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Editorial.

Our prime task in this, the first peacetime issue of the *Stamfordian* after nearly six years of war, must be to place on record our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have fought and died for us in the most momentous conflict the world has ever witnessed. Readers of this magazine will have noticed with ever-growing sorrow and sympathy the photographs of the familiar faces of those old boys who have given their lives on our behalf. No words can express the debt we owe them. Our gratitude can only be measured by deeds, not by words.

The past term has seen many memorable events pass within its span. V.E. Day was not without celebration in Stamford and School House gave vent to its feelings by burning an effigy of Hitler on top of a large bonfire. The Corps, A.T.C. and Scouts took part in the Victory Parade and attended a Thanksgiving Service at St. Martin's Church.

In the middle of the term interest was focussed on the General Election. Discussion in the Modern VI was somewhat heated and at times violent.

The sage's dictum that "things b'aint what they used to be," hitherto rarely challenged, is hardly borne out by the excerpts from Magazine of 25 Years Ago. It is plainly contradicted by the Library notes of that issue, for Left Wing tendencies were evident among the Modern VI of those days; violence was also hinted at. This form seems to have established a tradition.

The problem of accommodation was then a pressing one, necessitating the erection of three army huts. The "temporary" classrooms have already been in use for twenty-five years. It is to be hoped that the new prefabricated hut, the site for which a handful of stalwart seniors helped to prepare in the Summer Holidays, will not suffer a similar fate. On second thought, however, this seems improbable, if the current opinion on the durability of "prefabs" is a reliable one.

Mr. Morton's late return to College to take his degree, which forms the subject of the other item in the column 25 Years Ago, has its sequel to-day.

Now that final victory has been achieved, hopes of better things to come are foremost in our minds. At school, we look forward to a renaissance of those humane activities which are always the first to suffer when a country goes to war. Music, dramatics, and other cultural pursuits, which add variety to an otherwise mundane existence, have great opportunities in the future.

After having given thirty years of his life in the service of the School Mr. Morton has been forced to retire from teaching, owing to ill health. As a token of its gratitude the School presented Mr. Morton with a silver salver on the last day of the term. After thanking the School, Mr. Morton had, in his own words, for the first time in his life, the impertinence to ask the Headmaster for a half-holiday. We trust that we shall see much of Mr. Morton in the future.

Peace brings hope of a more plentiful supply of paper, and we profoundly hope that this will be the last issue to cover two term's activities. Everything from local buses to the application of the Education Act seems to be behind time in these days. We must, however, apologise for the lateness of this issue, which, we assure our readers, is due to circumstances beyond our control. In conclusion we wish to thank all those who have in any way contributed to the magazine.

School Notes.

During the Summer term J. S. Riley, G. R. C. Campion, D. N. Glew, J. M. Guffick, T. R. J. West, J. W. Merrikin were appointed School Prefects.

We were sorry to lose G. A. Sharpe at the end of the Spring term. His services as Editor of this Magazine have been invaluable and he has our warmest thanks. He is at present at Oxford on a Short Course. J. A. Dexter has been elected Editor to replace Sharpe.

We are very grateful to Mr. B. Preston for the magnificent cups he has presented for the winner of the Junior Cross Country and for the fastest swimmer in the School.

Our thanks also go to Mr. G. N. Riley and family for a cup for the winner of the Junior Run-Walk.

This term we welcomed Mr. G. A. Hoffnung as Art Master.

We are unfortunate in losing Mr. Simpson and Mr. Barker from the staff. Mr. Barker has left his mark as instigator of the Geography Survey.

We congratulate Mr. W. N. Sproson on his marriage to Miss M. L. Frost during the Easter holidays.

Congratulations also to N. F. Mable on gaining a Kesteven Major Scholarship and to J. T. Laws on his, a minor award on the result of the same examination.

During the Easter Holidays the School sent several delegates to a Youth Conference on India which proved very instructive.

Many members of the School took advantage of talks on Imperial topics, which were held at the Youth Club during Empire Youth Week. Major-General Ian Hay Beith spoke in the School Hall at the final meeting of the week.

At the end of the Easter Holidays several members of the Sixth Form reading Geography to an advanced standard made a survey of an area in the neighbourhood of Stamford. Mr. Barker was the director of the survey: J. S. Riley was secretary and J. D. Fromant treasurer. The survey was most successful and a record and report of it was published during the Summer term.

At the end of the Spring term the School heard an interesting and appropriate lecture on 'Coal.' The speaker stated very clearly the various problems connected with coal, laying particular stress on the need to economise.

There have been two lectures on Poland during the past two terms, both of which were attended by a large proportion of the School. Films dealing with the history and geography of Poland were also shown.

In the Summer term Lieut. Grammer gave an instructive talk to the seniors on methods of entering the Navy.

School Officials.

Prefects.

J. R. Lovell.	J. D. Fromant.
M. A. Jeeves.	D. G. Frazer.
J. S. Riley.	T. R. J. West.
J. M. Guffick.	D. N. Glew.
J. W. Merrikin.	G. R. C. Campion.

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G. R. C. Campion.	

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J. E. T. Bacon.	

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J. W. Merrikin.	

Swimming Committee.

Capt. W. C. Pollard.	D. G. Frazer.
J. B. Ghaye.	

Librarians.

J. T. Laws.	M. V. Kalmar.
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DECEMBER.

P. R. Gilbert	Science. VI 2.
W. M. M. Deacock	School Cert.
	School Cert., House Rugby
	Colours. School Athletic
	Colours. House Prefect.
	V.B.

B. N. Towning.	
M. L. Hardingham	School Cert., Cert. A, L/Cpl.
	J. T. C.
A. S. Henderson	School Cert. House Prefect.
P. J. Lale	

Lower IV 1.

S. G. Neal
D. Horton

Remove I.

N. L. Sharpe

Lower II.

J. C. F. Stride
A. M. Kerr
I.

M. J. Andrews

MARCH.

G. A. Sharpe	VI. Modern
	School Cert., Cert. A, Sgt. in
	J. T. C. School Rugby Colours, School Athletics captain, Editor of Stamfordian, School Prefect.
A. J. Gollledge	School Cert.

D. F. Martin	<i>VI. Science</i> School Cert., Cert. A.
J. A. Watson	<i>VI Science 2.</i> School Cert., Cert. A, L/Cpl. J. T. C., House Prefect.
A. Burgoin	School Cert., School Rugby Colours, School Cricket Colours, House Prefect.
G. Harmston	<i>V.B.</i>
W. R. Ferrier	School Cert., Cert. A., L/Cpl. J.T.C., House Rugby Colours.
J. G. Griffin	<i>Upper IV B.</i>
B. Simpson	<i>Lower IV 1.</i>
J. G. Bradley	<i>Lower IV 2.</i>
J. F. Gollledge	<i>Remove II.</i>
M. Pycroft	<i>Remove III.</i>
J. D. Payne	<i>III 2.</i>
J. T. Noel	<i>III 3.</i>
J. C. Goodger	<i>I.</i>
D. Keens	
D. C. Atkinson	

Salvete.

Romaine, P.	<i>Lower V.</i>
Dominion, J.	<i>Upper IV B.</i>
Arnold, R. C. C.	<i>Remove I.</i>
Noel, J. T.	<i>III 2.</i> Streather, R. E.
Baggs, A. P.	<i>III 3.</i>
Walker, C. D.	<i>Upper II.</i>
Easey, M. C.	<i>Lower II.</i> Fox, N. T.
Smith, H. G.	Goodman, J. V.
Hodgson, L. W.	Philpott, I. M.
Dryden, K. E.	<i>Form I.</i> Miles, C. C.
Morris, R. J. C.	Bell, M. G.
Clarke, J. C.	Gillespie, M.
Hankins, P. G.	

J.T.C. Notes.

Captain W. Pollard.
Lieut. W. K. Simpson.
C.S.M. J. R. Lovell.
C.Q.M.S. W. J. Dickens.
Sgts.—J. D. Fromant, G. A. Sharpe, G.R.C.
Campion, M. A. Jeeves, D. G. Frazer.
Cpls.—C. J. Horne, J. W. Merrikin, J. B. Ghaye,
J. T. Humberstone.
L/Cpls.—A. J. Barlow, J. E. T. Bacon, C. D.
Exley, W. E. Grant, J. T. Laws, G. Lee, J. T. Marriott, D. A. Parsley.

The J.T.C. year that closed at the end of the Summer term was notable for an advance in specialized training. After Cert. "A" exams were over great efforts were made to develop the Range, an Assault Course, a Corps motor bike, and various post-certificate "A" activities. A large shooting programme was undertaken, exceeding any of previous years; and it is pleasing to record that all but one of the camp contingent were first class shots. In connection with the Range, Sgt. Campion and Cadet Preston have produced a splendid imitation landscape contrivance which has made fire orders a pleasure. The Inspecting Officer showed great interest in this worthy effort.

Sgt. Fromant has worked like a nigger to produce a workmanlike Assault Course, which was duly baptized on Inspection Day. His efforts, together with his co-assistants C.M.Q.S. Dickens and Cadet Fancourt, in another direction have kept the whole J.T.C. spell-bound. But they have the last laugh: the motor bike does go.

Of Q.M.S. Dickens, it should be recorded that no Quarter master has looked after the stores better than he.

Annual Inspection by Major W. R. Smith, M. B.E. was notable for the whole Corps touching peak form; his opinion of us was spoken in clear terms on the day, followed by a pleasing written report in due course. In this connection we pay respects to C.S.M. Lovell, who has kept the Corps at concert pitch throughout the Summer term.

A platoon of us travelled with A.C.F. Cadets for a week's camp at Babraham Park, near Cambridge in early August with the Northants and Hunts. Brigade of Cadets. There were 350 Cadets in camp, and the whole organisation reminded one of the pre-war O.T.C. camps. We were visited by tanks, regular personnel with Brens and Mortars, and a horde of Generals. Rifles were issued with "blanks" on a generous scale, so that all exercises gained in realism. Our neighbours were Stamford A.C.F., with whom we rubbed shoulders amicably. An excellent Y.M.C.A. looked after our interests

in many ways; many of us visited Cambridge; eleven went to an American aerodrome and drove Jeeps around the perimeter; and so with hard work and generous play, warmed by a blazing sun we closed the week with a huge bonfire, as if in gratitude for a perfect camp in one of England's most beautiful country parks.

A.T.C.

Instructor.—H. Carter, Esq.

Sgt.—J. S. Riley.

Cpl.—L.G. Couzens.

This term we have again carried on our activities without the assistance of an Officer. We hope however that this defect will be remedied next term.

Morse, drill and navigation have been the chief activities and we were glad to welcome Flt./Lieut. R. Herrick, an O.S., who gave us a very interesting talk on R.A.F. life and conditions in Germany before her surrender. Flt./Lieut. Herrick has been a prisoner of war for the past four years.

During the term Riley and Couzens were appointed N.C.O's. We congratulate Cadet Glew who gained a place in the Midland Command team in the Air Recognition Test. We should like to thank Mr. Carter for his help, which he gives in an unofficial capacity.

Scouting.

This term there have been one hundred and sixty Scouts divided among twenty-two patrols. The standard of efficiency of the troop has increased and one hundred and two Scouts have gained 2nd. class badges, while one hundred and fifteen Proficiency Badges have been won.

The training has been done in the patrols while Scouters and Troop Leaders have examined for the various tests. The troop is much indebted to those masters, who have tested scouts for badges. For games the troop has been divided up into three or more groups, each programme, therefore, taking three or more weeks to complete. Amongst the games have been spy hunts round the town, use of the telephone, signalling, fire drill, electric shock, use of fire escape, treasure hunt, patrol games, British bulldogs, tracking, stalking etc. One whole afternoon was spent on a wide game in Burghley park.

Instruction and examinations have been given in 1st class Ambulance and Map reading.

The troop are very glad to welcome Mr. Hoffnung who is an old scout, but are most sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Barker. Apart from his general cheerful help, his work in first aid and Map reading will be much missed.

Cub Notes.

The Pack has had a most successful term. Instruction has been going full swing and more than the usual numbers of first and second stars have been gained. We have occasionally ventured out to Burghley whose woods afford ideal ground for wide games. The most memorable event of the term was a visit which the senior half of the pack made to Grimsthorpe Park where we had a wide game and afterwards enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Turner for which we wish to place on record our sincere thanks.

Phoenix Society.

President: The Headmaster.

Vice-President: J. B. Ghaye.

Hon. Vice-President: Rev. W. Richardson.

Secretary: T. R. J. West.

The Spring term saw several meetings for debates and talks on subjects ranging from Artists to Capitalists, from the experiences of a P.O.W. to those of a coin-collector. J. R. Lovell read an interesting paper entitled 'One crying in the Wilderness,' tracing the development of the thought and beliefs of Eric Gill. Lieut. M. F. Traylen gave a first-hand account of life as a P.O.W. in Germany and Italy. New interests were aroused when the Rev. W. Richardson gave a very instructive talk on coin collecting, showing many specimens of his lure.

Two meetings were held during the Summer term. At the first F. P. Holmes read a paper entitled 'Art for Art's sake': the speaker confined this paper to painting, and delivered a very interesting resumé of the history of art from the Reformation to the present day. Holmes illustrated his work with some excellent reproductions.

On June 30th the Society visited places of antiquity in Stamford, conducted by Mr. H. F. Traylen. The tour was most interesting and Mr. Traylen gave us many hitherto unknown facts about the town and its buildings. In the coming year we hope to visit the Churches of Stamford under Mr. Traylen's guidance.

The Society thanks the Rev. W. Richardson for his invaluable support and bids farewell to those members who are leaving.

Rugger.

The only match played by the XV during the Spring term was against the Cranwell Apprentices XV and we fully avenged the previous term's defeat, winning by over thirty points. The side played well together and it is good to know that most of it will be available in the autumn.

The House matches produced the usual keen battles. In the Senior Cup final School House just beat the Town House by one point; the finish was very dramatic, as the result depended on the final conversion which was successful at the second attempt, the referee having ordered the kick to be retaken because of an offence by the side making the charge at the kicker. In the junior Cup final, School House were also victorious over the Town and amongst the promising performers in this series the outstanding were Middleton (Country), Phillips (School), and Battle (Town).

Boxing.

Captain.—G. R. C. Campion.

Secretary.—J. E. T. Bacon.

The Boxing this term was well up to its usual standard and the efforts of the Boxing Committee were amply rewarded. This was shown by the Boxing Tournament, held on March 17th, which was composed of a number of very keenly contested bouts. The final results of the competition were as follows.—1st School House, 2nd Town House, 3rd Country House.

In the Competition,

Kingdon	beat	Scarcliffe
Hopper ii	"	Guffick ii
Smith vii	"	Belton ii
Gilbert ii	"	Tidmus
Summers	"	Burks
Saunders	"	Braint
Pearce	"	Archer
Stiff	"	Brawn i
Phillips	"	Hull
Marks	"	Battle
Murray	"	Kalmar
Burrell i	"	Bonning i
Campion i	"	Frazer

School Championship bout Ghaye beat Bacon.

Phillips was awarded the Cup for the best straight left.

Ghaye retained the School Championship.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Hughes, who has given his invaluable assistance as coach and referee. Last of all, but by no means least, we thank the Rev. T. Wright and Mr. Packer, who judged the competition

Athletics.

The Senior Cross Country was held on Wednesday, March 7th, and the Under Fifteen Cross Country and the Under Twelve over Ten Run-walk on Saturday, March 10th. The senior event was held on a dry day, but the runners were considerably handicapped by trees across the track in the wood.

The juniors ran their race in good conditions which were of great assistance to them.

Schoolhouse won the event by over two hundred points. They were 1st in the Senior Cross Country with 273 points; Country House 2nd (120 points); and Town House 3rd (72 points). In the Junior Cross Country the points were: 1st School (113 points); 2nd Town (49 points); 3rd Country (48 points) and in the Run-Walk: 1st School (42 points); 2nd Country (11 points); 3rd Town (2 points). The results were:

Senior Cross Country:—1st, Kalmar (Sch.); 2nd, Jessop i (Sch.); 3rd, Lee (Cn.); 4th, Glew i (Tn.); 5th, Laws (Sch.); 6th, Grant i (Sch.); 7th, Henderson (Sch.); 8th, Riley, (Tn.); 9th, Martin i (Cn.); 10th, Reynolds (Sch.); 11th, Dunmore (Sch.); 12th, Hollis (Sch.); 13th, Goodrich (Cn.); 14th, Guffick i (Cn.); 15th, Horne (Cn.); 16th, Murray (Sch.); 17th, Marriotti (Sch.); 18th, Sims (Sch.); 19th, Baker (Sch.); 20th, Sharpe (Tn.); 21st, Hambling (Sch.); 22nd, Dixie (Cn.); 23rd, Peterken (Sch.); 24th, Sorfleet (Tn.); 25th, Saunders (Cn.); 26th, Hopper i (Sch.); 27th, Jackson (Tn.); 28th, Dunkley, (Cn.); 29th, Watson i (Sch.); 30th, Fray (Cn.).

Time of winner—30 mins. 3 secs.

Junior Cross Country:—1st, Middleton (Cn.); 2nd, Braint (Sch.); 3rd, Phillips (Sch.); 4th, Archer (Tn.); 5th, Pearce (Sch.); 6th, Hardy (Sch.); 7th, Goodman (Cn.); 8th, Harrison (Sch.); 9th, Belton i (Sch.); 10th, Miller (Cn.); 11th, Hattton (Tn.); 12th, Aveling (Tn.); 13th, Thomas (Sch.); 14th, Miles i (Tn.); 15th, Mawer ii (Sch.); 16th, Freear (Tn.); 17th, Kerr (Sch.); 18th, Peck (Cn.); 19th, Morris (Sch.); 20th, Dexter ii (Tn.).

Time of winner—11 mins. 34 secs.

Run-walk:—1st, Jones (Cn.); 2nd, Smith vii (Sch.); 3rd, Lunn (Sch.); 4th, Combridge (Sch.); 5th, Drake (Sch.); 6th, Hopper ii (Sch.); 7th, Wood (Sch.); 8th, Hart i (Sch.); 9th, Curtis (Tn.); 10th, Ward i (Cn.).

Time of winner:—15 mins. 24 secs.

The first eight in the Senior Cross Country ran against Oakham School Eight on Saturday, March 10th at Stamford. Martin i took the place of Glew, who was ill. Conditions were quite good, except that more trees had been cut down in the wood. However, Kalmar's time was an improvement on his previous Cross Country time. Oakham School won the match by 71 points to 65. The following places were gained by members of the School team: Kalmar 1st; Lee 2nd; Jessop 3rd; Laws 7th; Martin i 13th; Grant i 14th; Riley 15th; Henderson 16th. The time of the winner was 29 mins., 55 secs.

On March 12th, School Athletic colours were awarded to M. V. Kalmar.

The Inter-House Relays were held on Saturday,

May 24th in perfect conditions. Town House were 1st with 95 points; School House 2nd, 81 points; Country House 3rd, 53 points. 15 records were broken including those for the Weight, Discus and Javelin, which continued to count as only half an event each.

The School Sports were held on Saturday May 19th and Monday May 21st. On the first day a cold wind made good performances unlikely. On the second it was more pleasant with the sun shining most of the afternoon.

By far the most outstanding feature of this year's sports was the magnificent high jumping of W. L. Davison. On the Saturday he broke the Under 16 record, and on Monday brought the Open record from 5ft. 4½ in. to 5ft. 5in. He holds great promise for the future. J. J. Aveling again beat the Under 14 Long Jump record. A. Jones beat the Under 12 100 yards record and P. R. L. Hale the Under 15 220 yards record.

School House won the Inter-House Cup with 380 points; Town House 2nd with 341 points; and Country House 3rd with 188 points. J. E. T. Bacon won the Challenge Shield with 33 points. His weight putt of 37 feet was the best in the School Sports for some years. M. V. Kalmar won the Cross Country Challenge Cup, E. Jessop the Mile Memorial Cup, and A. J. Barlow the Hurdles Memorial Cup. The High Jump Memorial Cup, presented recently by Capt. and Mrs. Draper in memory of their son, Philip Draper, who won the Cup in 1937, was presented to W. L. Davison. The Under 15 Challenge Cup was won by P. R. L. Hale and J. E. Tyler (20 points each).

On Monday Mrs. Rees-Jones presented the prizes which were again in the form of National Savings Stamps.

The results were:—

100 Yards (Under 10)—1st, J. H. Nuttall (Sch.); 2nd, S. T. Newington (Sch.)—Time 14 secs.

100 Yards (Under 11)—1st, A. T. Hinch (Sch.); 2nd, A. E. J. Kingdon (Sch.)—Time 13 4/5 secs.

100 Yards (Under 12)—1st, A. Jones (Cn.); 2nd, B. J. Hibbitt (Tn.)—Time 12 3/5 secs. (School Record).

220 Yards (Under 12)—1st, A. Jones (Cn.); 2nd, B. J. Hibbitt (Tn.)—Time 29 4/5 secs.

Long Jump (Under 12)—1st, A. Jones (Cn.); 2nd, B. J. Hibbitt (Tn.)—Distance 13 feet 11½ ins.

High Jump (Under 12)—1st, A. Jones (Cn.); 2nd, M. J. Hart (Sch.)—Height 3 feet 7½ ins.

100 Yards (Under 13)—1st, J. W. H. West (Sch.); 2nd, G. A. Simpson (Sch.)—Time 13 secs.

220 Yards (Under 13)—1st, J. W. H. West (Sch.)—Time 28 4/5 secs.

Long Jump (Under 13)—1st, D. J. Kerr (Sch.); 2nd, G. A. Simpson (Sch.)—Distance 14 feet 3 ins.

High Jump (Under 13)—1st, D. J. Kerr (Sch.) and J. M. K. Preston (Sch.)—Height 3 feet 11½ ins.

100 Yards (Under 14)—1st, J. J. Aveling (Tn.); 2nd, R. B. Martin (Sch.)—Time 11 4/5 secs.

220 Yards (Under 14)—1st, J. J. Aveling (Tn.); 2nd, R. B. Martin (Sch.)—Time 27 2/5 secs.

Hurdles (Under 14)—1st, C. D. Bealby (Sch.); 2nd, J. E. Morris (Sch.)—Time 13 secs.

Long Jump (Under 14)—1st, J. J. Aveling (Tn.); 2nd, A. J. Field (Tn.)—Distance 16 feet 8 ins. (School Record).

High Jump (Under 14)—1st, C. D. Bealby (Sch.); 2nd, B. Nickerson (Tn.)—Height 4 feet 0½ ins.

100 Yards (Under 15)—1st, P. R. L. Hale (Tn.); 2nd, J. E. Tyler (Cn.)—Time 11 1/5 secs.

220 Yards (Under 15)—1st, P. R. L. Hale (Tn.); 2nd, N. C. Dexter (Tn.)—Time 24 3/5 secs. (School Record).

440 Yards Handicap (Under 15)—1st, J. J. Aveling (Tn.); 2nd, D. I. Phillips (Sch.)—Time

Long Jump (Under 15)—1st, J. M. Battle (Tn.); 2nd, J. E. Tyler (Cn.)—Distance 15 feet 7 ins.

High Jump (Under 15)—1st, J. E. Tyler (Cn.); 2nd, J. T. Middleton (Cn.)—Height 4 feet 5½ ins.

100 Yards (Under 16)—1st, H. A. Bonning (Sch.); 2nd, W. L. Davison (Tn.)—Time 11 secs.

220 Yards (Under 16)—1st, H. A. Bonning (Sch.); 2nd, J. A. Dexter (Tn.)—Time 24 2/5 secs.

880 Yards (Under 16)—1st, H. A. Bonning (Sch.); 2nd, E. Jessop (Sch.)—Time 2 mins 23 2/5 secs.

Long Jump (Under 16)—1st, H. A. Bonning (Sch.); 2nd, E. Jessop (Sch.)—Distance 17 feet 5 inches.

High Jump (Under 16)—1st, W. L. Davison (Tn.); 2nd, H. A. Bonning (Sch.)—Height 5 feet 4 inches. (School Record).

Hurdles (Under 16)—1st, W. L. Davison (Tn.); 2nd, A. Jauncey (Tn.)—Time 16 1/5 secs. (School Record).

100 Yards (Under 17)—1st, R. W. M. Dixon (Tn.); 2nd, J. W. Merrikin (Sch.)—Time 11 1/5 secs.

440 Yards (Under 17)—1st, M. V. Kalmar (Sch.); 2nd, J. W. Merrikin (Sch.)—Time 57 1/5 secs.

100 Yards (Open)—1st, M. A. Jeeves (Tn.); 2nd, H. S. Giblett (Tn.)—Time 11 secs.

220 Yards (Open)—1st, H. S. Giblett (Tn.); 2nd, M. A. Jeeves (Tn.)—Time 24 2/5 secs.

440 Yards (Open)—1st, H. H. Joyce (Cn.); 2nd, H. S. Giblett (Tn.)—Time 56 3/5 secs.

880 Yards (Open)—1st, M. V. Kalmar (Sch.); 2nd, D. N. Glew (Tn.); 3rd, H. H. Joyce (Cn.);—Time 2 mins. 14 3/5 secs.

One Mile (Open)—1st, E. Jessop (Sch.); 2nd, J. T. Laws (Sch.); 3rd, J. Henderson (Sch.);—Time

Hurdles (Open)—1st, A. J. Barlow (Sch.); 2nd, D. N. Glew (Tn.)—Time 18 1/5 secs.

High Jump (Open)—1st, W. L. Davison (Tn.); 2nd, J. W. Merrikin (Sch.); 3rd, J. E. T. Bacon

(Sch.); and A. J. Gray (Tn.)—Height 5 feet 5 ins. (School Record).

Long Jump (Open)—1st, S. F. Healey (Cn.); 2nd, J. M. Guffick (Cn.)—Distance 17 feet 2 ins.

Throwing the Discus—1st, J. E. T. Bacon (Sch.); 2nd, G. R. C. Campion (Cn.)—Distance 99 feet.

Throwing the Javelin—1st, J. E. T. Bacon (Sch.); 2nd, A. Jauncey (Tn.)—Distance 118 feet 6 ins.

Putting the Weight—1st, J. E. T. Bacon (Sch.); 2nd, O. J. Dunmore (Sch.)—Distance 37 feet.

Half Mile Handicap (Open)—1st, R. E. Pearce (Sch.); 2nd, R. M. Holbourne (Sch.).

Quarter Mile Consolation Race—1st, Scarcliffe (Tn.).

Relay Races—(A) 4 × 110—1st, Town House; 2nd, Country House.

(B) 4 × 220—1st, Town House; 2nd, School House.

(C) 2 × 440—1st, Town House; 2nd, Country House.

On Tuesday, May 22nd, School Athletic Colours were awarded to W. L. Davison and J. E. T. Bacon.

Cricket.

The past season has once again proved most enjoyable and once again we have felt much regret that the side should perforce cease activities just when its members were reaping most success and pleasure. As the term progressed, the XI improved enormously and developed into a really strong combination that always enjoyed its cricket. The captain, J. M. Guffick, must be congratulated on the success of the side, of which he himself has been the backbone: his unflinching skill has been a source of great confidence to the rest of the team.

Statistics will show that the 1st XI has won 7 matches, drawn 4, and lost 4; but cold figures leave at best a poor and often misleading impression of many a memorable match. Certainly we shall long remember the epic game against the Headmaster's XI, and also the return encounter when the School bid fair to repeat their victory. Other notable games have been the victories over Oundle II and Uppingham II, and defeats by Oakham and Wyggeston, all most enjoyable games indeed. The match in which Kingswood were eclipsed was not so pleasant, nor was that in which the Blackstone's side was defeated; but we had a very enjoyable game against Wittering R.A.F., again ending in a win. A very hearty O.S. match was unfortunately interrupted and spoilt by rain, which in the 2nd XI match, however, failed to prevent a good time being had by one and all.

The batting has been mainly Guffick, Humberstone, Bacon and Campion. We can seldom have had two such reliable opening batsmen as Guffick

and Humberstone: they have taken part in several long partnerships, notably over two hundred at Cranwell and well over the century against the Headmaster's XI. A great feature of their play has been their understanding in running between the wickets. Bacon has batted very powerfully at times but he has not yet acquired the same stability and mental control as his captain. Campion vastly improved his range of strokes and played some invaluable innings, notably at Bedford and Oakham. The batting of the rest often showed promise: Davison and Saunders will certainly be making plenty of runs soon, but it must be said that there was often lacking that necessary blend of punch and discretion.

The bowling has depended mainly on the very willing left arm of Merrikin, who has been a great factor in the side's success, taking over sixty wickets. Always a great trier, he has combined guile with persistence very successfully and opponents have found him unceasingly hostile. Bacon has given very valuable support from the other end and greatly improved his length and reliability. Guffick also bowled a consistent length but the rest of the attack lacked variety and hostility. We should have liked to see more body action and more pace off the pitch.

In measure as the batting and bowling improved, so did the fielding and here Guffick excelled, keenly supported by Campion. Humberstone's wicket keeping also calls for most praiseworthy comment: he has lent that very necessary confidence to the bowling and fielding.

The 1st XI: J. M. Guffick, J. W. Merrikin, J. T. Humberstone, J. E. T. Bacon, G. R. C. Campion, Davison, W. L., Saunders, D. B., Barlow, A. J. Jessop, E., Grant, W. E., Francis, B.

During the term colours were awarded to Merrikin, Humberstone Bacon and Campion.

The 2nd XI was finally represented by Lovell, Marriott, F. J., Smith, H. A., Fray, G. L., Simms, Joyce, Haynes i, Miller, Dexter ii, Kalmar, and Burrell. They had much enjoyable cricket and good victories, amongst others, against Tole-Park, Wyggeston 2nd and the O.S. 2nd XI.

The Under 14 side has maintained an unbeaten record as well as its tradition of exciting finishes. It has proved full of exceptional promise, its chief performers being Simms, Smith (M. J. K.), Peck and Kerr i.

But perhaps a still more encouraging feature of the term's cricket, has been the keenness shown throughout the School games generally, not merely in Cup and League matches, but also in Form matches. The omens for the future are indeed propitious.

Finally we have the following considerable debts

of gratitude to express: first, to Mrs. Day, to whom the 1st and 2nd XI endeavoured to express florally keen appreciation of her catering efforts which contributed so much to the general enjoyment of the season; next, to Mr. Hughes and his willing helpers, for the invaluable work done in preparing so many excellent pitches; then, to Secretary Merrikin, for his untiring work and enthusiasm for the good of the cricket generally; and finally to Jessop (F.), and his assistants in the Games-shant, for a most useful job of work for the benefit of the School games.

P.T. Competition.

The annual P.T. Competition took place on Friday, July 13th. This year, for the first time, each House was divided into four squads, according to a decision taken at the last General Committee meeting. The squads were:—

Junior—Boys under 11 years.

Lower Middle—Boys from 11 to 13 years.

Upper Middle—Boys from 13 to 15 years.

Senior—Boys over 15 years.

The standard of P. T. was generally high and reflected much credit upon the P. T. Instructors, whose efforts at break throughout the term were well rewarded by the precision and smartness of their squads. We were blessed with an exceptionally fine day and it was evident that a shoeless, shirtless uniform has now become the customary attire for the Competition.

The result of the Competition was: 1st School, 2nd Town; 3rd, Country.

Swimming Notes.

The summer term 1945 has been a favourable one, the weather being kind. Two School matches were swum: against Oakham with a win for the School; and against Cranwell, where we narrowly lost the Team races, but rather surprisingly won the Polo. The School was represented by Frazer, Ghave, Sorfleet, Braint, Giblett, Kalmar and Sims.

We are indebted to two enthusiastic supporters of School swimming for the gift of two new trophies; to B. Preston, Esq., of Spalding, who has very kindly given us a fine cup for the fastest swimmer in the School; and to Mrs. W. R. Richardson, who has thoughtfully given a cup for the best style in Breast, Back and Crawl strokes.

Annual Sports Results:—

Quarter Mile Open: 1st Frazer, 2nd Sorfleet.
Two Lengths Breast: 1st Frazer, 2nd Sims.
Seven Lengths Junior: 1st Murphy, 2nd Bowman.
Two Lengths Freestyle: 1st Frazer, 2nd Ghaye.
Junior Diving: 1st Dexter, 2nd Hudson.

One Length Beginners: 1st Morris, 2nd Brawn.
Two Lengths Junior: 1st Braint, 2nd Clark.
Plunging Open: 1st Frazer, 2nd Sorfleet.
Senior Diving: 1st Sorfleet, 2nd Jeeves
Two Lengths Handicap: 1st Baker,
Under 13 Relay: 1st Town, 2nd School.
Under 15 Relay: 1st School, 2nd Country.
Under 16 Relay: 1st School, 2nd Town.
Senior Relay: 1st School, 2nd Country.
Horton Cup: Summers.
Junior Challenge Cup: Murphy.
Senior Challenge Cup: Frazer.
Mordle Cup: 1st School House 74 %, 2nd Town 71 %.
House Challenge Cup: School House.

Mrs. Richardson kindly distributed the prizes.

School Concert, 1945.

The School Concert which was held at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday, July 27th, began with the Sea Shanty, "Roving," sung by Smith I, who was quite happy about it, and the School, which was not. Form I followed clearly but not always in tune with the French Traditional "Lazy Sheep." The musical highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly *Chopin's* Waltz in A flat, played with evident appreciation by E. N. McCarthy. He was later joined by D. C. Abbott in a piano duet, a Fugue by *Arensky*; this was equally pleasing. J. Fryer did not appear quite at his ease when playing an Arabesque by *Arthur Hinton*.

Lower II sang "Bobby Shafto" rather half-heartedly and with a gruff background; however their words were audible. Remove II sang pleasantly but were not over-interested in "The Lass of Richmond Hill" VB and U IV B sang a Toast. The Third forms were pleasing in *Purcell's* "Nymphs and Shepherds," and an Irish Traditional Vesper Hymn; they enjoyed singing and passed on their enjoyment. Upper II sang "Fire in the Galley"; some of the solos were poor. The VI Form were not always audible in "Tally-Ho" but a smaller combination sang *Morley's* "Sing We" with gusto and skill. Gusto was also apparent in the singing of "Let the Bullgine Run" and "Vive l'Amour"; they believed what they were singing which probably helped.

The enterprising N. F. Mable played Three Sketches for Auto by *Gretchaninoff*, but was not always in tune. J. S. Riley assured us that there were still Yeomen in England, General Elections notwithstanding; he sang songs by *Handel, German* and *Butterworth*. The Concert ended with the English traditional "Old John Braddlum" sung by J. R. Lovell who threw himself into the

part but thus sacrificed some clarity, backed up manfully by the School. Thus ended a Concert which, despite lack of Choir or Orchestra, came up to the standard expected of it.

Country House.

House Master : H. E. Packer, Esq.

House Captain : J. D. Fromant.

Prefects : I. R. Lovell. G. R. C. Campion.

I. M. Guffick. C. J. Horne.

N. F. Mable. P. H. E. Goodrich.

G. I. Fray.

Captain of Cricket : J. M. Guffick.

Captain of Athletics : J. M. Guffick.

Captain of Swimming : R. Marks.

The Spring term was an enjoyable, if not particularly outstanding one for the House. We were unfortunately beaten by Town House in the first round of the Senior Cup Match: our congratulations go to Lovell on receiving his House colours. The Junior Cup Team came second.

In the Cross Country we achieved considerable success and came second: this was mainly due to the efforts of Lee, Martin i, Goodrich, Guffick i, Horne, Dixie, Saunders, Dunkley and Fray in the Senior. Middleton i, Goodman, Miller and Peck in the Junior, and Jones and Ward in the Runwalk. We congratulate Martin and Goodrich on receiving their House Running colours. In the Boxing Competition Campion i, Marks i, and Saunders won their bouts.

Among several stalwarts who left at the end of this term we must thank A. Burgoin and D. F. Martin in particular, who have always given of their best to the House.

In the School Sports several members of the House distinguished themselves, the performances of Jones and Tyler being especially noteworthy.

After the Athletics we settled down to some good old English cricket, and secured second place in the leagues. In the Senior Cup match we were not so successful, losing both to Town and School. In the Junior Cup match we beat Town, but were unlucky to lose to School in the final. Throughout the term Guffick, Campion and Saunders played regularly for the 1st XI and we congratulate Campion on receiving his School colours and Saunders and Fray their House colours.

By great tenacity and perseverance the House managed to retain its traditional place in the P.T. Competition and the Swimming Sports: we thank Marks and Murphy i for their efforts in the water and in trying to persuade the House to swim.

In the Section Competition the Junior Section,

under Cpl. Horne, put up a very fine performance, coming first. The Senior Section did not succeed in repeating its performance of the previous year.

We are sorry to lose so many keen members of the House—Fromant, Dixie, Kiely, Tooley, Marks i, Twelvtree i and ii, and wish them the best of luck in their future careers. Fromant has been untiring in his work as House Captain.

Finally we thank Mr. Packer for his help and guidance in the affairs of the House.

Town House.

House Master : W. C. Pollard, Esq.

House Captain : M. A. Jeeves.

Prefects : G. A. Sharpe. J. S. Riley.

D. N. Glew. H. S. Giblett.

G. L. Couzens. R. W. M. Dixon.

A. J. Barlow. W. J. Dickens.

J. T. Humberstone.

Captain of Swimming : H. S. Giblett.

Captain of Cricket : A. J. Barlow.

Captain of Athletics :

The first half of the Spring term was taken up with the Rugby Cup matches in which we were placed second. Jeeves, Giblett and Humberstone must be congratulated on winning House colours. Our efforts in the Cross Country were handicapped by lack of time for training and we suffered accordingly. For the Inter House relays, however, we were well prepared and success was due to the untiring efforts of Sharpe and Dixon. At the end of the term we lost Sharpe, whose services to the House have been invaluable. We extend to him our best wishes for his future career.

In the School Athletic sports various members of the House figured prominently though the event was lost to School House. The cricket during the term has been rather disappointing though this was through no fault of either Barlow or Humberstone who have shown both vigour and enthusiasm. The Senior Cup match was won however, after an exciting match with School House. In the P.T. Competition the achievement of Couzens and his squad was praiseworthy. The Section Competition was won this year, the Senior Section being particularly smart. Both the Swimming Sports and the Shooting Competition were lost to School House. This term we say goodbye to our House Captain—Jeeves and also Dickens, Whiteley, Thistleton and Gray all of whom have rendered useful services to the House. They have our best wishes for their future careers. Finally we thank Captain Pollard for the unfailing support he has given to the House.

School House.

House Master : D. V. Miller, Esq.

House Coach : D. T. Hughes, Esq.

House Captain : D. G. Frazer.

Prefects : J. B. Ghaye. T. R. J. West.
J. W. Merrikin. M. V. Kalmar.

Captain of Cricket : T. J. Marriott.

Captain of Athletics : N. V. Kalmar.

Captain of Swimming : J. B. Ghaye.

The spirit in the House has manifested itself in the way we have won the Efficiency Cup yet once more. I wish to congratulate the whole House on their unstinted help and co-operation in all activities throughout the year.

In March we won the Senior Rugger Cup for the first time since 1941, in a great struggle ending in victory for us by 1 point. J. W. Merrikin very ably deputised for J. B. Ghaye, our captain, who was unfortunately unable to play. We congratulate Jessop i, Burrell, Dunmore, Phillips and Bonning on gaining their House colours. Previously our Under 15 team, captained by Phillips, had won the Junior Cup. Two weeks later we showed our mettle in the Senior Cross Country, 18 out of 23 runners gaining places: we congratulate Kalmar on his fine win in the Junior Cross Country and in the Run-walk we were easily first, very largely due to the untiring training of Mr. Hughes. We also won the Boxing Competition. We were well represented in the finals, Ghaye and Phillips being especially praiseworthy. Finally we concluded a most successful term by coming second to Town House in the Inter-House Relay Sports.

We started the Summer term off well by winning the Athletic Sports, Kalmar and Bacon i, winners of the Challenge Shield, in particular, are to be congratulated on excellent performances.

We have been well represented this year in the 1st and 2nd XI's and our congratulations go to Bacon and Merrikin on winning their School colours and Grant i and Jessop i their House colours. We won the leagues safely again this year. Our Senior Cup team had some very bad luck in only coming second to Town House, but our Under 15's won against formidable opposition. We thank Mr.

Hughes and Mr. Wainwright most heartily for all the work they have put in with the league and Cup teams.

Thanks to the efficient instructing of Merrikin, Laws, Kalmar and Bonning we carried off the P.T. Competition, but lost the Section competition to Town House, whose Seniors were very smart indeed.

We must mention one other feature of the term—our election efforts. I'm sure Oscar could have answered the young lady at the High School who asked "Why would you vote Tory?"

25 Years Ago.

We hear that three more Army Huts are to be erected to contain the rapidly increasing number of boys in the School. The Science VI hope that when they arrive there will be some corner in which they may deposit their weary limbs during maths. lessons, instead of wandering around like lost sheep in search of a class room.

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The Modern VI is highly indignant at the slanderous remarks concerning them in the Library Notes of our last issue. It is rumoured that they will use their "Bolshevist" tendencies upon the Librarians in the event of any further libel against them.

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Mr. Morton has returned to College to take his degree rather late in life. For five years he has worked untiringly in the interests of the School and his unflagging energy has been greatly appreciated by his pupils. We hope to see him back again in three years time and trust his flock will not have gone astray in his absence.

Our Contemporaries.

The Editors acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following magazines, with apologies for any accidental omission:—*The Granthamian*, *The Kingswoodian*, *The Manwoodian*, *The Nottinghamian*, *The Oakhamian*, *The Ratcliffian*, *The Wyggestonian*, *The Wellingburian*.



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MICHAEL ANDREW BROGAN.



JOHN JOSEPH BROGAN.



WILLIAM FREDERICK HIRCOCK.



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They Died for Us.

CHARLES BANKS.

Sgt. (Bomb-aimer) R.A.F.

It was characteristic of Charles Banks to volunteer for the R.A.F., in November, 1941, after little more than a year in the drawing office of Messrs Blackstones, to whom he had gone as engineering apprentice. When he left school in the summer of 1940. Here he had always shown himself a "good citizen," and as such he took part in many operations over Germany, until on March 26th, 1944, his bomber was shot down near Mauberge. Like so many others his life at school had followed the usual lines. Starting in IIIA in 1934, he gained his School Certificate in 1935, and after nearly two years in the Science VIth, decided to go into Engineering. Then came the call and he embarked on the hazardous life of a member of an air-crew, receiving part of his training in South Africa. Young though he was he stood the test and gave his life in the same cheerful spirit that he had shown during his school days. The blow of his death was made all the harder to his parents by the fact that his elder brother had already given his life in the War.

J.D.D.

ALFRED GEORGE BOAM.

Flight Sergeant R.A.F.

Like so many of those who distinguished themselves as Rugby players at School, A. G. Boam joined the R.A.F. He left in 1940, and after a few months in the office of Messrs C. Miles & Sons, started his air-crew training, eventually reaching the rank of Flight Sergeant. In 1944 he was posted as missing and it was eventually discovered that his Lancaster bomber had been brought down on the night of May 8th, at Estime-ao-Val, about fifteen miles West of Charleroi, and that his body was buried at Chievres near Charleroi. We who can readily recall pictures of him throwing the whole of his weight and vigour into the fray on the School field can well imagine his zest for his work in the Air Force. He will be sadly missed by many, particularly by the members of the Town House amongst whom he was in every way an outstanding figure. We tender our most sincere condolences to his widowed mother.

J.D.D.

ROBERT JOHN BROAD.

Sergeant R.A.F.

Whatever the season and whatever the game no school side was complete during the late years of his time at School without Bobby Broad, and no one got more happiness on the school fields, or showed it less than he did. There was nothing of the temperamental player about him. His opponents often discovered to their cost what lay behind that appearance of indifference. He started his school career as a day boy but when he entered the School House he was in his element.

On leaving school he entered Barclays Bank and was working at the Northampton branch when he joined the R.A.F. in 1941. He then went to Canada and the United States for his training as an air-gunner. In July, 1943, the plane in which he was returning from North Africa, after towing Airborne troops to Sicily, was lost and has never been heard of since.

All our sympathy goes out to his widowed mother whose only child he was, in her long-drawn out agony of suspense and in her bereavement.

J.D.D.

MICHAEL ANDREW BROGAN.

Wing Commander R.A.F., D.F.C.

Michael Brogan was the eldest of the four members of his family who made their names famous at school as footballers and good fellows. He left School in 1929, and when War broke out was working for a firm of flour millers in London, having in the interim been out in Canada where he attended McGill University. He gained his commission in the R.A.F. in December, 1941, and as a Flight Lieutenant was awarded the D.F.C. for his personal courage and devotion to duty in attacking some of the most heavily defended targets in Germany. On his last operation on March 4th, 1945, he was engaged in taking spies out to Denmark when his plane was shot down over Jutland, where he is buried.

All those who know the Brogan family will realise what the loss of one member means to the others, particularly to Mrs. Brogan, whose health for a long time has not been good. He also leaves a widow, formerly Miss Audrey Blackstone, to mourn him.

J.D.D.

JOHN JOSEPH BROGAN.

Sergeant Pilot R.A.F.

Soon after his eldest brother had been posted as missing we heard that his youngest brother Jack had been killed when his plane crashed on March 27th, 1945, soon after taking off, and

we realised that another blow had fallen upon this gallant family. He had volunteered in 1939, been called up in 1940, completed his training in Canada and been passed out as a Sergeant Pilot. On returning to this Country he was posted to Coastal Command and saw much of his service in Iran and Egypt, being mainly engaged in bombing shipping. As we think of him our minds once more go back to the 1st XV ground and we can see that well known head always close on the ball and leading many a rush, like the typical Irish forward that he was. Everybody liked him, and no wonder.

J.D.D.

JOHN P. PADLEY

(Sergeant Gunner R.A.F.)

John Padley entered the School in 1937 and left the School House in the Summer of 1941; after which he realised his ambition and joined the R.A.F. Having completed his preliminary Flying Training in this Country he went to Canada to complete it. On returning to this Country in the Spring of 1943 he joined an operation unit in a Heavy Bomber Squadron as a Sergeant (Air Gunner). On August 3rd, 1943, he was engaged over Hamburg after which nothing more was heard of him or of any of the crew.

Rather fragile in build and always gentle in manner only those who knew him realised the temper of his spirit, which revealed itself most plainly in the boxing ring or on the cricket field. Brought up by his father in the best traditions of the Royal Air Force he cheerfully gave his all to do honour to that Service.

J.D.D.

GRAHAM D. L. MACHIN

(F/O R.A.F.)

After five years in the School House he left us from the Lower Sixth just before the War broke out with the intention of becoming an architect in his home town of Gloucester. On the outbreak of War he worked in the Drawing Office of Rotol Airscrews Ltd., until he was old enough to join the R.A.F. After training at Torquay and Aberystwyth he went to Canada and Florida where he gained his "Wings" as a Fighter Pilot. On returning to England in January, 1942, he did some Coastal Patrol work and next year was stationed mostly at Oddiham, Hants, from which base he went on "trainbusting" and photographic flights across the Channel. On November 9th, 1943, he failed to return and after many months of torturing suspense news was received that his body was buried in Normandy, at Rennes.

The many who were at school with him can well imagine the spirit of philosophical resignation with which he would accept the duties with which the War confronted him and set out on his lonely flights across the sea and over enemy held territory. Only men of special qualities of character can stand the strain of such tasks. Small wonder that such men are the heroes of small boys. Perhaps those who are older have an even fuller realization of what men like Graham Machin have done for us.

J.D.D.

WILLIAM FREDERICK HIRCOCK.

Flight Sergeant R.A.F.

When he left School in 1939, after five years as a member of the Country House, he spent some time in business in Leicester, after which he volunteered for service in the R.A.F. In 1942 he went for Training to Canada, where he gained his "Wings" as a Fighter Pilot, eventually joining the 130th Squadron for service in a Spitfire. In the evening of June 24th, 1944, his Squadron was engaged over the Normandy beach head and as they turned for home in the dusk were attacked by an enemy night fighter, which hit Bill Hircock's aircraft and sent it down in a spin. All hope that he might have been picked up had eventually to be abandoned.

Officers of his squadron wrote to his father and mother, whose only son he was, testifying his value to his unit as a Flight Sergeant and we who knew him here more fully than ever what qualities there are in those who while at School rise to no place of outstanding prominence but who play their part at School even though they rise no higher than gaining a School Certificate or representing their House at Rugby or Cricket.

J.D.D.

WILLIAM ARTHUR SMITH.

Signalman R.N.

Billy Smith was the eldest of the three sons of Mr. W. H. Smith, of Bourne, who attended the School. He came to us in 1928 and when he left in 1933 had made his mark and proved that he possessed outstanding qualities of mind and character. This he proved in business when he joined Messrs Wherry in Bourne, and by his many interests which included active membership of the Bourne branch of Toc. H, the Secretaryship of the Bourne Methodist Sunday School and playing for the local football and cricket teams.

As soon as War broke out he joined the Navy and passed out top of his class of trainees as a signaller, but refused to be considered for a commission. After serving in H.M.S. Salvia, a corvette, he joined the cruiser "Gloucester" and was in action at Matapan and Taranto. On May 22nd,

1941, the "Gloucester" was sunk by an air attack while assisting the "Greyhound," with the loss of most of her crew of over 500 men. Eventually all hope that he was one of the survivors had to be abandoned.

By his death not only his father and his family suffered a grievous loss but the whole community amongst whom he lived is deprived of one who seemed destined to be a leader in its business, social and religious life.

J.D.D.

FREDERICK CHARLES SMITH.

Lieutenant Lincolnshire Regiment.

When F. C. Smith entered the school from Castle Bytham in 1930, I watched him with special interest, as I chanced to have christened him as a baby. He made rapid progress up the school and reached the VIth Form young enough to specialise for a scholarship in Classics. He gained one at Nottingham University College, which he entered in 1938. Joining the Army in 1939, he was in France with the Sherwood Foresters in 1940 and took part in the evacuation from Dunkirk. He spent from 1941 to 1943 in the Belgian Congo attached to the Intelligence Corps and on returning got a commission in the Lincolnshires and was posted to the 2nd, Bn. In August, 1944, he went again to France and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. In September he was in a patrol which was overrun while fighting about 17 miles North East of Eindhoven in Holland. For a long while nothing was known of his fate but it was eventually found that he had been killed in the defence of his position. The Country House has always been noted for the number of sound people it produces and Fred Smith was one of their best. Quiet and unassuming in his manner he was sound to the core and as such was universally liked and respected. He intended to become a schoolmaster and the country cannot have enough men of his type working in our schools.

J.D.D.

Notices.

The management of the Club was decentralised as indicated above after an augmented committee had met on July 21st. In addition C. A. M. Bowman officially resigned, J. D. Fromant and J. S. Riley being elected joint Hon. Secs. in his place. At the time of going to press we have just heard that both of these excellent potential secretaries are being called up very shortly and it has not yet been possible to make any plans to replace them. In the meantime C. A. M. Bowman will try to deal with any matter of real urgency but regrets that

pressure of work may not permit him to handle correspondence without considerable delay.

It is hoped that Club activities will rapidly reach and exceed their pre-war standard; members can very greatly assist by invariably addressing their correspondence to the official concerned.

INITIAL subscriptions to the Club should be sent to H. E. Packer.

Subsequent subscriptions should be sent to W. P. Laxton.

Enquiries from and news of those who have lost touch with the Club should be addressed to G. M. Heathcote.

News Items, except where sent on the official reply cards, should be sent direct to Graham Webster.

Subscriptions should not be sent to C. A. M. Bowman.

The School War Memorial.

A committee, of which F. J. Cummins is chairman and H. V. Howard is Hon. Sec. has been formed by the O.S. Club to consider the most appropriate method of commemorating the services rendered by Old Stamfordians in the War and of expressing our gratitude for the victory of our Country.

It has been decided that the best method of achieving this object would be to increase the amenities of the School by giving it a Swimming Pool of its own. The committee has already drawn up the appeal, and this together with other necessary literature will reach you in due course. Meanwhile any suggestions will be welcomed and should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, St. George's Square, Stamford.

Honours.

F/Lt. N. R. G. Barker, Mentioned in Despatches.

Lt. Col. E. S. S. Bowman, O.B.E.

F/Lt. L. M. Evans (Staff) Mentioned in Despatches.

Major J. O. Flint, D.S.O., M.C.

A. Graham, Mentioned in Despatches.

Col. N. B. Hart, O.B.E.

Capt. J. Vergette, M.C.

Old Stamfordians' News.

M. B. Adams, S/Lt. R.N.V.R., has been serving aboard a Landing Craft.

O. G. Aiers has been doing Civilian Relief work with a Friends Ambulance Unit in Europe.

M. J. Aitken, F/Lt., 569 AMES, R.A.F., S.E.E. A.A.F.

D. Albon has joined the Navy.

C. E. Aldred, S/Lt., R.N.V.R., is serving with a L.C.A. Flotilla.

Rev. A. L. Arnold, Vicar of St. Benedicts, Manchester, has been elected a Proctor in Convocation.

F.T. Ashby, Lieut., has been in hospital having lost a leg during the fighting in France.

A. J. F. Banks has returned from training in Canada and gained his commission.

K. Barren, Pte., U.S.A. Army Tank Btn., Armoured Division, has been serving in Italy.

N. R. G. Barker has completed 400 Operational hours flying a night fighter in N. Africa, during which he piloted Sir Arthur Tedder to France, Belgium and Holland. He was Mentioned in Despatches and has now been transferred to British Overseas Airways Corporation.

L. W. Barrett, Cpl., R.A.F., is with 294 Squadron, C.M.E.

J. M. Barstow is at an Infantry O.C.T.U.

H. F. Beaumont is serving with S.E.A.C. in the R.A.

L. Bell has joined the Navy.

E. C. Blake is at Bishop's Hostel, Lincoln, preparing for ordination.

A. E. Bluff, Cpl., has been serving in India for 3 years and visited A. M. Deviah in Cong State, S. W. India, where he is a coffee planter, a married man with three sons.

N. Boulton, 2nd./Lt., R.E., is with 249 Field Coy., Airborne Squadron, having qualified as a parachutist.

E. S. S. Bowman, Lt./Col., has been awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division). He has been for the past four years Commanding Officer of the Royal Marine Engineers in the Orkneys.

N. A. Brampton, S/Ldr., R.A.F., has been serving at Greenock.

J. H. T. Burrell, Lt., R.E., has been attached to the Bengal Sappers, India Army.

H. L. Butler has been a Civilian Mechanical Engineer attached to U.S. Army Military Railways.

H. J. Butler has obtained a "First" in Agriculture at Cambridge.

J. T. Chapman, Sgt., R. A. F., 105 P.D.C. Wythall, Nr. Birmingham.

K. W. Charlton, Pte., R.A.S.C., Supply Clerk.

W. N. Cheer has completed a course on F.A.A. machines having been transferred from the R.A.F.

J. N. Child, Jesus College, Cambridge.

A. M. Clark is still with the I.C.I. at Billingham and recently read a paper before the Institute of Refrigeration.

C. V. Clark, Tpr., R.A.C., is now in India.

P. J. N. Collaro after five months in a munition works is now in the R.E.

J. D. Carter who has been a P.O.W. in Siam is reported safe and well in India. He hopes to be home soon at Miraflores, Alexandria Drive, Herne Bay, Kent.

J. D. Crockett, Major, 12th Btn., Sherwood Foresters.

D. A. Crockett, S/Lt., R.N.V.R., did not detect the lure of the East during his first six months there.

P. A. Cutting, Intermediate Agricultural Student at University College, Nottingham.

P. J. Dalton is married and has two children. He recently had the misfortune to lose the sight of one eye. He is working for one of the London Borough Councils and lives at 2a, Mackenzie Road, Holloway, N. 7.

J. K. Day, Major, Norfolk Regt., has been Senior Instructor at the Military College of Engineering. He hopes soon to be released in order to take up duties as housemaster of the Junior House at Gresham's School, Holt, where he was Senior Chemistry master before the War.

L. H. Dick, Major, D.A.M.O.G., on staff at A.F.H.Q.

A. N. Dixon, Lt./Cmdr., R.N., polled about 20,000 votes, but was not returned as Conservative Candidate for Brigg in the General Election.

J. D. Dolby, 2nd./Lieut., R.E., is expecting to be sent East.

T. A. Dorman, Cpl., A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

M. G. Duncan, Lt. Col., M.C., has been in command of a Battle School in Kent.

C. M. Duncomb is serving in the Grenadier Guards.

R. C. Dunt (Late Staff) is still at King Edward's School, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham.

C. L. Edgson, Capt., R.E., is married and hopes to be seen in Stamford in the comparatively near future.

J. R. Emerson is farming at Laughton, near Sleaford.

G. Ewart-Cree, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has left his post as House Surgeon at Harrow and gone to Persia as Medical Officer with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

B. Fanshawe, Lt., S. Lancs. Regt., is in India.

G. Fanshawe, Lt., S. Lancs. Regt., is in West Africa.

J. O. Flint, Major, D.S.O., 4th Btn. Lincs. Regt., with the 2nd Army, has been awarded the M.C.

N. Flint, Sgt., 154 Field Regt., R.A., C.M.

D. H. Galatti, Lt., H.Q.R.E., 1st British Infantry Division, M.E.F.

B. M. Garner is a Bevin Boy in a coal mine in Durham.

N. A. Garfoot is a Craftsman with R.E.M.E. in Egypt.

E. M. Gibbs, A.B., is trying for a commission in the Navy.

L. Goodman recently on leave from his Commissioner's post in Nigeria, was looking well and prosperous.

A. F. Greenwood, Capt., R.A.S.C., was liberated from a P.O.W. Camp in Germany and is now employed at Northampton.

F. Gregory, Capt., 40 V.R.D., R.A.O.C., Wilford, near Nottingham.

H. D. Grimes, Cpl., 123 Wing H.Q., R.A.F., B.L.A.

P. G. M. Groom S/Lt. (A), R.N.V.R., is in the Far East.

W. F. Gutteridge, Capt., A Branch H.Q., 2nd Div., S.E.A.C.

T. E. Gwyer is back home after five years as a P.O.W.

A. Graham was Mentioned in Despatches for his coolness, courage and devotion to duty when acting as a stretcher bearer during the fighting on the Western Front.

G. Hadman is General Manager, I.C.I., Fleetwood Alkali Works.

G. C. Hallewell, O/S, R.N.V.R., is taking a Radar Course on the Isle of Man.

N. L. Harber, L/Cpl., 16/5 Lancers, has been seen in Rome.

N. B. Hart, Col., awarded the O.B.E. (Military) in 1944, has been released from military service and now resides at Deloraine Court, Lincoln.

M. B. Healey (1891-95) resides at Melrose, Margerison Road, Ben Rhydding, Yorks.

G. M. Heathcote is at Seabrooks, near Chelmsford.

A. S. Henderson has been accepted for Aircrew Duties and expects to be called up soon.

J. C. Hensman, Administrative Officer in the Indian Ordnance Service, has been home on leave.

F. Hensman is at Croft Farm, Thornhaugh, near Peterborough.

R. Herrick, F/Lt., R.A.F., has returned home after five years as a P.O.W. and was for a short time stationed at Wittering.

H. R. Hill is a cost accountant with the Rover Co., Ltd., of Coventry and lives at Solihull.

E. W. Holmes, Sgmn., Royal Signals, is serving with Waziristan Signals, India Command.

J. F. Horrabin is living at Hendon; he continues his well-known work as journalist and artist and has also been heard on the air more than once.

J. A. F. Horton had 10 days leave in Calcutta and enjoyed it in spite of the poor quality of the local beer.

J. F. Horsburgh, Lt., 1st Suffolk Regt., B.L.A.

P. R. Horton has completed his course at St. Albans and returned to his uncle's farm in Sussex.

H. V. Howard, Lt., R.A., is at his old home in St. George's Square, Stamford, recovering slowly from a serious car crash on the continent last December.

E. J. Hunneyball is still working for Triplow Farms, Ltd., Triplow, Cambs. On January 31st he added another daughter, Ruth Evelyn, to his family.

P. R. Johnson, Gnr., R.A., C.M.F., spent several days in Rome with Harber and had an audience with the Pope.

S. Johnson, A.B., does not seem too pleased with the Navy.

J. W. Jones, Sgn. Lt./Cmdr (D), R.N.V.R., is at R.N. Auxiliary Hospital in Colombo.

J. D. Kent, Capt., R.I.A.S.C., commands a Training School at Shillong, Assam.

G. A. Kent, Cpl., R.C.S., is in a Telecommunication Specialists' Section, S.H.A.E.F.

L. H. Kettle is a Gunner in D. Coy., 1st Btn., Royal Berkshire Regt., S.E.A.C.

R. W. King, Sgt., has been in Europe since D-day.

A. Kornfield is serving with U.S. Army Intelligence. He flew to London in April and rang up the Headmaster. He reported that his brother Peter was then still serving in Hawaii.

R. A. Lamb (Staff), Major, has returned to Stamford.

Rev. P. J. Lamb, after being Vicar of St. Aidan's Leeds, for nearly ten years, has been appointed Principal of St. John's Training College, York.

G. Lamb, Capt., R.E., acted as Administrator of Patros during the troubles in Greece.

P. J. Lale, AC2, R.A.F., has got himself transferred to a R.A.F. Met. Station, within two miles of his home in Dorset.

J. P. Lambert, Lt., R.A. (A.O.F.), is flying the "Jeep of the Air" in Italy and represented the Army v. R.A.F. in a Rugger Match at Naples.

E. M. Lewin, L/Cpl., recently spent a leave with his aunt in Ceylon and writes poetry in his spare time.

A. N. Loweth, S/Lt. R.N.V.R., has succeeded in navigating his ship to the Pacific.

R. A. Macdonald, A.B., has been patrolling the Irrawaddy.

E. C. McCarthy is in the Navy as a writer and expecting to be sent to the Far East.

J. G. MacDougall is still very ill.

J. McGaw (1880-82), 1030 Green Street, San Francisco, hopes to pay a visit to the School as soon as he can get a passage.

P. E. McGowan is Gold Mining in the Gold Coast and gets some cricket and tennis.

H. S. McGuigan, Dist. Supt. Police, Broach, Bombay Pres., India, is back after four months leave and will be pleased to contact any O.S. in his area.

H. W. Martin, F/O, R.A.F., raised a team which played some of the crack Belgian Hockey Clubs. Since then he has been on leave and is now stationed in this country.

P. J. Martin, Major, R.E., had served in eight different countries up to last January and is now probably well into double figures.

M. Merrett is living near Southampton.

G. Mitford-Barberton, reading medicine at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, rowed in the College Eight which went Head of the River, was given his College Rowing Colours and has been made Secretary of Boats.

E. J. Moore has started a training course in the R.A.F.

J. H. Morley, 2nd/Lt., 11th Btn., W. Yorks. Regt., Alnwick.

E. H. Moses, S/Lt. (E), has been serving on an Escort Carrier.

J. P. Mountain was with the 51st Highland Division during the advance into Germany.

M. H. Mountain has been Acting District Superintendent in the Indian Police and has recovered from a bad mauling by a tigress which he wounded and followed.

C. R. Nutt, 2nd/Lt., Lincolnshire Regt., is stationed at Lincoln.

J. R. Naylor has been at Birkenhead on Admiralty work.

D. G. Naylor has been in Malta training for Met. work with F.A.A.

J. F. Parry, S/Lt., R.N.V.R., H.M.S. Zebra, is expecting to go to the Far East shortly.

A. K. Parker having gained a First in the Natural Science Tripos at Cambridge has joined the R.N.V.R. as a Radar Officer.

H. C. Parker is making the most of work and play at his mining post at Luanshya, N. Rhodesia. Early rising, underground work, surveying, hockey, tennis, golf and swimming all have their turn.

J. T. Parrish, Major, Infantry Training Wing, near Rhyll, hopes to obtain his release shortly.

J. C. Perkins, F/Lt., R.A.F., is instructing on Mosquitos.

C. H. Poole, P.O., Air Mech. "L", F.A.A., Arbroath, has been playing hockey for the Station.

N. W. Price, P.O. Radio Mech., R.N., is stationed in the Orkneys.

R. A. Proctor, L.A.C., R.A.F., Malta.

L. Robinson has been transferred to the Christchurch branch of Barclay's Bank.

R. K. Rudkin, R.A.S.C., has been serving in Holland.

J. B. Rustonjee is still Met. "stooge" at Thorney Island.

J. R. P. Saul, F/Sgt., R.A.F., Poona, India.

F. I. Skeels, Capt., R.E., Madras Sappers.

A. Shorten has been working for various engineering firms for several years at Lincoln, Andover, Bedford and Grantham.

M. W. Siddons is serving in the Royal Signals.

J. H. Sindall, Cpl., 272 Squadron, R.A.F.

Raymond Smith, F/Sgt., R.A.F., was on rocket-firing Beaufighters in Middle East and for the Balkan Air Force, C.M.F., pranging enemy shipping, trains, troops, barracks, etc.

D. P. Smith, Cpl., R.A.F., is stationed at Bally Kelly, Co. Derry.

Martin Smith, long given up as lost, returned home soon after V-E Day.

J. D. Spriggs is a sick-bay attendant serving with the R.N. somewhere in Belgium.

E. H. Stafford, Major, is on the Military Government Staff at H.Q., 1, British Airborne Corps.

B. A. Stapleton, M.C. Lt./Col., 2nd Army H.Q., had the dubious distinction of escorting Himmler to his medical examination at which he swallowed poison. He has been awarded the O.B.E. and has recently been in England helping to write up the History of his Corp's part in the campaign since D-Day.

H. A. Staveley has left the Civil Service where he was a secretary to the Minister without Portfolio and has joined the staff of Rugby School.

M. S. Stavely is home on leave from Nigeria with his wife and daughter.

A. L. Stewart, S/Lt., R.N.V.R., is in command of a Motor Launch.

J. R. G. Tarratt, Lt., R.A., met L. M. Evans (Staff) while on leave in Florence.

G. Taylor is serving in India.

B. N. Towing is an apprentice to the building trade.

P. D. Trask, Lt., R.N., has been on a destroyer on escort duty to Russia.

J. F. Traylen, Major, R.M., is still on the staff of the Vice-Admiral, Malta.

M. F. Traylen, Lt., King's Own Royal Regt., has returned home after being a P.O.W. at Brunswick.

G. W. Treadwell, Lt./Col., after serving as Judge in the Military Courts in Carinthia is now Senior Legal Officer to the British portion of the Military Government of Vienna. On August 2nd he was presented with a daughter, Ann Margaret.

W. H. Turnbull as acting Principle Agricultural Officer, Bechuanaland Govt., is battling with problems of food control on the edge of the Kalahan desert.

J. M. D. Vincent, Pte., Devonshire Regt., India Command, has just passed a Commission Board and expects shortly to join an O.T.S. He hopes to meet K. Leatham in Secunderabad.

L. M. Vallier, 8 Rue Taillefer, Grenoble, tells a graphic story of the German occupation and hopes to visit Stamford soon.

J. Vergette, Capt., has been awarded the M.C. He has served with the 8th Army throughout the African and Italian campaigns.

J. J. Walsh is studying at the Merchant Venturers' College, Bristol, and hopes to take up Civil Engineering.

G. G. Walker, Lt., has been learning to fly at Cranborne, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia. After meeting no O.S.'s for four years he ran into Col. T. S. J. Anderson in Cairo, C. R. Bogle and J. M. D. Vincent all within a few weeks. He speaks well of fun, food and flying but not so well of arising at 05.30 every morning and has hopes of being home for Christmas.

D. Waltham, Capt., Royal Signals, was cable laying with the 14th Army in Burma throughout the campaign and has been home on leave.

E. J. C. Warner, Sgt., R.A., B.L.A., has been giving organ recitals in Dutch Churches.

J. W. Waring, S/Sgt., R. A.O.C., is Chief Clerk at an O.C.T.U. and has been awarded a certificate for good service.

R. T. Watson has passed his 3rd year Veterinary examination with 2nd Class Honours.

G. A. Webster, still dealing with housing problems, has found time to undertake a profitable season's archaeological work in Lincoln. He is now the Hon. Chief Correspondent for the Ancient Monuments Dept., Ministry of Works for Lincolnshire.

H. R. Webster, P.O. Radio Mechanic, F.A.A.

J. E. Wharton, L.A.C., R.A.F., is a W/Op. on a high speed launch with 241, A.S.R.U.

A. E. Wilkinson, S/Lt. (A), R.N.V.R., is an observer based on an escort carrier.

C. G. Wilkins, Cpl., Scots Guards, is stationed in Surrey.

N. F. Williamson is with the R.A.F. at Aden.

Births.

J. T. Chapman, a daughter, 18:5:45.

H. D. Grimes, a son, 30:4:44.

G. Hadman, a daughter 27:6:43. A son, 6:10:44.

F. Hensman, a daughter, 24:4:45.

E. J. Hunneyball, a daughter, 31:1:45.

R. H. Jones, a daughter, 17:7:45.

H. L. Scholes, a daughter, 14:3:45.

D. Walmesley, a third daughter, 12:3:45.

Marriages.

C. H. Poole to Firwen Hudson of Chirbury, Salop, on 1st September, 1944.

R. Boyfield to Margaret Rosa Colgan, of Wellington, Shropshire, on 1st August, 1945.

M. G. Duncan to Susan Armstrong, at St. Mary's Church, Henley-on-Thames, on 4th April, 1945.