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone on your beautiful school.

Being a Governor of another Scottish school a little further north, I am delighted to have the honour of coming here today for your Grand Day.

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Now then, Queen Victoria, your founder, is my Great-Great-Grand Mother both and separately through my mother and my father's line – You can work that one out later in your history books – but I digress.

Queen Victoria seems to be a little remote to me as she probably does to you. However Sarah has been researching Queen Victoria and Prince Albert for a book about them and their time at Osborne House on The Isle of Wight, at one time a naval college too. In her research she discovered that far from being the old lady in black,



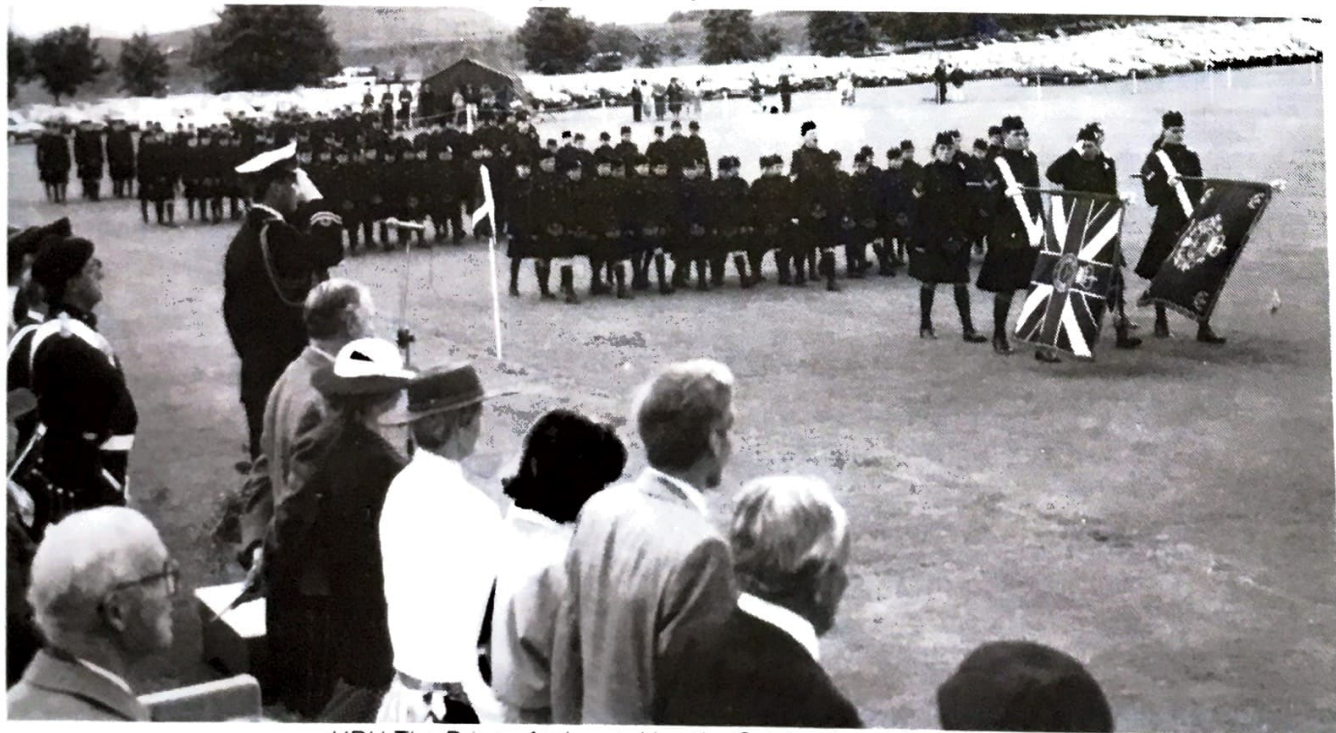
she was both lively and with Prince Albert, was very conscious of giving their children an excellent education. Prince Albert was strict but fair and they tried to make education interesting and fun, something I did not find when I was at school – a few years back.

Despite what you might think, you will only appreciate what your school does for you long after you have left.

My father puts it succinctly. 'School should be somewhere to learn about life and citizenship; about responsibilities and relationships; about standards of moral and social behaviour. Because these are the things that matter whatever occupation or profession you ultimately choose.'

So my message to you today is – Don't squander your time or education, whether here or later at university or college. You will regret it. But above all remember to have fun with responsibility and care.

I am sure Queen Victoria would be very proud of her school today. Thank you for inviting me to share it with you.



HRH The Prince Andrew taking the Salute, Grand Day, 1991.

**SPEECH GIVEN BY SECRETARY, SCOTTISH OFFICE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
MR GERALD WILSON AT SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING 1991.**

First can I say what a great honour it has been for me to present the prizes this morning? I would like on my own behalf and on behalf of the Commissioners to congratulate warmly all those who have received prizes and awards.

The few words I have to say are on the general theme of how fortunate all of the boys here are. Fortunate to be in the Scottish Education system in the nineties and fortunate to be at QVS.

QVS was established in the early years of this century and schools then were very different places. I was recently looking at the reports of the Scottish Education Department of around 1900 – I had got to the bottom of my in-tray. School Inspectors in those days noted that they saw children with bare feet at school, that children sat in crowded, cold, badly-lit – by gaslight – classrooms, clutching unframed slates to write on which, on a winter's day, when the coal fire was ineffective, chilled their hands, and that the tawse dangled from the teacher's hand. But as one Inspector noted "an unexpected visit by an Inspector causes the crumpling up of the tawse with an amount of skill worthy of a conjurer". There may be some maturer members of the audience for whom this picture of school life rings some bells. I can still remember writing on a slate – though it had a wooden frame – coal fires and, of course, the tawse.

The Scottish Education System is very different today

and in particular it is one in which school pupils have wide opportunities to develop and make the most of their talents. In schools the introduction in recent years of Standard Grade, the revised Highers and the development of the more vocational "SCOTVEC" modules are all intended to enable more pupils to gain qualifications which provide a record of their achievements. And all the evidence is that more and more pupils are now leaving school with valuable qualifications.

And, of course, school is not the end of formal learning. Some of you boys may go on to formal further full-time education, and that is good. But if you don't you need to realise that the opportunities to continue to learn after you leave school are widening all the time. Further education colleges, for example, are becoming more responsive and are increasingly ready to tailor what they offer to the needs of the individual student, or to work with employers to provide suitable vocational training. Colleges and employers are working ever more closely together. Part-time courses, sandwich courses, evening classes: they are all more readily available than before.

And new technology – computer learning, or open learning as it is sometimes called – means that you can learn at your own home. What is clear is that jobs in future will require everyone regularly to up-date his knowledge because the pace of change in our society and in the economy, which was rapid in the 1980's, is



Trenchard House 1991-1992

likely to even be faster in the 1990's and beyond. Lifetime learning will become the pattern for all of us. And the boys are fortunate to have the opportunities that make that possible. I hope you make the most of them.

I said at the beginning that you were very fortunate to be at QVS. Not everyone is in the same fortunate position as regards his school. I heard recently of a conversation which went like this:

"Mummy, I'm not going to school: the boys hate me, I hate them and it's a rotten school", and the mother replied:

"You will go: because I'm your mother and I say so and because you're 42 and you're the Headmaster". Those of you who are leaving school will take with you from QVS a special mark of distinction which is well respected in the outside world and which will mean that people you meet will make assumptions about how you will conduct yourselves and they will have high expectations of you. It is a mark which reflects the hard work of the Headmaster, the teachers and all the other staff of QVS. It is a mark which all the boys of the school should be proud to carry as their turn comes to leave. I wish all of you success at school and for the future.

The MacMillan Sports Hall

On Friday, 8th November, 1991, the culmination of a year and a half of fund raising, planning and expectation resulted in the official opening of the School Sports Hall. A large number of those who had donated generously as well as Commissioners, Staff, parents and boys, all of whom had worked hard towards achieving the eventual sum of about £700,000, gathered in the balcony at a reception to mark the official opening.

The hall itself was an impressive sight, empty save for a ribbon stretched from side to side. The Headmaster, in his speech, spoke of the school's gratitude to those who had worked so hard to make the hall a reality, and that in truth had not the then GOC, General Sir John MacMillan, determined that there should be a successful appeal and worked so tirelessly for it, we would all have been standing that evening in the dark and on wet grass. In thanking the General and Lady MacMillan, the Headmaster said how appropriate it was then that Prince Philip, our Patron, had graciously agreed that it should be named the MacMillan Hall. The Headmaster also paid tribute to the work and help contributed by Brigadier Tweedy.

General Sir John spoke of his pleasure in seeing the hall built and complete. He particularly acknowledged all the subscribers to the appeal – from the Services, industry, business, Old Victorians, parents, school and individual members of the general public, as well as all the work done by the Appeal Committee.

At this point, Lady MacMillan ceremoniously cut the ribbon, followed by a performance by the Pipes and Drums and Dancers. Then came a display of activities

given by boys from primary and senior school. The evening ended with the Pipes and Drums playing "The Victorian's Tribute to General MacMillan" and "Happy we've been all together".

The school is enormously appreciative of this magnificent building. Generations of QV boys will acknowledge by their enjoyment and participation all those who generously worked and gave to provide our sports hall. We thank everyone.



£600,000 later! Lady MacMillan cuts the tape.

Chapel Diary

Guest Preachers and Special Services.

Sunday 15th Sept., 91	Battle of Britain Sunday Guest Preacher, Rev. T. J. T. Nicol, LVO, MBE, MC, MA, AD.
Sunday 22nd Sept., 91.	Rev. Matthew Robertson LTH Senior Chaplain Scotland (Army)
Sunday 29th Sept., 91	Harvest Thanksgiving Festival.
Sunday 10th Nov., 91	Holy Communion.
Sunday 8th Dec., 91	Scripture Union – Nativity Play.
Sunday 15th Dec., 91	School Christmas Carol Service.
Sunday 15th Feb., 92	Old Victorian Weekend.
Sunday March 1, 92	Church of Scotland Admission Service. Guest Preacher Rev. C. Macintosh, MA, BD, Dunblane.
Sunday April 26, 92	Guest Preacher Rev. Matthew Robertson LTH. Senior Chaplain Scotland (Army).
Sunday May 24th, 92	Guest Preacher Rev. Robert Watt, MA, BD.

Congregational Roll.
Admitted to full membership of the Church of Scotland.

Graeme Antrobus.
Geoffrey Greenhowe.
Mark Henderson.
David Henderson.
David Kennett.
John Leitch.
Graham MacManus.
Paul Matuszczyk.
Adrian Murdoch.

Andrew Ousby.
James Scott.
Scott MacKenzie.
Stephen MacKinnon.
Rory Milne.
Craig Roberts.
Gavin Slater.
Alexander Smith.



The Chaplain with his Chapel Stewards.

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GRAND DAY 1992

Inspecting Officer
AIR VICE MARSHAL A. B. BLACKLEY
CBE AFC BSc RAF

PRIZE-GIVING

Prize Giving takes place in the School Memorial Chapel at 11.30 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	James Laws
Guard Commanders:	
No. 1 Guard	Douglas Hunter
No. 2 Guard	Stuart Davidson
No. 3 Guard	Andrew Steele
No. 4 Guard	Andrew Casey
No. 5 Guard	Andrew McMahon
No. 6 Guard	Stuart Hunter
No. 7 Guard	Steven Veitch
No. 8 Guard	Craig Blackhurst
i/c Colour Party	Iain Morris
Ensigns	Craig McKenzie
	Ian Northey
Escorts	Mark Casey
	David Thomson
Orderlies	Andrew Denholm
	Andrew Paisley
School Sergeant Major	Mr D. Duthie (late SG)

The Parade

The School will march on and the Colours marched on with the parade at the Salute.

The Inspecting Officer will be received with a General Salute at 1500; he will then inspect the Parade.

The Parade will then march past in Slow Time, break into Quick Time, Reform Line and Advance in Review Order. After the General Salute, the Parade will form a Hollow Square for the Inspecting Officer's Address and the Presentation of Prizes culminating with the Prince Philip Medal. The School will then give three Cheers and re-form line.

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

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

TEA

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

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

RETREAT

At approximately 1610 the Buglers will sound the 5 minute call. Five 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 Caber Feidh
March on the Colours.....	The Victorians
General Salute	Loch Leven Castle
Inspection	The Highland Cradle Song Mist-Covered Mountains Morag of Dunvegan The Mingulay Boat Song
March Past in Slow Time	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	Leaving Port Askaig Wi' a Hundred Pipers
Retreat Call	
Drummers Call	
Retreat Marches	Balmoral Shoals of Herring Lochanside
Dancers March on	Corriehoillie's Welcome
Strathspeys	Marquis of Huntly
Reels	The Ale is Dear Piper of Drummond
Dancers March off.....	Teribus
March off Parade	Highland Laddie/Black Bear

<i>Pipe Major</i>	Mr A. T. Dippie BEM (late BW)
<i>Drum Major</i>	Mr H. W. G. Tomkins (late Gordons)
<i>Dancing Instructor</i>	Miss M. G. Anderson MA MEd MSDTA MBATD
<i>Boy Pipe Major</i>	Robert MacKinnon
<i>Boy Drum Major</i>	Jamie Baird
<i>Senior Dancer</i>	Andrew Steele

Old Victorians' Association

President: Lt Col Ron Smith
Secretary: Peter Gilchrist
Treasurer: Bill Carruthers

As always the reminder for articles for The Victorian catches the writer off balance – there are always reasons why it should be delayed, but a final dead-line creates urgent action! Whatever – the Association is in good heart and has had another year of progression. Our membership now stands at 682, an increase of 65 since May '91. Last year's goal of 700 members has still to be attained but will certainly be so as Victorians suddenly become 'Old' after Grand Day! Once again I would ask any Old Victorian readers who are not members to take up membership (relatives/friends who are members should encourage non-members likewise) – just write to me for details.

The two main events for Old Victorians are Grand Day and our March Reunion Weekend. There was a good turn out on Grand Day for an excellent parade and I was honoured to be invited to present seven Old Victorians to HRH The Duke of York. The seven were George Dowling (269), William Greenhew (1273), Don McKay (1717), Bill Carruthers (2073), Bill Geddes (2314), John Rennie (2506) and Stuart Cook (3883). How nice to meet our regular visitors from Seattle (Don McKay) and Toronto (Bill Geddes) yet again.

This year's Reunion was very successful, despite the problems caused to the sporting programme. Notwithstanding this we transferred into the Sports Hall, giving us not only the opportunity to utilise the excellent

new facilities but also to appreciate the results of the hard work involved in the appeal. It certainly was a magnificent achievement to raise over £600,000 and complete construction within 18 months. At the Sunday parade service the Salute was taken by Lt Col Paul Evans, OBE, RCT (2946). This was particularly appropriate as Paul had distinguished himself during the Gulf War as shown by the subsequent awards of a Mention in Dispatches and a US Bronze Star.

Our London Branch is continuing to promote activity and fellowship within the London and South East Area. Bob Gill (2900), 19 Hollies Avenue, West Byfleet would welcome contact from anyone interested in their activities. Long-range postal contact is maintained with Canada (Bill Geddes) and Australia (Eddie Cameron (2433)). We hope to see Eddie on Grand Day. Anyone visiting (or emigrating to) either country and wishing contacts please write to Central Branch.

Continuing correspondence with Old Victorians throughout the year provides too much information to be listed here but several items are of general interest:

Donations:

Joe Lenton (459) has very generously donated his medals group, including his Distinguished Service Cross to the School.

Edgar Monaghan (1532) has given a Collection of Sandhurst Sketches (bound and loose).

Such donations are very gratefully received by the Headmaster and the School does welcome any memorabilia which will help to build up the School Archives.

Bill Skelton (522) celebrated his Diamond Wedding on 19th December, 1991.

Ian Kempself (3213) visited Sevastopol while serving on HMS Fearless in November '91. Incidentally, Newton Menzies (2764) has written asking for a photograph of the Pipe Band's visit to Leningrad in 1962.



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Neil Collie (3506) has moved (permanently) from the RAF to the RAAF and, after what seemed to be moves all over Australia, is now based in Darwin.

Aubrey Watts (1811), now living in St Cyprien (near Perpignan) would welcome any Old Victorian visitors to that part of France.

Can I remind all those who joined the School in 1943 that we would invite you to celebrate that 50th Anniversary by visiting the School at anytime during 1993? Please let me know if and when you will visit and I will make a particular effort to meet with you.

As always, visits by Old Victorians are always welcomed by the Headmaster, Staff and Boys. My sincere thanks are tendered to all who have made us feel so welcome – the warmth extended by you has encouraged so many of us to keep returning.

OBITUARIES

It is with great regret that I have to inform you of the deaths of the following Old Victorians which have been notified to us since the last issue of The Victorian.

269 G. Dowling

George, a son of the first hall porter of the School, enlisted in the Black Watch in 1917 and served in Germany and India. On leaving the Army in 1931 he was employed as a Gardener/Guardsman by the School and subsequently as janitor at Dunblane Public School. His regular presence at School activities was most marked right up to the 1992 Reunion. He died on 18 May, 1992. Perhaps a more appropriate comment on his feelings for the school can be read in his own article in The Victorian of 1990.

750 T. W. Kean CBE, AFC.

Tom Kean also died just before this article was submitted to the Editor (16 May, 1992). One of our most distinguished Old Victorians, Tom rose from the rank of Apprentice in the RAF (1925) to Group Captain at his retirement in 1960. His many appointments during that service are also shown in the 1990 Victorian, but it is particularly significant that he was awarded the Air Force Cross three times for his duties as a Flying Instructor and subsequently, while at staff and then command, was awarded the OBE and subsequently the CBE.

1135 D. M. Liddell

Dan died on 21 November, 1991.

1321 D. M. Craig.

Donald served in the Black Watch and subsequently was employed by British Telecom. He died on 21 February, 1991.

2361 L. A. Geddes

His brother has informed us that Len died on 14 April, 1992. Len lived in Australia prior to finally settling down in Canada.

Mr W. A. Masterson

Although an old boy of the Royal Hibernian Military School, Bill was an Old Victorian (by adoption and membership). I remember his issuing me with my clothing when I joined the School when he worked in the QM store. He had joined the Black Watch as a boy but had to leave the service due to deafness. He served the School

in an administrative capacity through the war years and subsequently completed his Civil Service career in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He died on 27th May, 1991.

The Old Victorians' Association would also extend its sincere condolences to our Past President, Vic Carroll, whose wife Marjorie died in February, 1992.

Letter to Mr Joe Lenton, DSC, from Headmaster

I write to thank you for the magnificent gift of your Service Medals to Queen Victoria School. That you have such medals to bestow, and that you should choose your old School for them to be kept in, is impressive and moving. The School is honoured that you have done so.

I am sorry you could not be with us at the Old Victorians' Weekend; however, Col Ron Smith, President of the OVA, presented them formally at the Reception after the Parade, and I accepted them on behalf of the School. He was able to give us full details of your distinguished Service career and I was able to link that with details concerning your half-brother, William Crichton. It is our intention to have a similar case to his in the Colours Room, displaying your Medals and accompanying details. We will look in the archives, but do you have a photograph of yourself in uniform at School?

Grand Day is on Friday 26 June, 1992. I do so hope you will be able to make the journey: we look forward to meeting you. If you are in Scotland the previous Sunday do let me know.

Finally, I express again the School's gratitude to you for your impressive and wonderful gift.

Thank you.



The President of the OVA hands over to the Headmaster Mr Joe Lenton's Distinguished Service Cross and other medals.

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL WARTIME MEMORIES

I recall the summer of 1938, visiting the Glasgow Empire Exhibition, with my mother, at Bellahouston Park. We also attended a Military Tattoo which featured a display of toy soldiers by Queen Victoria School Boys. I was thrilled by the clockwork precision of the drill and martial exercises — the sequence depicting the toy soldiers marching

towards a machine gun nest remains with me to this day. At that time, our home was in the married quarters within Maryhill Barracks (my father was a Seaforth Highlander). Little did I know that my parents had lodged my name for admittance to the school, hence the reason for our attendance at the Tattoo.

In the summer of 1939, I arrived at the school with my mother. I have vague memories of the first day, but two do remain. One is discussing with a member of staff and my mother in the middle of the central hall what trade I should specialise in. It was agreed I should be a Piper. The other is a two-shilling piece (a florin and quite a lot of money in those days) my mother left me for pocket money. I recall buying sweets from the Tuck Shop, the first of many purchased over the next five years.

War was declared on September 3rd, 1939.

This triggered emergency action throughout the country. My father's regiment, 2nd Battalion Seaforths, was immediately posted to Fort George and I recall arriving on leave and finding Maryhill Barracks in turmoil.

Dover was a front line town. After Dunkirk, it was subjected to bombardment and the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School were required to be evacuated. A contingent was sent to our school sometime during 1940. This was the first major impact of the war and had an immediate, and I feel, lasting influence on the culture of the school.

The school routine continued without interruption or change. Discipline was strict but rules are made to be broken and I recall the thrill of breaking bounds, exploring Sheriffmuir up to the Ochil Hills, swimming in the Old Dunblane reservoir, picking hazelnuts in season, collecting birds' eggs, particularly peewees' eggs, which were regarded as a luxury during wartime, exploring the attics of the school (one time my foot penetrated the ceiling of the Bandmaster's classroom — that caused a rumpus!) and generally misbehaving ourselves. All this I suspect is a common experience to every generation of boys who have resided in the school since 1908 — so what was different about war years?

First, at the outbreak of war, we were all issued with gas masks. Therefore, on our Saturday outings to Dunblane or Stirling it was essential we carried our gas masks, as a similar threat of gas attack existed in Stirling and purchasing Kolynos Toothpaste and Kiwi Black Polish, and the Allan Park Cinema where I watched "Pitt the Younger" and "The Face at the Window". Following the Battle of Britain, came the Blitz. It was essential to appoint Fire Watchers throughout the country and the school was no exception. I recall watching the Blitz of Clydebank from the turret adjacent to Hopetoun Dormitory (the boot room). Believe it or not, there was a red glow on the horizon — the effects of the Blitz — and we witnessed this at approximately 11.00 p.m. The country appeared to be peopled with uniforms of every description, gender and nationality. In spite of this, wherever a Victorian schoolboy travelled he attracted the interest of those about him, for in those days we did not have civilian clothes. Apart from the expense, clothes like most other things, including food, was rationed. I remember the excitement going on leave. Dressed in brogues, kilt,

Inverness cape and glengarry, our kit bags packed with personal belongings and slung over our shoulders, saying cheerio to our schoolmates at Dunblane Station and boarding the steam train for home. The return to school was followed by a few days' home sickness, which soon dissipated, as we settled back, once more, into the school routine.

The Duke of York Boys (The Dukies) arrived in 1940 and made an immediate impact. Many aspects of style makes for cultural differences, i.e.

1. Their principal sport was football — ours was rugby.
2. Our uniform was the kilt — theirs khaki shorts.
3. Their accent was basically English — ours Scots.
4. We had a Scottish attitude — they had an English attitude.

However, there was a subtle common denominator linking us all together. Our boys had a traditional Scottish interest in football and fancied themselves at the game. I remember our hero was Jerry Dawson, the Scottish Goalkeeper, yet strangely whenever we played the Dukies — we were licked. And vice versa when the Dukies played us at rugger. This must say a lot for training and instruction. Although our uniforms differed, our backgrounds were the same. Our accent though basically Scottish, had a good sprinkling of other dialects and, of course, our Scottish/English attitudes were tempered by our common background.

Religion played no part. The school was comprehensive and non-sectarian. The difference was in title, the Dukies versus Vics and this was expressed on the sports field and annual boxing competitions with the exception of one incident. That was the great snow fight . . .

The extremely severe winter of 1942 laid a semi-permanent carpet of snow throughout the country. In the school grounds we had drifts ten feet high. Of course, snow fights developed. In some, the teachers organised them, for field sports, i.e. Rugger, football was impossible. One day a snow fight occurred in a small way between some Dukies and Vics. This developed as more boys joined each side. Forts were built, defence lines established, the fight escalated until hundreds were involved and eventually became uncontrolled. No quarter was given, prisoners were taken, casualties occurred, and boys went missing in action. The Dukies were outnumbered — they gallantly retreated from the playing fields, through the parade ground, defended the Church and Hospital, retreated through the front grounds and finally put up a last defence at that Holy of Holies — The Headmaster's Estate — where the situation was brought under control. The prisoners were released, missing persons turned up and casualties on the whole were light. That day reputations were made and broken, the friendships made, no disciplinary action was taken, no ill feeling resulted and that night Dukies and Victorians retired to their beds happy and contented to the sound of "Lights Out."

A further aspect of war was the collection of the harvest. The import of food was severely restricted and all available persons were called upon to gather the harvest. The school was no exception. The older boys spent weeks in the autumn, lifting potatoes at local farms. It was

back-breaking work, and it was just lovely at the end of the day enjoying a hot steaming bath, and with ravenous hunger, devouring a huge dinner — sleep was divine. We also had a stint at berry picking. We gave up part of our summer holidays (1942) and went to Blairgowrie for approximately four weeks. We were billeted in timber huts and spent every day picking raspberries. Through rain and sunshine we worked and were paid by the weight of our pickings. There was a multitude of different peoples involved and I recall great fun and laughter.

There was another aspect which enhanced our experience, apart from routine engagements. Our Pipe Band, Brass Band and Dancers attended a variety of wartime fund-raising events. I recall the Pipe Band (I was a Piper) leading many a parade of soldiers to some ceremonial occasion. At that time Dunblane Hydro was a convalescent hospital for wounded soldiers and we often entertained the soldiers with our talent for piping, brass band, drumming and dancing. I also recall the school giving a swimming display which included demonstrations of life-saving.

I have one personal memory. It was 1942, I think, that the song "The White Cliffs of Dover" became popular, I remember to this day singing this song in Hopetoun Dormitory. In those days T.V. and portable radios were unknown and a wireless set was beyond our means. However, one boy had a crystal set, and with earphones one could pick up wireless programmes. It was on this set I first heard "The White Cliffs."

Writing this piece has revived memories. I could go on for page after page. For instance, there was one summer's evening where a military convoy came down from the north on the A.9 and rumbled past the school throughout the night. It must have carried thousands of troops and armaments. In those days secrecy was the norm and only now has it dawned on me that perhaps that convoy was part of the build-up for D Day. I cannot conclude without mentioning the 51st Highland Division Concert Party. This was a concert party formed by talented members of the division and the school contributed an act formed by the Dancing Team. We also formed part of the finale by representing the future. In wartime, the future figured largely in the minds of the nation. The concert fulfilled engagements in all the major theatres and halls in Central Scotland. I recall playing in Dundee and my uncle (who served in the Royal Navy) was a member of the audience and received a huge surprise, on seeing me on the stage performing the sword dance. He came round to the stage door afterwards and still quotes the incident. I enclose a photograph of the dancing team taken at Queen's Barracks, Perth — 1943.

The Wartime years were special years to all who lived through them. They were years of shortages and hardship, of joy and sadness, but they were special years for people joined together in a common experience. The school was no exception to this experience. I have not covered all aspects of the school's contribution, but I hope this little piece stimulates the memories of my compatriots who may read it. If so, perhaps they may record their contribution and thereby further enlarge the school's Wartime Memories.

G. T. Potter,
24th August, 1991.



Mrs Jean Halahan, and her brother, Mr David Mathers, daughter and son of the first School Adjutant, Captain D. Mathers, with School Orderlies, Peter O'Donnell and Andrew Denholm, plus the "wounded" Daniel O'Connell.

To the Editor

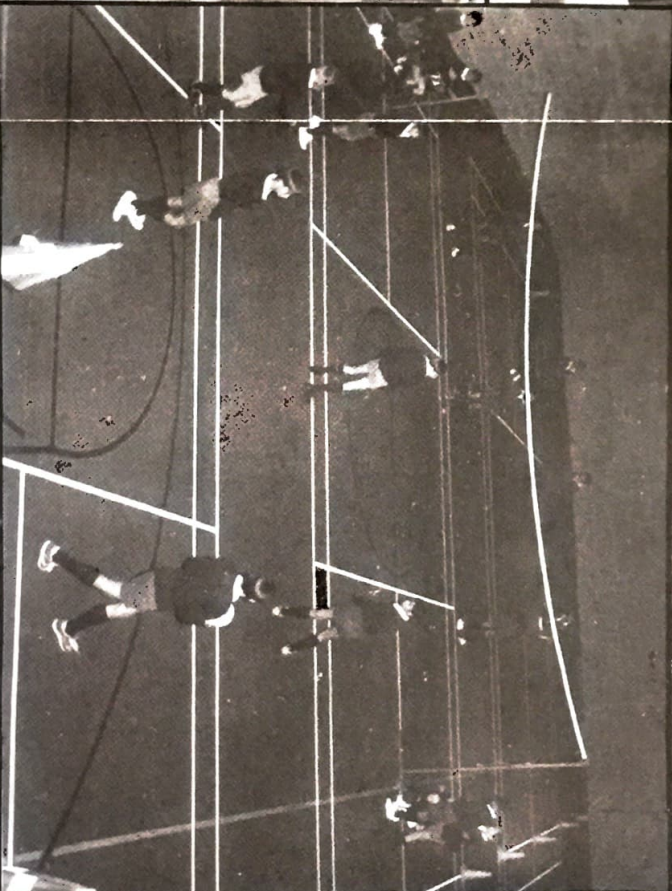
I trust that the enclosed material on the late Charlie Winter will be of interest to Q.V. School and a lot of its former pupils. Charlie passed away about two years ago and I attended his funeral. He spoke of the school affectionately. The enclosed photograph was taken at North Head Park on the Northern Headland to Sydney Harbour about 2½ years ago when I had the other three gentlemen out in my car on a sightseeing trip. The little red-headed fellow is James (Bonzo) Currie from Timaru in New Zealand next to him with moustache is Bill Britton, another member of "C" Company, QV School. I myself am the person on the right and I think the youngest member there. Charlie Winter is the one on the extreme left.

About six weeks ago my telephone rang and when I answered it was James Currie over from New Zealand again to attend a "Rats of Tobruk" Commemoration. He paid me a visit and left for me a copy of the Edinburgh Tattoo of 1990, which was good as our local TV had shown the Tattoo with the section showing the Q.V. school dancers edited out.

Subsequently I received from Scotland a copy of the TV programme on the School which I will be passing on to the other Old Boys of my acquaintance, one of whom is Ralph Masterson whose father Bill Masterson, an old school staff member, passed away two weeks ago in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I last visited QV in 1985 and got to Scotland by way of Canada and the US. On the way I met up with Bill Haggan in Seattle, Bill Plunkett in Banff a Mr Chuers in Calgary, the Geddes brothers, Alfie Loats and J. Oliver in Toronto and John McKenzie in Maxville, Ontario. Sounds like a good tour.

An amazing memory for you. I was a boy who seldom went home on holidays and one particular holiday I was approached by the Headmaster, Captain Lunt, and told that one of my duties for the duration of the holidays was to collect his milk. This milk was goat's milk supplied by Mr Monaghan, one of the night watchmen who kept



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goats. The container held a fair amount – more than a pint – and was always full to the brim, leaving Mr Monaghan's, but always down to the pint mark when reaching the Headmaster's residence. It tasted nice.

Another occasion that saw a punishment as wrong was when the then Commandant Col. S. A. Innes turned up at lunchtime to lecture the entire school on a misdemeanour indulged in by some of the boys. The field at the top of the sports field was, as is the custom, given over to crop rotation and on this particular year the crop was turnips. Raw turnip after frost has quite a good taste and the first 10 or 20 rows through the fence were badly depleted. The Commandant told the boys how he had to reimburse the farmer for our depreciations and as a punishment he would take away our Sunday afternoon walk. This walk was compulsory if you had no visitors and it meant getting dressed in your kilt and khaki jacket and going for a walk, mostly along the road to Ashfield. On hearing the announcement of this punishment, the entire school broke into a great cheer! We all hated that walk. We never did find out the Colonel's reaction.

I noted on the TV programme Mr Dowling taking the salute after the church parade. Many illustrious people have stood on that same spot. I can recall people who held the V.C. including my first Commandant A. C. T. White, V.C. and also a blind V.C., I think it was Captain Norman R. Ewing.

I heartily agree with the emphasis on better education. If the grounding is there it's up to the person to make use of it. Knowledge should never be a load to carry.

I guess I've driven on long enough. Watching the TV of the school brought the memories flooding back, and my memory is better than most. I can recall all the staff members and hundreds of the boys and often wonder

what became of them. Some have earned riches in the hall of fame, but one thing we all learnt was discipline – a wonderful ally to knowledge.

One thing that irks me is the continued emphasis on the coaching of rugby and not soccer. You could have the best team in Scotland. One of my contemporaries at school was Charlie Mitten who was selected by both Scotland and England to play as their left winger. His father was the PT Instructor in the Royal Scots, but was an Englishman, so Charlie played for England. This was a full international. Charley Mitten played for Manchester United in its great days.

Yours Sincerely

The Boy with the funniest school number of all, Bill Armstrong, No. 1313.



L to R: Charlie Winter, James "Bonzo" Currie, Bill Britton, Bill Armstrong.

The Pipes and Drums

It is only right and proper that we begin this year's article by saying goodbye and thank you to Brigadier Bob Tweedy and Drum Major Bob Brown. Their contribution over the years was without doubt, a major factor in maintaining the band's high standard and reputation. We wish you and your good ladies all the very best for the future and hope you will continue to consider the piping and drumming hut a place you will always be welcome.

Without doubt the highlight of last year's band calendar was our participation during the Rugby World Cup. We were fortunate enough to play at all of Scotland's games, including the semi-final, with the only disappointment being the result. "Still, next time maybe!"

1992 began slowly for the band but soon became as busy as ever with regular and new events keeping the lads on their toes. As usual the annual piping and drumming competitions were held in March, enabling the boys to compete in Solo competition against one another. Congratulations to the prize winners, but more so thanks to all participants who were brave enough to enter knowing, win or lose, solo competition is the ultimate in personal achievement. Results are shown below.

Two engagements that merit special mention were the

two CCF Beating Retreats at Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace on the 20-21 May. To say that the rehearsals for these two highly prestigious events were, shall we say, disappointing, might make you realise that all involved were both happy and relieved that the actual shows were a great success.

Lastly, welcome to all the new band members who, through their hard work and devotion, have progressed to the ranks of the playing band.

COMPETITION PIPING PRIZES 1992

Wavell House Chanter Competition (presented by Piob Mhor.)

Slow March — 1. R. McConnell, 2. R. Kerr, 3. J. Thomson.

March — 1. J. Matthews, 2. R. Kerr, 3. J. Thomson.

Prize Chanter — Highest Agg. Score. Winner R. Kerr.

Junior Piping Competition. C. Class. Pipes.

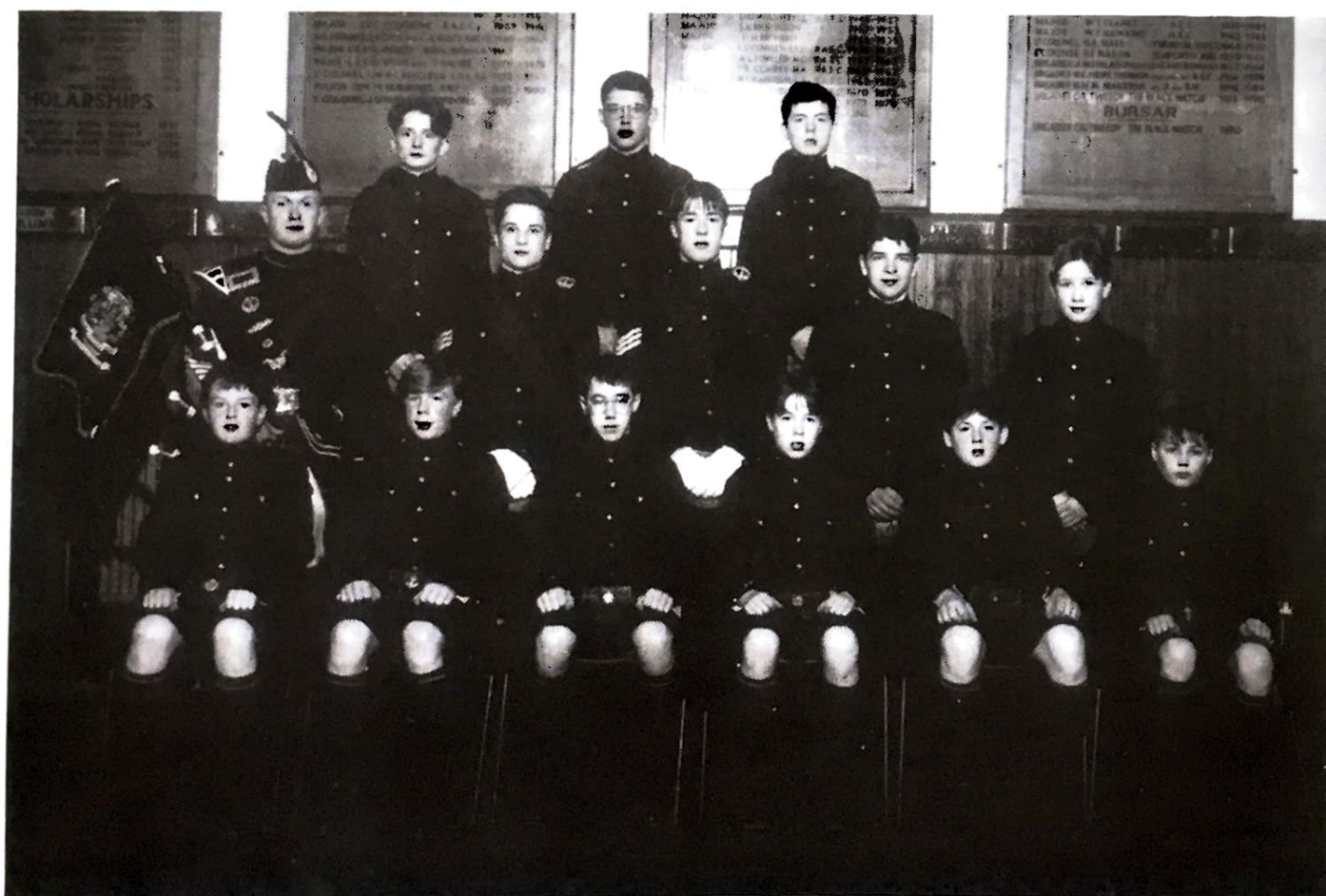
Slow March — 1. C. Murray, 2. A. Milne, 3. R. Kerr.

March — 1. C. Murray, 2. C. Kennedy, 3. R. Seaton.

Group Captain T. Kean, C.B.E., A.F.C. Prize. Highest Agg. C. Murray.



Pipes and Drums



Senior Highland Dancers

Intermediate Competition. B. Class. Pipes (II+III Yrs.)
Slow March — 1. J. Scott, 2. P. Matuszczyk, K. Stacey, 4. G. Antrobus.

March — 1. J. Scott, 2. G. Antrobus, 3. K. Stacey.

The Gordon Stobo Cup. Highest Agg. J. Scott.

Senior Competition. A. Class (IV, V + VI Yrs.)

S.M. and March — 1. K. Slater, 2. R. MacKinnon, 3. A. C. Cook, I. Veitch.

Str. and Reel — 1. K. Slater, 2. R. MacKinnon, 3. A. Robertson.

The Piping Shield. "School Champion". Highest Agg. K. Slater.

The Scots Guards Special Prize

Presented to the piper, who has done the most during the past year, to enhance School Piping and Dancing.

Winner — R. MacKinnon.

House Points	Cunningham	369
	Trenchard	47½

DRUM AND BUGLE COMPETITION 1992

Wavell Results

	Side Drum	Tenor Drum	Bugle
1st	R. Kerr	J. Black	A. Boyle
2nd	A. Boyle	N. Mackay	R. Kerr

Intermediate Results

1st	J. Leitch	C. Roberts	S. MacKinnon
2nd	A. Murdoch	D. McDade	A. Murdoch

Senior Results

1st	I. Payne	M. MacDonald	M. MacDonald
2nd	R. Veitch	D. Graham	R. Veitch

Drumming and Bugle Champion 1992

M. MacDonald

Combined Cadet Force

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

RN — OC: Lieut. T. Shannon RNR

Sub Lieut G. Borking

Army — 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 I. T. Dow

WO1 D. Duthie (SSI)

RAF: Flt Lt M. J. Boast, RAF VR(T)

Fg. Off. H. D. Brown, RAF VR (T)

This has been a particularly busy year for both staff and cadets. Wednesday, 28th August 1991 heralded the introduction of "optional" membership of the CCF for the more senior boys. Whilst membership is still compulsory for the first two years (i.e. Secondary 2 and 3) members of S4 to S6 may opt out of the CCF but, in doing so, they must be seen to be spending their time on some worth-

while activity; currently, those opting out spend their time on extra study and preparation. It was anticipated that, with the innovation of a "voluntary" aspect, there would be a mass exodus from membership of the CCF: but not so! Only three Fourth Year boys opted out at its introduction, but this number had increased to six by the second term.

Let us return to the end of the 1990-91 Session and to record certain events which occurred too late for inclusion in last year's magazine. The recruits' training programme reached its climax with the award of the Recruits' Cups to the outstanding recruit in each of the Service Sections. Congratulations go to William Milne (RN), Kevin Stacey (Army) and to Ricky Veitch (RAF) — well done.

On a less favourable note Flt. Lt. M. J. Boast, due to extra demands on his time with his other responsibilities as Principal Teacher of Physical Education and Games and as Assistant Housemaster, felt the necessity to resign from his appointment as OC RAF Section as from the beginning of the new Session, 1991-92. He has, however, agreed to remain as an officer within the Section and his assistance with proficiency training, adventure training (skiing in particular), camps and in encouraging orienteering as a tri-service activity is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately the post of OC RAF Section is still vacant and the administrative responsibilities are currently being undertaken by the Contingent Commander.

The Contingent was inspected by Air Vice Marshal A. B. B. Blackley, CBE, AFC, BSc, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, on 6th November. Despite the adverse weather conditions, which caused alterations to the planned programme, there was still sufficient training and activity as well as plenty of time for the Reviewing Officer to meet and chat to both cadets and instructors. The AVM in his reference to the cadets reported that he "... was impressed by their obvious dedication, hard work and high standards of teamwork and leadership ...". Brigadier 51 Highland Brigade in his report commented that "... all three Service Sections are flourishing, and owe a great deal to the dedication of the officers ...". Reference was also made to "some shortcomings" regarding our CCF accommodation. The Review itself was most encouraging and the resultant report on the previous year's training proved a most rewarding and helpful document. We appreciate the continuing support and encouragement that we receive from the liaison staff of all three Services and the interest and practical support of the staff at 51 Highland Brigade and Army HQ Scotland. Our appreciation also of the steps now being taken by TAVR to achieve improvements to the CCF accommodation. Having hosted the Annual Pipes and Drums Competition for the Scottish Schools' CCF contingents in June 1991 — quite an undertaking with over one hundred competitors from thirteen Schools taking part — we then started preparing to host the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Pipes and Drums of the Scottish Contingents of the CCF on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle in May 1992. Both events went very smoothly and the number of complimentary letters received indicated that they were much appreciated by the guest schools and the public. In the former, QVS were successful in eight of the events with eleven cadets collecting various prizes. The competition

takes place at Dollar Academy this year but, as a result of certain restrictions placed on our participation we shall only take part in the Band Competition and even then for "Honours" only. However it is hoped that this situation will be reviewed and rectified. Brigadier E. N. de Broe-Ferguson, MBE, Commander 51 Highland Brigade took the salute at this year's Ceremony of Beating Retreat. We were honoured by our own Jamie Baird leading the parade of Massed Pipes and Drums of the eleven schools taking part as the Senior Drum Major. Our Highland Dancers took part in the Ceremony for the first time this year and made quite an impact — one knowledgeable correspondent in his letter to the school described their performance as "immaculate". A further compliment was given in a letter from one who has been involved in these ceremonies for many years and in which he wrote: "... the playing of the Bands was the best I have seen on the Esplanade by the CCF thanks to the strong support given by QVS who provided the core of the Band". May I thank all the cadets who took part, and who, by their performance, brought so much credit to the school, as well as Pipe Major Dippie, Drum Major Tomkins and Miss Anderson, our Highland Dancing teacher, for their teaching, support and encouragement. Thanks too to our school caterers, Sutcliffe and Mr Henderson in particular, for providing the Buffet, to Lt Col Paton, to Mr Lowe of Mary Erskine School and to the Principal of Daniel Stewart's and Melville College for the generous use of their facilities for the Reception and Buffet. The combined Band and Dancers performed with equal proficiency for the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Beating Retreat on the Forecourt of the Palace of Holyrood House the following evening.

"Options for Change" is beginning to affect the variety of training that we have been able to offer in the CCF. With the removal of some of the resources from the TA Centre in Dunblane we reluctantly had to disband the RCT Section in the latter part of the year. The section had proved very popular and rewarding under the instruction of Sgt Slough, to whom we extend our sincere appreciation for his services. We wish him every success as he furthers his career elsewhere. We also express our gratitude to 32 (Scottish) Signal Regiment (V) for their support of our Signals Section and in particular to Sgt Slaney for his technical assistance. We were also honoured with a visit from their Commanding Officer, Lt Col W. E. Brewis, whose interest and practical help we much appreciate. Thanks are also due to Fg Off H. D. Brown of our own staff for arranging the Dinner at the Huntingtower Hotel, Perth to mark the retiral of Brigadier O. R. Tweedy the last Commandant and the first Bursar of QVS — our own "omega & alpha"!

To the Board of HM Commissioners, Headmaster, Bursar, our SSI Mr Duthie and all members of the CCF Staff and Cadets may I add my personal thank you.

I.T.W.

ROYAL NAVY SECTION

The cadets have been busy this session. Cox D. Hunter has been a very good senior cadet. His leadership and

enthusiasm have been very helpful to both myself and 2nd Lt Borking. P.O. J. Baird was the senior drum major at the Beating Retreat, the annual CCF event at Edinburgh Castle on the 20th May.

All cadets who attended Easter camps did well with good reports. L.S. C. Rostant gained his R.Y.A. Power Boat Certificate and L.S. W. Milne only just missed R.Y.A. Level 5 Dinghy Certificate, but I am sure he will pick it up soon.

A.B. J. Gallagher and A.B. G. Antrobus have both been selected to be in the school C.C.F. Bisley team this year. P.O. S. Veitch is helping train the "Highland Tac" team this year.

L.S. I. Findlay, L.S. E. Redpath, and L.S. M. Wilson have been on a cadre course this year so will make good instructors next term.

The section has a new affiliated ship or, in this case, boat. It is HMS Superb, a nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarine based at Faslane on the Clyde. The section hopes to visit her soon.

So far this session we have had two successful days at sea on HMS Smiler and a day at sea with C.P.O. Richard in the CCF FML as well as MCM 10 SEA DAY, during which the cadets witnessed a 1,500 lb mine explode under water.

All the new recruits have had two self-reliance weekends being harassed by 2nd Lt Borking. As usual we are at Lochore Meadows windsurfing again this term and hope to do RYA assessments on Field Day — 10th June.

Finally I would like to thank C.P.O. Richards, the crew and C.O. of H.M.S. Smiler and the stores staff at Faslane for all their help and support.

Lt T. Shannon

ARMY SECTION

The 1991 H.C.T.C. competition took place at Cultybraggen training camp over the weekend of the 4th-6th October.

This year's team consisted of cadets: C.S.M. J. Laws, Staff Sgt I. Morris, Sgt M. Casey, Cpl A. Alexander, Cdrs S. Kintrea, I. Northey, J. Bell and P. Taylor. The team were accompanied by W.O.1 D. Duthie (School Sgt Major) and 2nd Lt I. Dow.

Training for the event had initially taken place during C.C.F. time, as part of basic infantry skills training.

However, following team selection, Cdt C.S.M. J. Laws, took over and really put the team through their paces.

For several weeks, the H.C.T.C. team could be seen on several nights a week, speed-marching around the school with full combats and heavy webbing. That was of course, all we could see of their training. For the rest of the time, they were strictly "tactical" and engaged in the art of "concealment".

All credit to the team and especially to James Laws for his leadership qualities — for all their hard training certainly paid dividends.

In the competition, the team came in 8th position overall and certainly seemed to excel in the "fitness" events. Their real sense of victory and pride, came from the fact



Army Section Officers and NCO's

that this year, finally, QV boys beat the Dollar Girls' team.

Well done to all in the team!

My own personal thanks to James Laws for his help with the team and more recently with the infantry section as a whole.

2Lt I. Dow

SIGNALS

Signals Officer: Major J. Silcox.
Cadet Instructors: Sgt Alexander Cook
Cpl David McNulty.

Equipment continues to be gathered to update the Signals Communications Room to receive our 320 radio for use on the Cadet Signal Net this coming September, when the School of Signals, Blandford, will issue us with our official "Call Sign". It is intended to develop this further in 1993 with the addition of a computer and modem in accordance with the current specifications of the new "Cadet Data Link".

To this end two 27 metre permanent masts have been positioned within the school and at this moment in time we only await the power supply for the radio to be delivered by our sponsoring unit, 32 Signal Regiment.

Over this training year we have continued to work with our 349's; improved our voice procedure skills; introduced Batco, and have successfully completed several "local" radio exercises. I place on record our indebtedness to our advisor, Sgt Slaney, Royal Signals, from 32 Signal Regiment without whose technical help and assistance all this would not be possible.

J.R.S.

RECRUITS

Once again we have used most of our time in training, preparing the cadets to pass the Army Proficiency

Certificate (A.P.C.) Part 1. The cadets in the army section have become familiar with 1:25000 and 1:50000 O.S. maps, lightweight Sylva compass, basic skill at arms with the cadet G.P. rifle, fieldcraft, campcraft and the Country Code.

All these skills are brought together in a practical sense when the recruits are taken out for two weekends on an overnight self-reliance exercise. This year we were very lucky with the weather on the whole, although who could forget the torrential rain on the weekend at Cambusbarron.

The weekend format's aim is to enable the cadets to look after themselves in terms of feeding and display knowledge and understanding in campcraft and the country code.

They are also given a tactical task which normally involves receiving formal orders, organising individual's roles in the section, patrolling, setting up and springing a night ambush and displaying throughout an ability to react to given situations e.g. appropriate action under flares on a recce patrol.

These weekends have proved popular and hopefully they will be continuing next session. Their success is due to the enthusiasm of the cadets, the help of the directing staff; S.S.M. Duthie, Maj Silcox, Sub Lt Borking, Wg. Cmdr. Williams and other adults and cadet S.N.C.O.'s. My thanks to all of them for contributing.

G.C.

1992 UKLF CADET LEADERSHIP COURSE

Upon arrival at Wretham Camp, near Stanford we signed in and paid our dining fees. We were then shown to our sleeping quarters, a complete misnomer as sleep was very low in the course priorities, an average of 3 hours a night. We stashed our kit and changed into working dress

for the C.O.'s briefing. As part of our working dress we donned our Tam O'Shanter, and immediately became known as Jocks, along with the other forty-eight cadets selected from Scotland. Enroute to the briefing room we learnt an important rule in army life. Wherever you go, you double time, fast.

The C.O.'s first briefing was interesting and informative. First a brief, but enthralling history of our host regiment, The Gloucesters. Then we were given the course scenario.

It was the year 2002, the military had been severely curtailed by the politicians in the late nineteen nineties, and now terrorism and crime were widespread throughout the country. In a "revolutionary move" cadets were going to be deployed in Eastern District to combat the situation.

This meant training, in weapons, tactics and leadership; terrifying confidence courses; exhausting assault courses and impossibly taxing P.T. sessions, at 5.30 in the morning in the charge of the Q.M.S.I., a cruel, sadistic man.

Also we had an overnight recce patrol, and a 48 hour exercise, in "inclement" weather, which would be better described as monsoon rains and Arctic blizzards. When we awoke on the first morning of the exercise we wrung out our sleeping bags in twos.

By this time in the exercise, after just one night, out of some three hundred cadets, 16 were back at base with hypothermia; 28 cadets, 21 girls and 7 boys had been returned with exhaustion and a further two had been sent home, for reasons unknown.

The second day of the exercise, after a 3.30 reveille and no breakfast, began with a dawn attack on the "enemy". After a very late breakfast we started on our command tasks, eleven of them, with about 3 km, or "clicks" that day. In the afternoon we had the assault course race and James Law's section came 1st and my section came 5th.

The course ended that night with a big barbecue and party, and much address-swapping, vain promises to keep in touch and section photos signed.

All in all, James and I enjoyed ourself a lot, but we're not going to the Gloucestershire Regiment.

Cdt Sgt Alexander Cook, V
Cdt Cpl James Law, IV

RAF SECTION

Cadet N.C.O.s and Instructors: Cpls C. R. Blackhurst, S. W. Cooke; J/Cpls M. Bailey, D. R. Munro, K. Slater, I. B. Veitch, G. G. Donald; L/Cdts M. J. Coulthard, K. R. Crease, I. S.-C. Mackay, P. D. Mitchell, A. W. Moffat, K. G. Murray, S. P. Nelthorpe, B. M. Sherwood, C. A. Wilson, J. B. Witkowski.

The seven cadets who passed the Proficiency Part 2 Examinations taken in March 1992, as well as their instructors, are to be complimented on their success. Special mention must be made of Cadet Ricky Veitch, who scored 84%, and also of Cadets Bryan Espie, Jamie Fenwick and Russell Stephen on scoring over 70% — well done!

Attendance at Summer Camp was most disappointing, with only six cadets taking advantage of spending a week

at RAF Scampton — the home of the Red Arrows. The purpose of annual camps is to enable cadets to see for themselves the day-to-day life of regular personnel in an RAF environment, to provide them with flying, shooting and swimming and to practise out-of-door training which is designed to develop physical fitness and initiative. We also have the opportunity of sharing in these activities with cadets from other schools — last year it was Glasgow Academy and Shiplake College, Berkshire. Travel to and from Camp is free and the only financial contribution required is for messing, camp photographs and for programme items not supported by public funds; last year this amounted to a total contribution of £15. In addition to flying, shooting, swimming, participating in leadership and initiative exercises and section visits and work experience with the various squadrons, the cadets spent an afternoon with the Red Arrows Pilots and ground crew and off-camp visits to RAF Waddington, to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and to the RAF College, Cranwell. This year we plan to go to RAF Wittering, near Peterborough from 27 June to 4 July and have been allocated eleven places.

During the course of the year cadets have had the opportunity of flying at No 12 Air Experience Flight based at RAF Turnhouse as well as obtaining gliding experience at the Gliding School near Arbroath. The assistance of Fg. Off. Brown in accompanying cadets on these visits is much appreciated.

For our Field Day activity last June twenty-four cadets accompanied by Wg. Cdr. Williams and Flt. Lt. Boast travelled to RAF Kinloss and stayed overnight at RAF Lossiemouth whilst Fg. Off. Brown and the Recruits spent the day at RAF Pitreavie. Arrangements are being made for us to spend our Field Day visit this year at RAF Leuchars.

Many thanks to Flt. Lt. Boyle and Flt. Sgt. Thomas of the RAF Liaison Staff for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

I.T.W.

TRI SERVICE NCO Cadre

Each school session, the CCF conducts two NCO cadres run by the Headmaster. These are primarily for cadets in S4 from all three sections of the CCF, with the aim that



Craig Wilson and Gordon Donald on RAF Field Day.

each 4th year cadet will follow a course in, and have practice in, methods of instruction. The first cadre of ten cadets began in September and had the benefit of good weather at the beginning. The second cadre had to wait till the summer term to get out of school.

The course began with discussion and agreed note-taking on the principles of good (and bad) teaching. From this start point we then went on to look at how a lesson plan should be put together — the perfect recipe for a lesson. On other weeks we received instruction in weapon handling from a Sgt from 23 Cadet Training Team. We also went up into Sheriffmuir and to the Loch Carron area to practise carrying out map reading on orienteering courses.

Finally, cadets were given the task of choosing a lesson, preparing a lesson plan and teaching the lesson to the rest of the cadre. We had the opportunity for a trial run, and then were assessed in our second lesson. After this, each cadet then had an assessment report written on him, with a final grading, which would hopefully lead to promotion.

D. McNULTY

SKI-ING

I have been asked to write a report for your magazine and I thought this would be a good opportunity to clear up a few myths about ski-ing in Scotland.

If your idea of ski-ing is of a wide piste ("packed down snow trails" for anyone with a little knowledge of technical jargon) and maybe even some sunshine — then think again.

Ski-ing in Scotland is about high winds, rain, hail and the occasional blizzard thrown in. It is about ski-ing on ice, on narrow strips of snow between boulders and snow fences and anything else you can think of to upset the rhythm.

Care must be taken to avoid snow fences, hidden boulders and gravel as this does untold damage to skis, which have to be repaired, (not to mention bodies which might or might not be repaired) before one goes ski-ing again. Having said all this our ski camp have generally been a success and for some reason we all appear to enjoy ourselves.

Our camp at Inverness this year afforded us the oppor-



CCF Ski Camp with real snow!

tunity of ski-ing in three different areas — indeed we may have invented a new pastime called "Find the Piste".

Some of our "Happy Band" ski-ed all three areas whilst the rest ski-ed in two and saw the third.

It was my first time in two of these areas and I must thank the school for having made it possible for me to boast that I have now ski-ed in all of the areas in Scotland and possibly in all weather conditions as well.

I hope we have better snow next year.

Tommy Thomson

Chief Ski-ing Instructor

SHOOTING NOTES

1991 Bisley Rifle Team

Individual Ashburton Scores	300X	500X	Total
M. Mutch, Shooting Capt	32.3	33.2	65.5
J. Stephens, Vice Capt	33.3	30.1	53.4
C. Berry	31.0	28.2	59.2
A. Cargill	28.0	25.0	53.0
K. Murray	30.2	25.0	55.2
J. Law	28.2	29.2	57.4
S. Nelthorpe	25.0	28.0	53.0
M. Casey	19.0	28.0	47.0
J. Simeon	29.3	24.0	53.3
K. Stacey	27.2	27.0	54.2
J. Doig The Reserve Match			36.0
A Moffat	28.0	30.3	58.3
P. Clark	25.1	28.1	53.2
R. MacKinnon Res.			
M. Wight Res.			

Results:	Score	Place
The Ashburton	452	48th
Cadet Pairs	112	30th
Cadet Fours	218	14th
The Reserve	36	32nd
London Scottish	452	6th
Country Life	226	51st
Cotteslow Vase	452	17th
Public School, Snap	379	4th
Commonwealth	245 A Team	9th
Commonwealth	215 B Team	32nd

1991, The Scottish Cadet Rifle Team

Commandant, Major J. R. Silcox.

I was pleased to be able to offer a place in the Scottish Team to Melville Mutch and John Stephens, both of whom had gained their Scottish Colours the previous year.

Cadet International Match Scores

	300X	500X	600X	Total
M. Mutch	31.1	32.2	32.2	95.5
J. Stephens	30.3	27.0	29.2	86.5

Melvin Mutch, Alan Cargill, Keith Murray and James Law were sponsored by the school through the Queen's and much valuable experience was gained, especially about shooting in windy conditions, with very doubtful ammuni-

tion, when the target is a thousand yards away. There can be no possible substitute for this experience and I hope that a number of other leading school shots will also be able to continue this competition next year.

Small Bore Shooting

Scottish Small Bore Rifle Championships, Dumfries

The School entered this competition for the first time, with M. Mutch, Alan Cargill, James Law and Keith Murray.

James, Keith and Alan competed as a team in the under-eighteen category and against fierce competition won the Scottish Junior Team Championship. The school hopes that at the next Championships to be held at Midlothian in 1992 they will defend and retain their Scottish Title.

Perthshire Small Bore Rifle Association, 1992 Indoor Meeting.

Andrew Moffat and Keith Murray came first and second in this Junior County Competition.

Keith was selected for the Perth County Adult Team for their Winter 25 yard competition and shot with credit.

Overall this year in small bore shooting it has been difficult, through various pressures and commitments of exams, for boys to attend the range and I regret to announce that I have reluctantly had to withdraw school teams from the following competitions:

Country Life

Perthshire S.B. Winter League

Perthshire Junior Championships

TARA Cadet Match

British Schools Small Bore Individual Championships

The British Schools Home International Match.

This activity would not of course take place without the active participation of Mr Garden and Mr Duthie and I have much pleasure in publically recording the School's gratitude to them with my own most sincere thanks.



Shooting Medal Winners: Alan Cargill, Keith Murray and James Law.

Wavell House Inter-Dorm Shooting Competition, 1991

Moore.	274.	Cup Winners.
Baird.	270.	
Lyn.	268.	
Aber.	245.	
Hopt.	237.	

Harry Berry Memorial Cup, 1991.

First — Paul Kane, Cup Winner.

Second — Christopher Murray.

Third — Ross Seaton.

I congratulate all the members of the Junior House for some very fine shooting over the year.

J.R.S. Mi/cS.

Rugby

1st XV

Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
				For	Against
10	4	0	6	122	113

The team played very well this year, although we were plagued by injuries throughout the season. The scrum have to be congratulated on their performances in most, if not all, of the games. Throughout the season the backs and the forwards began to work more as a group and this showed in the 16-4 victory over Rannoch, which had to be one of our hardest games this season.

Although losing 6 games, we didn't lose any of them by much, which gave the team a bit of confidence and enabled them to hang on in there in the really tough matches.

Thanks must go to Mr Boast, Mr Dow and Mr Philip for helping the team throughout the season. Also thanks and well done to all the team members.

Iain Morris
(Captain)

2nd XV

Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
				For	Against
7	1	1	5	68	111

Thanks must go to: M. Bailey, I. Northey, M. Casey, D. Thomson, J. Doig, P. Mitchell, D. McNulty, S. McBrearty, P. Clark, I. Veitch, I. Orr, P. Lapsley, R. Monteith, J. Witkowski, I. Findlay, A. McMahon and S. Davidson (C).

Also thanks to Mr Phillip for helping with the coaching, and S. Hunter for letting us take players from his team at short notice.

3rd XV

Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
				For	Against
4	1	0	3	14	128

Despite some of the team members' lack of experience, having been selected from the "non-rugby squad", the team actually performed quite well, although the score sheet may perhaps indicate otherwise! The season



1st XV Rugby

was extremely short yet enjoyable while it lasted. Thanks must go to our rugby coaches and the team itself for all their hard work and commitment.

S.H.

3rd YEAR A

Pld	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
				For	Against
6	4	2	0	55	10

This year's Third Year first XV was a great success. We dominated most of our games apart from the two which we lost.

This year our team was hit by injury, and considering we only have thirty-three days in our year we did exceptionally well.

Our backs were very fast but the credit must go to the forwards who put a 100% into every match. A great combination this year was the scrum half and the stand off, who played a vital part in this year's team.

The team and myself would also like to thank Mr Dow and Mr Halyburton for their expert training and their dedication before all our games.

I would also like to add that it was a privilege and an honour to be the captain.

I.P.

3rd YEAR B

Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
				For	Against
6	4	0	2	86	66

The team's performance this year has improved miraculously, considering we lost every game last year.

We started the season with a 24-0 victory against Glasgow High and a 28-10 victory against Glenalmond.

But, after these games, our games became a bit more competitive and our scoring margin narrower. Yet again Strathallan and Merchiston beat us, but our team morale stayed at its peak and, we went on to win two more games.

The team has had a very prosperous season, overall.

Stewart Wood

2nd YEAR A

Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
				For	Against
5	2	0	3	92	77

At the start of the season our morale was low as we lost to Strathallan, but as the season progressed our confidence was boosted. The great training that our coaches put up helped us to a storming victory over Perth which ended 52-0.

If it had not been for the great combination of our half-backs (James Scott and Alex Smith) together with the strength and determination of the scrum, led by John Nelson, the team would not be as strong as it is. We are glad to say that we brought up two new players to the side, Peter Little at loose head prop and David Kennett at hooker, who played well all season.

We would like to thank Mr Frize and Mr Dale for training us. Without them all this would not have been possible.

A.S.



3rd Year Rugby XV

2nd YEAR B

Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Points
					Against
4	1	1	2	68	98

The second fifteen had an average type of season with many ups and downs in a long and hard term. Marvellous performances by David Kennet and Peter Little propelled them back to the top flight of 2nd year Rugby. Unfortunately, Matthew Donald and Philip Rae were demoted to the 2nds but they made a big impact for us.

Many thanks to the 1st XV and coaches.

C. Roberts

1st YEAR A

Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Points
					Against
4	4	0	0	122	36

Apart from a game cancelled, the first year First XIII won four games out of four with only 36 points being scored against them. The captain says this has been our best year and he is very pleased with the team and also the team spirit that they showed.

R. Givens

1st YEAR B

Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Points
					Against
1	0	0	1	10	18

This season was quite a bad season for the team. With many injuries and a lot of bad weather it took the team a long time to get used to the new rules. Many games were cancelled due to bad weather. The only game we did play was against Merchiston. We didn't have many players and hardly any training, so we lost, with one person nearly sent off and a person with a broken nose. After a disappointing season we are looking forward to next term when we start rugby again and hopefully we will win many games and have good weather to play them in.

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Haig House Football XI's

HAIG SOCCER

Association Football took a further leap forward this year when the Haig XI took part in a newly-formed league involving six "oval ball" schools which play the "round ball" game as a lesser sport in their curriculum. Each team plays home and away. To date of writing our team has lost only one match and the league is finely balanced between Merchiston Castle School and ourselves. However we have two games in hand, both anticipated wins, and our goal difference is very positive: 65 for, 21 against. There has been some very fine play, the team has progressed well over the season and there has been hot competition for the places. The only regret has been that so many who wanted to play could not do so. Hopefully we can now look at 2nd XI fixtures for the future. Meantime, barring an unexpected catastrophe, we fully anticipate winning the league. Next Session we hope that two more schools will join the league, thereby providing an adequate number of fixtures for the two terms we are able to play. Before the end of the term we will also be entering three teams into the Stirling District Council Nike Five-a-side Competition at Stirling University. This highly enjoyable event each year is extremely well run and we would like to express publicly our appreciation to those who run it.

SOCCER S1 — IV

This year we have managed to get several games against outside opposition. All of these games ended in highly satisfactory results for those who played in them.

At Christmas we played Dunblane Boys' Club in what

we hope will become an annual fixture. The Second Year won 11-1 and the First Year scored thirteen goals without reply.

We then played Merchiston Castle away at Redford Barracks and defeated them 6-1. Our latest fixture has been against Dunblane Boys' Club away, where we recorded a 7-1 victory. Alex Smith (SII) has been captain in all Second Year matches and has proved a most positive leader.

During the year Scott Kintrea and Steven Rogers (both SIII) passed a very difficult test at the end of a course on refereeing. They both got excellent marks on their knowledge of FIFA rules. As a reward (if that is the correct word), they, with some other boys, were taken to see Scotland play Finland at Hampden. Each of the boys got in for £2 and got a £2 voucher for Scotland's next home game. It is to be hoped that these prices will put further internationals within the financial reach of all boys.

Stewart Wood (SIII)

Athletics 1991

Athletes attended many Open, Graded and Championship meetings throughout the summer. Special mention must go to Andrew Casey for his win in the Scottish Schools Over 17 2000m Steeplechase. At the same meeting Robert Mackinnon came 1st in the 15-17 Hammer and Stuart Gardner 2nd in the same event. Robert and Stuart were selected to represent Scotland at

the Home International at Wrexham. Robert was also selected for the Scottish Junior Squad and Junior Commission. Several others were selected for squad sessions but were unable to attend because of parade Sundays.

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS RESULTS

Over 17	2000m				
	Steeplechase	A. Casey	1st	6.25.8	
15-17	Pole Vault	S. Veitch	5th	2.90m	
		S. McLean	6th	2.80m	
	Hammer	R. Mackinnon	1st	45.34m	
		S. Gardner	2nd	42.08m	
14-15	Pole Vault	I. Orr	2nd	2.25m	
	Hammer	M. Wight	1st	29.88m	
		S. Millan	2nd	23.02m	
Under 14	Pole Vault	T. Wilson	3rd	2.10m	
	Hammer	S. Mackinnon	1st	30.20m	
		J. Nelson	2nd	22.78m	

My thanks to Mr and Mrs Laing for all their help throughout the year.

M.J.B.

CENTRAL REGION DRY SKI-ING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1991

We were able to attend this meeting for the first time.

In the Junior Section Richard Givens came a creditable 9th and Christopher MacAngus 13th.

In the Senior Section Matthew Wight came 16th and Alan Smyth 18th.

Others who qualified for the finals but were unable to take part because of a clash with rugby were Paul Clark, Stuart Davidson and Ian Findlay.

M.J.B.

SENIOR SCHOOL SKI TRIP 1992

On 27th March at 8 a.m., 19 boys and 2 staff departed QVS for Alpe d'Huez in the French Alps, in a Silver Coach Lines coach.

We picked up another school from Caterham in Surrey at Dover and sailed P&O to Calais. After dropping Caterham off at Notre Dame de Bellacomb, we proceeded through Albertville and Grenoble to arrive at Alpe d'Huez at 4.00 p.m. on 28th March.

The weather could not have been better as there had recently been very heavy snowfalls. Throughout the week we had further snow and we were able to ski in powder snow over 3 feet deep. The ski-ing seemed endless and it was impossible to ski every piste in the week.

The apartments we were staying in were excellent. They all had micro-waves, dishwashers, cookers and fridges and were in a very good position for the slopes.

Our return journey was faster than the outward one and we arrived back at school on Saturday, 4th April, at 10 p.m.

Party consisted of: G. Greenhowe, M. Henderson, D. Kennett, C. MacAngus, M. McLeish, M. MacDonald, C. MacIntosh, S. Millan, S. H. Murray, J. Nelson, A. Paisley, D. Pattison, P. Rae, I. Ramsay, A. Smyth, C. Urquhart, S. Wood, M. Wight, Mr Boast and Mr Garden.

M.J.B.



Senior School Cross-Country Teams: 1991-1992.

DRY SKI-ING RACING 1991

Over 50 boys attended the racing at Fir Park, Tillicoultry held over 12 Wednesday evenings.

The races entailed parallel slalom and relays with six people in a team — all the teams competed against each other twice.

The 'A' team came 5th out of 10 teams entered and the 'B' came third in their section of 9 teams.

M.J.B.

CROSS COUNTRY 1991-92

Cross Country cliches are pretty thin on the (muddy) ground, so to borrow from football parlance, "a' the boys done weel".

After last year's disappointing overall results, things picked up, the most encouraging sign being the increase in numbers, especially from the first year, of boys turning up for regular training.

Perhaps one of the major incentives is the annual training weekend in the Borders in September which was held for the fifth time and thoroughly enjoyed despite our frugal existence, Mr Boast's cooking and Mr Shannon's driving. There was the usual mixture of training and sightseeing in good weather and the staff nearly split their sides when the boys' clothes, which were lying on the beach, started floating out into the Solway Firth, caught by a sudden turn of tide.

As usual there is no shortage of talent coming up from Wavell and, therefore, it was no surprise that they were our most successful team, finishing 2nd at Aberdeen and Annan and 3rd in the East League races at Rosyth and Bathgate. Craig Kintrea was the leading runner, supported mainly by James Martin, Gary Cornelius, Ryan Kerr, Malcolm Cook and Alistair Mackinnon. Craig also led an under-14 team of James Speirs, Peter O'Donnell and Keith McLachlan to retain the inter-schools match at Croftinloan.

There was no shortage of Junior Boys and it was difficult to know whom to leave behind at times. Some of this group did little cross-country in Wavell but showed great enthusiasm and promise. Colin Murphy, Patrick Ferguson, and James Speirs won the team race at Edinburgh. Others who did well were Andrew Paisley, Peter O'Donnell, Kyle McFarlane, Donald McDade, Gary Hughes and Keith McLachlan.

Competition against other schools usually brings out the best in the boys and this year was no exception. We were invited to Merchiston Castle relays and all our teams did well. The under-13s were first and the under-15s and under-17s were second. James Speirs and Scott Kintrea had the second fastest laps for their respective age-groups.

St Aloysius again invited some top schools from Scotland, Ireland and England to their 6-stage relay around Kelvingrove Park and our target was a place in the top ten.

Andrew Casey (9th) gave us a solid start and after Steven Boyne, Scott Kintrea, Alex Smith, James Speirs and Peter O'Donnell had also been round the park, we finished a very creditable 7th and second Scottish school.



X-Country Team Training Weekend Camp.

Scott Kintrea's consistent training over the years was rewarded with him producing some fine performances in the Senior Boys age-group, including 3rd places at Bathgate, Annan, and Edinburgh and he brought the team up to 6th place at Kelvingrove Park.

Our other school match was through the forest at Rannoch against Glenalmond, Strathallan and Fettes.

All these competitions led up to the Scottish Schools at Irvine, and although we did not win anything, Alex Smith had a fine race to finish 10th, leading the under-15 team to 6th place.

We are sad to lose three cross country stalwarts who are leaving this summer. Andrew Casey (who represented the East of Scotland yet again) Steven Boyne and Gordon Whyte have contributed so much to this sport at Queen Victoria School and have competed (and trained) with distinction over the years. Andrew has proved to be the most successful runner the school has ever produced. We wish all three every success as they move on to new pastures and hope they will keep on running.

INTER HOUSE RESULTS

Under-14

1. P. O'Donnell (T)
 2. P. Ferguson (T)
 3. J. Speirs (C)
- | | |
|------------|-----|
| Cunningham | 355 |
| Trenchard | 423 |

Over-15

1. P. Taylor (T)
 2. S. Kintrea (T)
 3. D. Pattison (C)
- | | |
|------------|----|
| Trenchard | 13 |
| Cunningham | 24 |

Under-15

1. J. Leitch (C)
 2. A. Smith (T)
 3. D. McMillan (C)
- | | |
|------------|-----|
| Cunningham | 168 |
| Trenchard | 185 |

Haig

1. A. Casey 14.57 (Record)
2. S. Boyne 16.50
3. J. Laws 17.24

Music Department

This session we are delighted to have increased our tutorial staff to six, and to re-include the subject of solo singing into our music curriculum. David McLelland, who



Mr Halyburton with the School Instrumentalists.

has recently graduated from the R.S.A.M.D., is also a tutor with Central Region and the Regional Choir in which our boys participate. We welcome him to QVS and wish him a happy and fruitful stay with us.

Within the department we have enhanced our stock of instruments, affording more boys the opportunity of tuition on our woodwind instruments of alto and tenor saxophones as well as in brass instruments of trumpet and trombone, which, when blended together form so well the main elements of our now-established swing-band. Following on from our success of last year, culminating in our farewell tribute to Prince Andrew last Grand Day, the band have rehearsed on a regular basis throughout this session, and we have increased our repertoire by more than double.

Our annual Carol Service was again a major success. It opened to the rousing congregation hymn — "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem" — which was regally rounded off with the inclusion of a soaring trumpet descant-line played by Mark Casey. The senior choir sang traditional Carols in their now customary four-part harmonisations, ending with their own favourite: "Good King Wenceslas". The Wavell Choir were up to their usual high standard of performance with "Winter Wonderland" and "Mary's Boy Child". They were also joined by first-year boys playing tuned percussion instruments to more up-tempo classics such as "Any Dream Will Do" and "When A Child Is Born". After an absence of a year or two, we were delighted to see and hear a brass quartet performing a selection of Christmas carols. The swing band were again excellent, with very jolly renditions of "Rocking Around The Christmas Tree" and "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer".

In all, the congregation enjoyed an evening of worship through the singing and playing of hymns and carols from vocalists and instrumentalists of the many talented

youngsters in our school, of whom we can be very proud.

The week before our carol service, the brass quartet along with some Haig "Howlers" offered to sing carols in Stirling Shopping Centre, in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund. This we did on a particularly cold and bitter December day, but were delighted with our rewards, having earned over eighty pounds on behalf of that charity within one frost-bitten hour. Well done to all concerned.

We have enjoyed a quite outstanding year in terms of examination results with the nationally-held Associated Board music examinations which reached a pinnacle of performance in March when seven boys sat exams and all achieved Merit certificates, with the exception of one, who was awarded a pass with distinction. They were:

Paul Matuszczyk	Pianoforte	Grade 3	Dist
Mark Casey	Trumpet	Grade 5	Merit
Stephen MacKinnon	Trumpet	Grade 3	Merit
Andrew Paisley	Trombone	Grade 3	Merit
Geoffrey Greenhowe	Pianoforte	Grade 3	Merit
John Nelson	Pianoforte	Grade 3	Merit
Richard Veitch	Violin	Grade 2	Merit

Earlier in the session other instrumentalists were also successful:

October 91			
Murray MacDonald	Alto Sax	Grade 4	Pass
June 91			
Paul Matuszczyk	Pianoforte	Grade 2	Dist
James Wilson	Pianoforte	Grade 5	Pass
Steven Veitch	Pianoforte	Grade 5	Pass
Mark Casey	Trumpet	Grade 4	Pass

Also, in the Central Region Music Festival held towards the end of last summer term, the music department was proud to boast several first and second place

Outward Bound Adventure Course

certificate awards with:

1st Place		
(Trophy)	Wavell Choir	Treble Voices
1st Place	QVS Percussion Ensemble	Percussion Ensemble
1st Place	Robert MacKinnon	Scots Songs
1st Place	Kenneth McIntosh	Baritone
1st Place	Murray MacDonald	Alto Saxophone
1st Place	David Pattison	Orchestral Percussion
2nd Place	QVS Swing Band	School Band
2nd Place	Graeme Brown	Orchestral Percussion

Recently, Robert MacKinnon took part in the Glasgow Music Festival, entering the Scots Song class where he gained first place with a very high mark. This win allowed him access to the singing finals, where he was awarded second place. An excellent achievement for a seventeen-year-old.

We have again been very fortunate to participate in a number of Central Region activities including Central Region Youth Choir, the Youth Symphonic Wind Band (formerly the Concert Band) and this session — for a first time — the Central Region Swing Band.

The Youth Choir performed at Christmas time a selection of Anthems and Carols including "Hosanna to the Son of David" by Orlando Gibbons. The boys enjoyed participating in this event as well as the weekend course (to Dounans Camp, Aberfoyle with its luxury chalet-type accommodation) as part of the rehearsals. Those taking part were: Mark Butcher, Ian Findlay, Paul Lapsley, Scott MacFarlane, Andrew Riddell, Alan Smyth and David Wilson. During this summer term, the choir is working towards performances of Haydn's Oratorio — The Creation.

The Youth Symphonic Wind Band has as normal rehearsed on Friday evenings on a weekly basis throughout the session with concert material including "The Phantom of the Opera" Three boys have taken part in this activity, namely: Mark Casey — trumpet, Murray MacDonald — Alto Saxophone and David Pattison — Percussion.

Mark Casey's talent on trumpet has rewarded him with a position within the Central Region Swing Band — and he is the first representative of this school in that band.

As well as giving of their talents, our boys have been fortunate this year with the number of concert visits available to them to see some very fine performances including the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra who performed the programmatic composition, "Pictures at an Exhibition" in the Royal International Concert Hall. At that same venue, boys from intermediate houses heard various songs and orchestral arrangements from musicals, conducted — and in some cases composed — by the famous American composer/conductor Carl Davies. Recently senior boys were afforded the opportunity to attend Mozart's Opera "Don Giovanni" in the Theatre Royal, Glasgow.

Session 91-92 has been rather a hectic one, crammed full of musical events and occasions, but one in which we have achieved quality success and great pride and satisfaction has been earned.

Last Summer I was offered a place on an adventure course on the West Coast of Scotland for a week. This offer came about after the winner of the school raffle for raising funds for the new sports hall gave the prize back to the school because he didn't have anyone to go on the course.

I was glad to take up the offer, even though I didn't have a clue about what I was getting myself into!

The school gave me the travel costs and my mother gave me some money for my pocket. I was to learn later on that I didn't need any of their money because there was nothing to spend it on!

I got the train from Edinburgh to Glasgow and then onto Oban. The scenery going up to Oban was breathtaking. I spent a few hours in Oban until I got the bus from Oban to the Oban Ferry. The ferry took about twenty minutes to get to the Isle of Luing, where it was met by the Post bus which took me all around the island before getting to the other side to a place called Blackmill Bay which is where Mr Shuff lived — he was the man who ran the course. I then met the people I was going to spend the week with — they were on a youth programme from Aberdeen.

We then loaded the speedboat and took the rough trip across to Scarba, the island which I was going to live on for that week.

Scarba is situated one mile west of Luing. Some of you who might have been on the famous West Highland Way Yacht-Race will know their race runs between the five islands and as you know it has beautiful scenery.

The first thing that I was handed when I got there was a midge net, which was to prove very useful when I was on the island, because the island was ridden with the pests at night.

The first few days were generally spent on safety and being taught how to survive on the fauna around and generally getting ready for the days to come.

On the island there were lots of caves which we could sleep in and most nights we did. We had to have a fire strategically placed at night to keep the midges away. There was always dry weed inside the caves, left over from the last group that slept there. You had to get a bunch of dry, dead heather for a bed, which was usually comfortable as long as you cleared everything away before you put it down.

There were tents just in case the weather got too bad to sleep in the caves. But no, there weren't any five-star hotels! There was only one house on the island and that didn't even have electricity. You might think, how did he survive without television, without radio, without central heating? Well if it had all that, the course would have been normal, just like something in the Cubs or the Scouts! Well it wasn't that easy!

Overall the course was very good and I would recommend it to anyone of any age, as long as you aren't scared of heights, or scared of letting yourself go to relieve all that stress. It is a good character-building exercise and it has done the world of good for me.

K. Slater (S5).

Camera Club

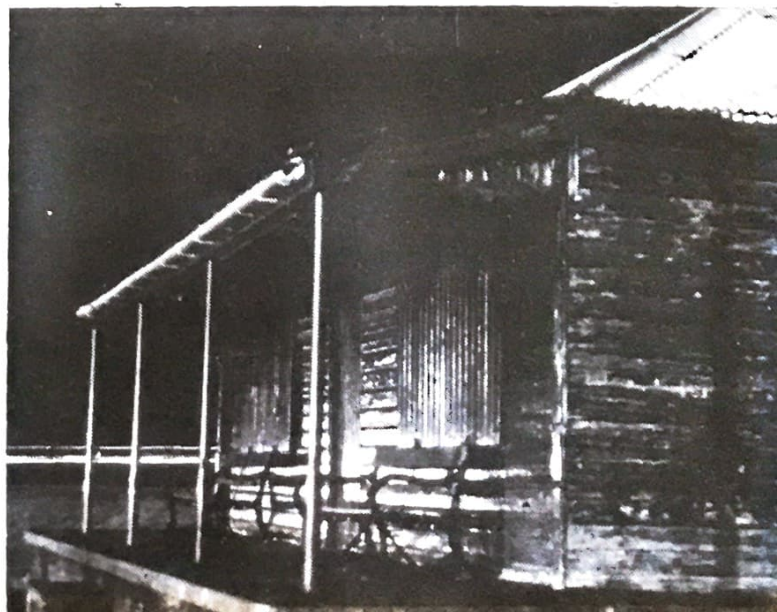


This year the Camera Club has continued throughout the spring and summer terms thanks to the enthusiasm of one fifth year boy, R. MacKinnon, and three first year boys, C. Donnelly, M. McCleish and A. Ousby.

The above first year boys joined the club with little or no knowledge of how to compose pictures or process the film to the final print. The photographs shown on this page are examples of the boys' work.

During the summer term of session 1990/91, our darkroom in the science block was converted to a chemistry/biology store, and we had to wait until the spring term 1991/92 before our new accommodation was finally completed. Now in our new premises we have the space and facilities to process black-and-white and colour film and even tint and dye our own photographs. Hopefully we should have a display of colour, black-and-white and customised photographs on Grand Day.

Finally, Mr Dale hopes that the club will go from strength to strength and so gain in popularity in future years. This would mean that all our equipment could be fully utilised and the boys would gain some satisfaction from seeing their work on display.



Portugal Trip.

This Easter I was fortunate enough to be invited to go on a warm-weather training trip to Portugal. It was organised by Andy Vince, the National Coach for Athletics in Scotland.

The squad left Glasgow at 11.30 p.m. on the 4th of April and we were at Faro airport some ten hours later, ready for the bus journey to Aldeia-Das-Acoteias where we were to stay.

The first few days we took our training easily in order to acclimatise, as the temperature was well into the 80's. All those in the squad had the added advantage of having the best coaches from both England and Scotland there to help with our training. We also had one of Britain's most highly regarded sports physiotherapists with us, who proved to be very useful.

I had the fortunate experience of being coached by Alan Bertram, the British Coach for hammer, for five of my ten days stay. It was very hard work, as can be expected. I was training for five hours a day, starting at 9.30 in the morning for three hours and then again at 4.30 in the afternoon for a further two hours.

In between training most people seemed to enjoy relaxing beside the complex's swimming pool or going down to the beach, which was only a kilometre away.

On our day off we went to a neighbouring town to have a look round the local markets and shops.

The ten days flew by, but I did have a chance to meet and speak to quite a number of British team athletes out there training too.

I would like to thank H.M.'s Commissioners for sponsoring me and to everyone else who made the trip possible. I hope that more boys from the school will have the opportunity that I have had.

Robert MacKinnon (S5)

Adult First Aid

This year myself, Alexander Cook and Andrew Moffat took part in the Red Cross Adult First Aid Course in the Braeport Centre in Dunblane. We had decided to increase the skills learnt in previous years at the Junior and Junior Proficiency First Aid Courses held in the school itself.

So every Monday night, from mid-January to the end of March, we attended the Braeport Centre from eight o'clock until ten o'clock. The first hour of each lesson was purely theory, with the occasional lecture from a doctor. Then it was an hour of practical work on applying bandages and dressing, and moving casualties, resuscitation and the like.

The course's main instructor was Mr Tim Gillespie, a fireman with a wicked sense of humour. Tim was aided in the teaching by John and Alan, who also taught the Junior First Aid Course here at the school.

Although the youngest present by a number of years, the other First Aiders were extremely friendly.

We could not take the final exam at the Centre because it was during our Easter holidays, but we both passed the exam in the Summer term's first week at the Red Cross Centre in Grangemouth.

The First Aid Certificate must be renewed every three

years and both Andrew and myself fully intend to do so. We found the course helpful, interesting and informative and would recommend it to anyone.

Alexander Cook V, and Andrew Moffat IV.

First Aid Hobby

The First Aid Hobby is run by two volunteer instructors (John & Big Al) and is a course leading to the Red Cross Junior Certificate.

The first week was spent with our acquainting ourselves with the instructors, and them with us. The instructors ran a relaxed course and first names were used, when they could remember them.

The course began with our learning what first aid is all about, namely preservation of life until medical help arrives. The course covered everything from minor scratches to compound fractures and heart failure.

Emergency situations were set up using "volunteers" and endless supplies of fake blood. The set-ups were nerve-wrackingly realistic and often had strangers involved to make it more life-like.

At the end of the course we all sat an exam which tested us on every aspect of First Aid we had learnt. Although this was a hard test, no one failed, which proves that the enthusiasm and work put in by all paid off.

Our thanks go to John & Big Al, who put in hours of hard work, and to Mrs Brown for giving up her free time to test us.

Colin Rostant.

Community Swimming

This year the Community Swimming was held at the Leisure Pool in Stirling. The boys who participated in this hobby were picked from a pool of 4th and 5th year boys. The hobby took place on Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 9.00, throughout the whole school year.

The people who were aided in their Swimming were both mentally and physically handicapped and of various levels of ability.

To help them, each boy paired off with one of them and coached them, encouraged them, supported them when necessary, ensured their safety and stability and generally helped them to enjoy their evening's swimming. In return these people gave to us their appreciation and a sense of doing something worthwhile for others, not to mention the real fun we had with them. To further help these swimmers this year, one of our Sunday Chapel collections was designated for the Handicapped Swimming Club.

This hobby would not have been possible without the much-valued aid of Mr McIntyre, to whom we express our sincere thanks.

Iain Mackay IV

Life-Saving

Bronze Medallion life saving classes, totally paid for by the school, took place over the winter in two groups. Eight members of Haig were coached at the school, by Mr Jim Hay, while four others were coached at Wallace High School pool by Mrs Pearl Meldrum. We are extremely grateful to these Royal Life Saving Society coaches for

their time and their expertise and to their colleagues who actually tested the pupils at the end of their courses. It is a tribute to their coaching, and to the boys' efforts, that all passed. We hope that this is an encouragement to younger boys to take the opportunity when their turn comes.

Community Service

For Community Service 1991/92, six fourth-year boys visited three nursing homes each week.

These homes were Aultwharrie, Ardnablane and Dunblane Nursing Home.

The boys (Jamie Simeon, Paul Clark, Keith Livingstone, Stephen McBrearty, Peter Kennedy and Chris Gardiner) contributed a lot of effort and time to helping around the houses. Both residents and boys enjoyed their time there.

Keith Livingstone

Canoeing

Senior Canoeing has had a thriving season with the largest number yet undergoing pool coaching over the autumn and winter months. Twenty-seven newcomers made significant advances, while six more experienced senior boys ably assisted Mr Philip with the coaching, thereby further perfecting their own skills and learning about how to pass them on. Now that summer is coming in we are trying to fit in as many opportunities for the real outdoor action which is the end purpose of all the training. In this we have been very much helped by an injection of new equipment which makes more adventurous canoeing possible while increasing the safety factor. We are grateful to all those inside and outside the school who help facilitate our activities.

Scottish Country Dancing

Year by year, Scottish Country Dancing is a popular activity with a significant number of senior pupils, not only because of its contributions to cultural awareness and physical wellbeing! The attractions of the young ladies who attend the practices over the winter months, and the culmination of these efforts in the various Highland Balls make it an inevitably attractive activity, at least to some. The benefits derived are unfortunately not appreciated sufficiently by all, some only realising too late on in the year what they are missing, some never realising how much it can boost their confidence, if they but take the first steps and set aside their initial embarrassment. Those who organise this activity always hope that parents will encourage their sons to launch into it and stick with it long enough to gain confidence and reap the real pleasure and social development that the activity and company can provide. We are particularly grateful to the staff of St Margaret's School, Edinburgh, for their welcome each time we visit for our joint practices and for their excellent Highland Ball. Our appreciation is also considerable for all those who help in any way to make our own Highland Night such an enjoyable evening.

Scripture Union

In Scripture Union we have done lots of interesting things such as games, singing, reading from the Bible, praying and talking about what has happened during the week. We also held a Fun Day.

We are only a small group just now, but its great fun and Sister takes it every Friday at 5.30.

On our Fun Day we raised quite a lot of money for the charity Cross Roads, a very worthy cause. I personally liked the Nativity Play and I enjoy reading from the Bible and games.

S.U. is a great place to be and I hope that whoever else joins will think about S.U. as I do.

S. Porter 1B

Debating S1 S1V

This has been a very busy year, with many boys who are new to debating taking part in a multiplicity of teams.

James Law, Iain Findlay and Jamie Baird started off the year with a scintillating display in the E.S.U. Public Speaking contest. James Law was one of the stalwarts of the team, as he took part in both Public Speaking and Debating in venues as far flung as Dollar, Stirling and Larbert.

Keith Livingstone and David McNulty took the team through in the first round of the E.S.U. Debating and Keith acquitted himself very creditably with newcomer Paul Taylor in the second round, although both narrowly failed to get through against Sixth-form opposition.

The Dundee Courier competition proved very popular, again with a large number of boys with no experience of debating. Stewart Wood and Mark Butcher got through the first round and Stewart and Murray MacDonald put up a brave show in the next round.

One highlight of the year was the visit of 'young hopefuls' from S1 and S11 to the finals of the Dundee Courier competition at St Andrews University where, in the distinguished presence of the University Principal and a Nobel Prize winner, they saw the team which had narrowly knocked out Colin Rostant and Stuart Ford, win the first prize, a fortnight in Miami! So near and yet so far!



Debating and Public Speaking Teams with Mr Frize.

All boys, but particularly those who are good at English, who would like to develop self-confidence and have a good sense of humour, are asked to come forward and try their luck at this activity, where you really can tell adults what you think of their world!

Very Cross Bencher.

THEATRE OUTINGS

Theatre Outings are a regular feature offered to the pupils of the IV the, Vth and VIth forms to encourage and develop their cultural awareness. In the main, the theatres offer reduced price tickets to school groups, but even allowing

for this the tickets in some cases are very pricey. For this reason the school further subsidises the more expensive tickets, thus enabling a greater range of plays and venues to be encompassed.

This session a sizeable number of pupils have participated in these events. Plays included "Romeo and Juliet" (the Higher set text for this session), "Arsenic and Old Lace" "Design for Living", "An Ideal Husband", "The Beggar's Opera" (the play, not the opera), "Uncle Vanya" and "Playboy of the Western World". This list demonstrates the sort of variety that is sought.

In addition to the theatre outings, the "Culture Vultures" also attended some classical music concerts and even ventured into opera with "The Marriage of Figaro".

Most of these events are thoroughly enjoyed, though inevitably Abraham Lincoln's famous words are brought to mind, "You can please some of the people ... etc."

KARATE CLUB

The Karate Club had a very good start this session, with many new members joining the club in September.

Several of the "new intake" boys had already studied Karate prior to joining the school and were keen to continue their training.

Given the enthusiasm from the boys, it was decided to run the Karate and Judo clubs separately, to dedicate two nights training per week to Karate studies.

The Scottish Shotokan Karate Centre's Chief Instructor, Sensei Ronnie Watt, 5th Dan, attended the school on Sunday 19th of January, to conduct a training course which was both interesting and challenging with several new skills and techniques to be learned. The boys on the course trained very hard on the day and certainly appeared to be enjoying themselves.

The highlight of course, was the grading examination itself.

All of the boys performed very well under pressure and each was rewarded with a successful "pass".

In total there were twelve promotions to a higher grade that day.

Special congratulations have to be given to Brian Espie (S3), Stephen Millan (S3) and Mark Findlay (S3), for their double promotion, as reward for their dedication, high quality at techniques and Martial Spirit.

Special congratulations also, to Christopher Semple (p6), for his promotion to blue belt. Christopher looks set

to gain his black belt within the next couple of years. We all wish him and the others all the best with their Karate studies.

Sensei Iain Dow 3rd Dan.
Scottish Shotokan Karate Centres.

INDOOR BOWLING

The hobby started in the Theatre and finished in the New Sports Hall - a great improvement. Thirteen boys were involved, several being new to the hobby. Competitions started in February and after the heats, the Final took place at the end of the Easter Term.

Singles Champion - Colin Urquhart

R.U. Chris Stryker

3rd Jamie Cornelius.

Pairs Champions - Ethan McLellan and Iain Stewart

R.U. James Cornelius and Matthew Donald

3rd Chris Stryker and Darren McQuade.

POTTERY HOBBY

Some good work was produced this year, with a more diverse choice of subject being attempted.

D. Stewart

SQUASH HOBBY

(Friday) The hobby was well subscribed this year and although there was some diminution in interest as the year progressed, many boys shared a marked improvement in technique by the end of year.

D. Stewart.

Wavell House

There are no two successive years alike and this session has certainly confirmed that with emphasis! As a result of the vicissitudes affecting the whole School, there have been some unusual 'wobblies' and other effects rippling through the juniors — nevertheless, all appears to be settling down once more.

This year, the pupils who will be going up to the senior school will surely benefit greatly from the major re-furbishment of the intermediate houses which will take place during the summer holiday. There can be no doubt that they are being provided with an attractive living environment, which deserves to be excitedly anticipated.

Within this house, we have introduced, and are generally pleased with, a system of organisation based on the 'rookies' being accommodated upstairs, while the 'second-years' occupy the ground floor area. This arrangement will be enhanced by the construction during the summer, of a new games room and entrance hallway complete with lockers and much-needed storage space. At the same time some long awaited improvements to the staff flats will be carried out.

It has been thought for some time that the pupils' play facilities needed improvement, and with the support of the G.P. Committee of H.M.C. it has been arranged for Edinburgh U.O.T.C. to camp in the School during the holiday and build an adventure playground for the use of



The School Karate Club.



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junior pupils. This facility should be great fun for the pupils and provide a positive avenue for the expending of youthful energies.

On the academic side, the primary staff have attended a number of in-service training courses relating to the 5-14 initiative, and thus feel that we are well up on current educational thinking. In this connection, certain changes in the organisation of the primary department are required to enable us to be 'in-line' with accepted practice in the upper stages of Scottish primary education, and it is hoped that these targets may be attained before long.

Congratulations to Martin Sherwood, Stephen Page and Leigh Bissett on their selection to represent Dunblane, together with three other local children. They

will all be competing at the Burns Federation National Childrens' Competition at Bellshill. Martin will be reciting, whilst Stephen and Leigh will sing. The School hopes that the boys and girls will all do well and wishes them luck on the day.

Once more it only remains to pay testimony to the House and Departmental Staff for their pride in serving the School with diligence and patience throughout a far from easy session.

WAVELL RUGBY

This season saw the introduction at primary school level of the Scottish Rugby Union's Development Guidelines. These involved changes in the structure of



Wavell 1st XV Rugby.



Wavell 1st XI Football.

the game for youngsters. At Primary 7 or U/12, this meant reducing the numbers in a team to 13, incorporating all back positions but only 6 forwards. The changes in the laws encouraged open play to a more continuous, fluent emphasis. Restrictions on kicking and discouragement of spoiling play also encouraged a more fluent game.

Initially both staff and pupils were sceptical but as the season progressed, our fears were shown to be unfounded. The new structure was adapted to fairly easily and scores were more frequent.

The junior 1st XIII had a mixed season in terms of results but it was to their credit that they did not become disillusioned by one or two fairly hefty defeats. However they did win some games and quite a few showed signs of promise. Special mention must be given to the team's captain, Michael Logue, who showed good qualities as both player and captain.

Some similar changes also took place at Primary 6 where the game was revised with an extension of mini-rugby to 10-a-side and introduced the line-out. In this game the emphasis is very much on keeping possession, handling and tackling. The JB 1st XV show a lot of promise for next season. Many of the younger players showing well in all the aforementioned skills, were, as a result, to provide the team with a number of good wins.

In summary, this transitional season has been relatively successful and I look forward to consolidating the new structure next season with the pupils and my colleagues.

G.C.

WAVELL FOOTBALL

At the time of writing, our football season is just two or three weeks old. However, it looks pretty clear that the 1st XI is going to achieve the high standards set by last year's team. So far the team, selected from a squad of 22 pupils, have recorded wins against Auchterarder Primary and Kilbarchan Primary. The latter fixture was played using the S.F.A.'s 7-a-side format. Two teams travelled through to play, both enjoying victories. This format was enjoyed by the pupils and there is potential for playing more games in this way. The boys' views that there was more fluency and speed in the game because of there being no off-side and only 14 players instead of 22 on the pitch, was heartily agreed with by the staff and adults present.

As the season progresses we have a number of events to look forward to. Excitement is already building as to the outcome of our internal sports group league; at the time of writing it looks like the Kiwis and the Lions will be battling it out for the championship. We also have our internal 5-a-side tournament which helps to decide who will represent the school at both our invitation 5-a-side tournament for schools and the Puma-Stirling District Sports Council prestigious tournament at Stirling University. Whilst not wishing to predict final outcomes in these events, I do feel certain that our teams will give a good account of themselves.

In the meantime we will train hard and continue to put

the emphasis on encouraging skill, team work and individual flair

G.C.

WAVELL CROSS COUNTRY

The two main events at the school for the junior boys are the internal competition and the invitation inter-school championship. The school also enters teams for competitions and leagues outside of the school for which Mr Boast and Mr Laing take responsibility. The level of success that the teams enjoy is quite remarkable, given the numbers from which we have to choose.

However, returning to the school competitions, the intersports group event was held in February on quite a reasonable day. Sixty boys participated. The results were determined by combining the U/11 scores and U/12 scores for each team. The team with the best overall score, won the event. This year the Kiwis were 1st, the Cockerels were 2nd, the Lions were 3rd and the Wallabies were 4th. The U/12 champions was Craig Kintrea, with James Martin runner-up. The U/11 champion was Gary Cornelius and Paul Barlow was runner-up.

We then looked forward to the invitation championship at which Stewart's Melville, Kelvinside Academy, Heriot's, Hutcheson's Grammar and Q.V.S. were participants. In the U/11 event Kelvinside Academy won the trophy. Q.V.S. were comfortable winners at the U/12 section, with a strong Hutcheson's Grammar team lifting the U/13 trophy.

G.C.

WAVELL SWIMMING

The swimming hobby was run on a Monday evening for the first two terms. There were 25 boys in the group and during the time they spent participating they took part in the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association's sponsored distance swimming scheme for primary school pupils. They achieved a number of awards ranging from 50m to 1000m. Badges for these are awarded in the summer term.

We held our annual inter-school gala in February this year. Normally our internal inter sports group competition acts as a precursor for the main event and helps with selection of the school team. Unfortunately, because many of the boys were unwell, and owing to the unavailability of the pool due to maintenance, the internal gala was not held, thus making selection quite difficult. However a team was picked and they competed against groups from George Heriot's School, Beaconsfield School and Glasgow High School. As usual Glasgow High proved to be too good for the rest of us and they won quite comfortably. However a really close competition was run for 2nd and 3rd place in which Heriot's came second, narrowly beating Q.V.S. into 3rd position.

G.C.

WAVELL SKI TRIP — LES CARROZ EASTER 1992

After a very long journey via Manchester and Lyons we



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were glad to settle in to our hotel, the Front de Neige, in Les Carroz in the Haute Savoie region of France.

The weather was very good for ski-ing. There was plenty of snow with low temperatures and clear skies. On the best of days you could ski to the hotel, which was a real bonus.

The ski-ing was excellent. Slopes are graded in order of difficulty. The first slope you ski down is a nursery slope and then in sequence it leads to green, to blue, to red and then finally black. The blue slopes are easy, but excellent and there were some brilliant red runs which you can get into if you practise and improve. After that, if you are a lot better than others, you may be taken on a black slope, which is hair-raising.

Our instructors, Pascale and Christian, were very good. To get from one slope or another you had to ski well and think about your technique. You couldn't get lost because all the tows and lifts were well marked.

The food was very nice. At breakfast there were cere-

als, croissants, tea, coffee, yoghurt and fruit. We had a packed lunch brought up to the top of the mountain every day. The lunches had French bread sandwiches, crisps, biscuits and fruit. Dinner was always four courses with delicious soup, then a salad followed by a main dish and finishing off with a dessert, all washed down with some Coke.

Evening entertainment was very good. Some nights we did poly-bagging (sliding down slopes on special hard plastic trays), bingo with prizes, video evenings, a disco and pancake meeting. On the pancake night we all learned quickly how to make them and eat them! But the best people at making the pancakes and at disposing of them were Lorraine, the chef, and Duncan, the ski technician.

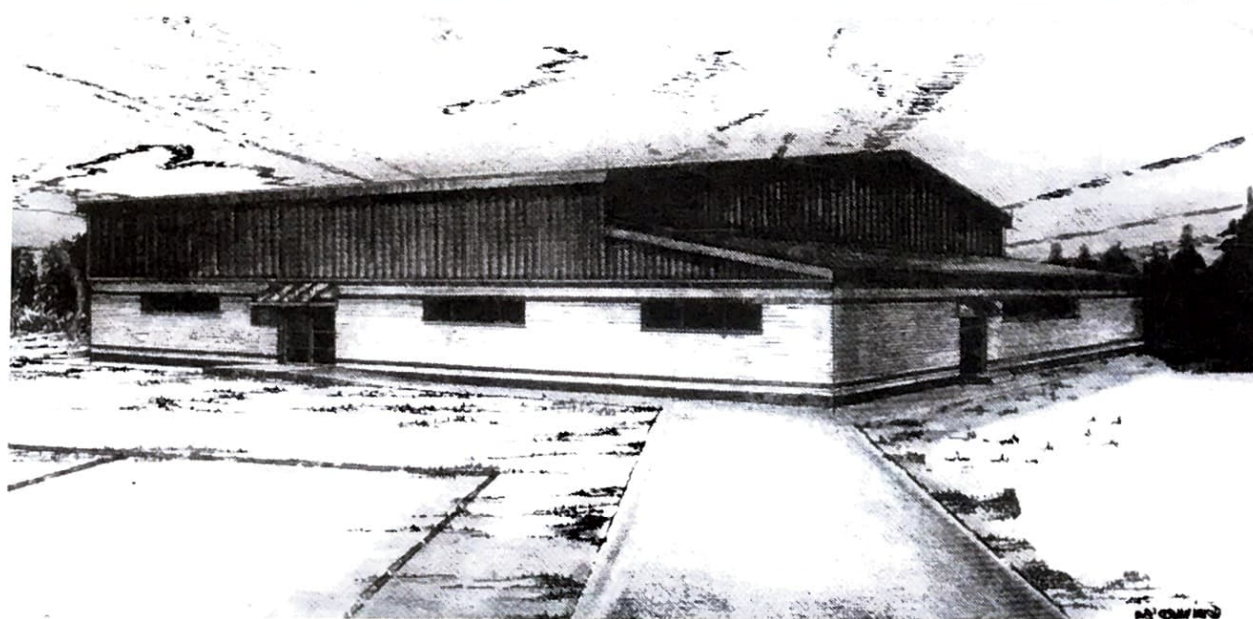
Overall we would say that it was one of the best holidays we have ever had — Marks out of 100? — 100!

Leigh Bissett JAI
and Barrie Wood JAI



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