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EDITORIAL NOTES.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.—July 26th to September 13th.

Messrs. Peel and Shaw, with a party of 38 boys, left on July 20th for a fortnight's farming camp at Home Farm, Footherley, Shenstone, near Lichfield. Other boys will be engaged on holiday work at the Ministry of Pensions. Potato-lifting will claim another party towards the end of August.

H. Birtwistle, B.D.S. (1st Cl. Hons.) won the 100 yards Free Style Race in the Inter-University Swimming Sports. D. P. Keirby, also of Manchester University, won the 440 yards event in the Inter-University Athletic Sports.

We are proud to record the award of the Air Force Cross to Wing-Commander F. W. Thompson, D.F.C.

J. Holden has gained the degree of B.Sc., with 2nd Class Honours (Div. I.) in Physics. He is now a midshipman in the Royal Navy.

Mr. H. E. Tomlinson, M.A., of the teaching staff, has been elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (Scotland). His monograph on "The Heraldry of Manchester" is published by the John Rylands Library, Manchester.

We wish to express our cordial thanks to T. Baxendale Patterson, J.P., L.D.S., for his gift of a handsome trophy to be awarded annually to the winner of the Senior Cross-Country Championship.

It is with great pleasure that we can announce the return to normal health of Sir Wm. Hodgson, J.P., Chairman of the Governors.

H. Eddleston, A. J. Beck, N. F. Robinson and E. Kendrick begin University courses at Manchester in October, H. K. Stock began a short University course at Oxford (R.A.F.) in April; M. Lowe, who has done such splendid work with the School Scout Troop, will soon embark on a similar course (Royal Marines); and J. F. Bostock's University course will be in preparation for the Royal Navy. H. T. Greaves and R. F. Taylor have been selected for Air Crew, R.A.F.; J. W. Merrill goes to the Army, E. F. Whittaker goes to the Navy, and A. Taylor meets a Selection Board for the Army University Course on July 27th.

Recent O.B. visitors: Jack Tomlinson, B.Sc., Sgt.-Pilot J. Barnes (Glider Pilot, Airborne Troops), just back from Normandy, and Sgt.-Navigator J. E. Lawson, R.A.F., on his return from Canada.

Sgt.-Enginner F. Ellwood, R.A.F., reported missing, is now known to be a prisoner of war in German hands.

The following Old Boys have recently been wounded on active service, and we wish them a good recovery:—

Lieutenant D. W. Gregory, R.M. Commandos. Sergeant J. E. Bowman, R.A. Private J. Towler, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Lieutenant A. S. Binnie (India).

Extract from the latest letter from our best correspondent, Staff-Sergeant E. H. Dinsdale: "The Hitler Line I cannot say much of as we went through it so quickly and did not have time to explore it at all."

The Scouts wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Box in defraying the expense of re-conditioning certain tents.

We regret to report that Flight-Sergeant D. R. Croker, R.A.F., and Sergeant Ronald Crook, R.A.F., are missing.

SCOUT NOTES.

Twenty-seven Second Class Scouts attended the Easter camp at Great Tower, during which much camping knowledge was gained and First Class training done. At Whitsuntide six of the Patrols ran camps at various sites in the Fylde, those of the Bulldog and Swift Patrols (P.L.'s E. L. Barrett and J. M. Ross respectively) being particularly noteworthy. The Troop represented the Local Association in giving a Camping Demonstration to a party of Home Office School Physical Training Instructors. Twenty of the Troop attended the Annual Scorton Cycle Rally held on July 15th and 16th. All Patrols are holding camps at Great Tower during the holidays.

The usual Church Parades have been held throughout the term. In addition the Troop attended both Poulton and Blackpool Youth Sunday celebrations; the Troop was also represented at other functions and parades.

The monthly meetings of the P.L.'s Parliament have been well attended by members of the C. of H.; P.L.'s H. W. Merrill and J. C. Greenlees were elected respectively Honorary Secretary and Assistant Secretary on the resignation of G. Hope. Visits were paid to the "Evening Gazette" printing works and to Blackpool gas works by members of the Parliament. Some of the C. of H. also represented the L.A. at the Blackpool Girl Guides' Annual Parade and Service. The Annual Scout and Guide Handicraft Exhibition was held in the Blackpool Central Library buildings from May 27th to June 3rd, the Troop staffing it for two days: P.L. A. J. P. Speight and Scouts R. D. Wylie Girl Guides in the production of a patriotic pageant. The Troop has provided a Stretcher Party of six to assist in the conveyance of wounded Service Personnel

Several promotions have been made this term: A.T.L. J. C. Dagnall was appointed Deputy Troop Leader; P.L. E. Butler was promoted to A.T.L., Second J. M. Ross to P.L., Scouts P. Myerscough, N. Sargeant, M. J. Brooks and J. M. Hoy to Seconds of the Swift, Bulldog, Seagull and Curlew Patrols respectively. The Swift Patrol (P.L. J. M. Ross) was the winner of the "Rawcliffe Inter-Patrol Challenge Trophy," with the Owl Patrol (P.L. J. C. Greenlees) as runner-up, this latter Patrol being the top in the points system this term.

Only a few recruits have been admitted this term: it is at present very doubtful whether the proposed expansion to 12 Patrols will take place; it is probable that experiments will be made on the recent suggestions for Senior Scouting instead. The following Scouts have gained the Second Class Badge:—P. Myerscough, G. B. Shaw, J. M. Hoy, J. J. Hall and P. R. Brown. Our heartiest congratulations to B. G. Stott, who has gained both the First Class and

King's Scout Badges. E. Butler and J. M. Ross have gained the First Class. Badge, the latter being the first in Blackpool to gain the Badge before reaching 14 years of age.

In addition to the many First Class tests passed, the following Proficiency Badges have been gained :-

Ambulance Man: A.T.L. E. Butler; P.L.'s R. H. Box, E. L. Barrett; Seconds R. H. Haythornthwaite, B. D. Bell, B. G. Stott. Cyclist: P.L.'s E. L. Barrett, A. J. P. Speight; Scouts P. Hairsnape,

D. Bennett, G. B. Shaw.

INTERPRETER (French): A.T.L. E. Butler; Second R. H. Haythornthwaite.

RESCUER: Seconds B. G. Stott, B. D. Bell, N. Sargeant.

SWIMMER: Seconds B. G. Stott, B. D. Bell, N. Sargeant.

The Troop has been visited by the D.D.C., Mr. T. A. Thomas, and by the G.S.M. of the 3rd Fleetwood, Miss D. M. Elliott. R.S. M. Lowe, who is taking out an A.S.M.'s warrant, has attended a Wood Badge, Part 2, Training Course. The Troop formed a Guard of Honour at the wedding of A.S.M. L. A. Howarth, and to him and his wife we offer our very best wishes; he has also visited us on two occasions. We must congratulate our other A.S.M., J. F. Walker, on his promotion to Flying Officer. We understand that S.M. G. H. Chapman is in Normandy with the Forces; the G.S.M., apparently busier than ever, manages still to write regularly from Italy.

We take this opportunity of sending our greetings to all former members of the Troop; to all present members of the Troop we say "Good Camping during the holidays! " MICK."

WOLF-CUB NOTES.

There has been rather less activity than usual during the early part of this term, but there are now signs of revival, and we have several recruits, one of whom has already obtained his First Star. Details and names are unavoidably left over till next term. Till then, "Good Hunting to all!" AKELA.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH.

Our returns for this term, up to 14th July, are :-Average number of subscribers per week, 278 (57% of the School). Amount subscribed this term, including "Salute the Soldier" Week, £2,955 15s. 0d.

Amount subscribed since September, 1939, £19,163 19s. 6d. Forms with the best record this term: Vm., 100%; IIc., 92%.

The special National Savings Badges, awarded each term for good work, are all retained for the third time by the following Form Secretaries: R. H. Haythornthwaite, Vm.; F. D. Foden, IIc.; P. C. E. Farman, Va.; and J. C. F. Chard, IIIa.

"SALUTE THE SOLDIER" WEEK.

School re-opened for the Summer Term in the middle of the Poulton "Salute the Soldier" Week, so that we were left with only three days in which to reach our Target of £2,000, the same as last year's. Three hectic days resulted, but, with the valuable assistance of two Sixth-Formers, G. Hope and J. K. Rigby, we "got through" and passed our target, though not by the same margin as last year. £2,743 15s. 0d. was subscribed, all in "small savings."

In connection with this special week, the Poulton Savings Committee organised an open Model-making Competition. Six Prizes were gained by the School in this Competition:—2nd Prize: R. I. Henry, IVa. 3rd Prize: M. Preece, IIc. Consolation Prizes: D. R. Dewhurst, IVa.; R. W. Wood, IVb.; N. N. Clayton, IVb.; and F. D. Foden, IIc.

We congratulate them all.

Next term we must set ourselves our own target—to reach the sum of £20,000 since the beginning of the war.

A.C.O.

SCHOOL SKETCHING CLUB.

Cold weather held up outdoor sketching during the early part of the term—but much useful practice was done in the Art Room.

Later, several interesting sketches were made in the neighbourhood of School.

J.C.

SCHOOL SOCIETY—PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION.

This term, a few senior boys have been making enlargements in the School darkroom.

Beck and Wyatt organised a Photographic Competition, which was judged by Mr. F. H. Stuttard, M.P.S., of Poulton, to whom we tender our grateful thanks. The main prizes were won by Jackson and Taylor, of Va., whilst Beck (VIa.) was awarded a consolation prize. His colouring of photographs was highly commended. Mr. Stuttard's detailed criticism of the prints was most helpful and stimulating.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

The week spent on an R.A.F. station at Easter was as enjoyable as it was instructive.

PROMOTIONS: Sgt. A. Taylor to Flight-Sergeant.

Cpl. H. T. Greaves to Sergeant.
L./Cdt. E. F. Whittaker to Corporal.
L./Cdt. P. L. H. Withers to Corporal.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES: H. T. Greaves, P.N.B. (Already gained

Flight/Mech./E.)
J. Cooper, P.N.B.
D. C. Fiefield, P.N.B.

E. F. Whittaker, P.N.B. P. L. H. Withers, P.N.B. E. Kendrick, F./Mech./E.

R. B. Davenport, F./Mech./E.

Another examination will be held before the end of term.

We suggest to our former F./Sgt. F. B. Robinson that, should he be posted to operational duties overseas, we shall expect him to run a correspondence course for cadets, since, when home on leave, he never fails to come along and give them entertaining and useful talks.

We are glad to record an increase of numbers this term, and we believe that keenness of N.C.O.'s and cadets has much to do with this. We hope that recruits will be forthcoming in September to replace leavers.

The cultivation of a spirit of airmindedness is vital for this country in times of war or peace, and one great object of the A.T.C. is to direct the attention of youth to this comparatively new sphere of activity, so that we may become as much at home in the air as for centuries we have been on the sea. Cadets who have this term completed a course at the Gliding School have experienced the thrill of controlling an aircraft in flight. Four Cadets from the School Flight have taken this course.

Sgt. Greaves has paid weekly visits to the Meteorological Office of an R.A.F. station to compare observations made at School with official weather charts and records.

H. K. Stock has written to us several times about his activities on a Short University Course at Oxford, and when on leave he spoke to Cadets on the subject for about 45 minutes.

The following is a copy of a letter received:-

"AIR TRAINING CORPS, BLACKPOOL WING.
TOWN HALL,
BLACKPOOL,
27th June, 1944.

"Dear F./Lt. Shaw,
"The Management Committee, at its last meeting, was very gratified to learn that more than 100 Cadets of 191 Squadron had now been successful in passing the Proficiency Examination, and I was requested to convey the Committee's congratulations upon this splendid achievement, which reflects great credit upon yourself, the Officers of the Squadron and Civilian Instructors.

Yours sincerely, TREVOR T. JONES, Honorary Secretary."

SWIMMING.

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS, 1944.

BAR TO AWARD OF MERIT: A. Taylor.

AWARD OF MERIT AND FIRST CLASS INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATES: J. Bostock, P. Wiggington.

SECOND CLASS INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATES: Carruthers, Sergeant, Harrison, G.

BAR TO BRONZE MEDALLION: Bostock, Carruthers, Schofield, I. I., Chapman, Withers, P. L. H., Mortimer, Westhead.

BRONZE MEDALLION: Shippam, Tillotson, Dewhurst, D. R., Porter.

Bronze Medal, and Intermediate Certificate: Farman, Booth, C. W., Southworth, Hardwick, Bull, Hopson, Mitchell, Dewhurst, R. E., Wright, H., Childs, Stott, Schofield, T. P., Makinson, Williams, M. S., Wignall.

Intermediate Certificate: Dawson, Gaskell, I. S., Gaskell, P. D., Barron, Holloway, Stewart, Varley, Parkinson, S., Clement, Garner, Holford, Ross, Walters.

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS, 14TH JUNE, AT LANCASTER.

Schools competing were: Arnold, Baines's, Blackpool, Kirkham, Lancaster and Rossall. Lancaster won with 34 points.

The School was second with 32 points. Individual placings were :-

Two Lengths Breast Stroke: Kendrick (3rd).

TWO LENGTHS BACK STROKE: Eakins (3rd).

Two Lengths Free Style: Taylor (2nd).

DIVING: Lupton (4th).

SIX LENGTHS FREE STYLE: Tillotson (1st).

MEDLEY RELAY: (Sargeant, Kendrick, Eakins, Taylor) 1st.

THREE LENGTHS FREE STYLE: Eakins (3rd).

LONG PLUNGE: Taylor (1st).

FREE STYLE RELAY: (Lupton, Edwards, Parkinson, Tillotson) 4th. SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS AT KIRKHAM ON JULY 17th.

25 YARDS CRAWL (STYLE) JUNIOR: 1, Harrison, J. B.; 2, Cryer; 3, Stewart.

50 Yards Breast Stroke Junior: 1, Gamer; 2, Holford; 3, Laurenson.

50 Yards Breast Stroke Senior: 1, Kendrick; 2, Chapman; 3, Edwards.

Long Plunge Junior: 1, Gaskell, P. D.; 2. Holford; 3. Walters.

50 Yards Free Style Junior: 1, Dawson; 2, Walters; 3, Darlington.

100 YARDS FREE STYLE SENIOR: 1, Tillotson; 2, Taylor; 3, Eakins.

25 YARDS BACK STROKE JUNIOR: 1, Walters; 2, Holford; 3, Harrison, J. B.

50 YARDS FREE STYLE SENIOR: 1, Taylor and Tillotson (dead heat); 3, Lupton.

LIFE SAVING: 1, Hibbert (Booth and Bell); 2, Founder's (Bostock and Withers, P.).

25 YARDS BACK STROKE SENIOR: 1, Tillotson; 2, Taylor; 3, Eakins. Long Plunge Senior; 1, Taylor; 2, Tillotson; 3, Bell.

LONG PLUNGE SENIOR; 1, Taylor; 2, Tillotson; 3, Bell.

JUNIOR SQUADRON RACE: 1, Hibbert; 2, Whittington; 3, Hodgson.

SENIOR SQUADRON RACE: 1, Hodgson; 2, Founder's; 3, Whittington.
NEAT DIVE JUNIOR: 1, Dawson; 2, Harrison and Foden; 4, Ross.

NEAT DIVE SENIOR: 1, Taylor and Lupton; 3, Booth; 4, Schofield, T. P.

SENIOR CHAMPION: Taylor (19 points); Runner-up, Tillotson (17 points).

JUNIOR CHAMPION: Dawson (10 points); Runners-up: Holford and
Walters (9 points).

After addition of marks for Life Saving, the House positions for Swimming were: 1, Hibbert and Hodgson (145 points each); 3, Founder's (123 points); 4, Whittington (122 points).

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Friday, May 12th. Once more we were fortunate in having a fine day for the Sports, which were well attended by parents and friends. T. Baxendale Patterson, J.P., attended in order to present for the first time his handsome trophy to the winner of the Senior Cross-Country Race.

The wife of the President of the Old Boys' Association, Mrs. T. H. Newton, made the journey from London to present the trophies and medals.

The winners were :-

100 Yards.—Junior; 1, Walters; 2, Greenwood; 3, Holford. Middle School: 1, E. Taylor; 2, Abram; 3, Inder. Senior: 1, Whittaker; 2, Lunn; 3. Cooper.

HIGH JUMP.—Junior: 1, Walters; 2, Garner; 3, Dawson. Middle School: 1, Chapman; 2, Taylor; 3, Hopson. Senior: 1, Eakins, 5ft. 4½in. (school

record); 2, Lunn; 3, Beck.

880 Yards.—Middle School: 1, Speight; 2, Butler; 3, Hopson. Senior:

1. Eakins; 2. Lowe; 3, Whitehead.

220 YARDS.—Under 11: 1, Gibson; 2, Chapman; 3, Pyke. Junior (open): 1, Garner; 2, Thompson; 3, Greenwood. Middle School: 1, E. Taylor; 2, Clarke; 3, Inder. Senior: 1, Whittaker; 2, H. Abram; 3, Lunn. 440 Yards.—Junior: 1 and 2, Durie and Garner; 3, Caines. Middle

School: 1, Speight; 2, Carruthers; 3, Hawkins. Senior: 1, Eakins; 2, Bell; 3, Whitehead.

RELAY.—Junior: Hibbert, Whittington. Middle School: Whittington,

Hodgson. Senior: Founder's Hibbert.

Obstacle.—Junior: 1, Myerscough; 2, Dawson; 3, Brown. Middle School: 1 and 2, Whewell and Mortimer; 3, Williams. Senior: 1, Derbyshire; 2, Allen; 3, Swire.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILE. -1, Butler; 2, Duckett; 3, Thorpe. Senior:

1, Hoy; 2, Taylor, A.; 3, Clarkson.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Whittington, 3501, Founder's 277, Hibbert

237½, Hodgson 227.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS .- Senior: Eakins 16, runners-up, Hoy and Whittaker 10 each. Middle School: Taylor, E., 18, runner-up, Speight 15. Junior: Garner 17, runner-up, Walters 13.

Results of events held previously were :-

SLOW BICYCLE RACE.—Junior: 1, McClelland; 2, Cross; 3, Wylie. Middle School: 1, Howarth; 2, Porter; 3, Bull. Senior: 1, Crook; 2, Rigby; 3. Hardwick.

100 YARDS.—Under 11: 1, Gibson; 2, Chapman; 3, Pyke. Junior Handicap: 1, Brook; 2, Thompson; 3, Gardner. Middle School: 1, Clarke; 2, Carruthers; 3, Hawins. Senior: 1, Withers, J.; 2, Roskell; 3, Gardner. 220 Yards.—Junior Handicap: 1, Walters; 2, Gibson; 3, Brook. Middle

School, 1, Brooks; 2, Ellis; 3, Chave. Senior: 1, Darbyshire; 2, Withers;

440 Yards.—Junior Handicap: 1, Garner; 2, Shaw; 3, Jones. Middle School: 1, Speight; 2, Campbell; 3, Bell. Senior: 1, Withers; 2, Leach; Crook.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. - Middle School: 1, Hetherington; 2,

Reay; 3, Martin. Senior: 1, Darbyshire; 2, Whittaker; 3, Strother.

Long Jump.—Junior: 1, Garner, 16ft. Sin. (School record); 2, Walters;
3, Dawson. Middle School: 1, E. Taylor; 2, Abram; 3, Hopson. Senior: 1, Cooper; 2, Abram; 3, Eakins.

CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.—Junior: 1, Durie; 2, Shaw; 3, Stewart. Middle School: 1, Speight; 2, Donnely; 3, Butler. Senior: 1, Hoy; 2, Whitehead;

3, W. E. Smith.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

This event took place on the Blackpool Cricket Ground, Stanley Park, on Wednesday, May 24th, 1944. Eight schools competed: Alleyn's, Arnold School, Baines's G.S., Blackpool G.S., Kirkham G.S., Lancaster Royal G.S., Rossall, St. Joseph's College, and the championship was won by the Blackpool G.S. team, with Rossall as runners-up. Baines's took sixth place.

Eakins won the high jump and was third in the half-mile; Lunn was fourth in the 100 yards. Hoy, a very young competitor, took fifth place in the mile, which proved to be a very fast race; actually, Hoy's time was about equal to the

previous record.

THE HOUSES

FOUNDER'S HOUSE.

House Masters: Messrs. RAWES, TOMLINSON and CROSWELL.

Captain: E. F. WHITTAKER.

Vice-Captain: J. MERRILL.

Secretary: J. F. Bostock.

We are pleased to record that by the enthusiasm of our members we won the Cross-Country Race, in which several gained distinction. Hoy won the Senior event, while Shaw and Ross were placed respectively second and fourth in the Junior.

Gaining second place in the School Sports, we congratulate Whittaker and

Hoy, the runners-up in the Senior Championship.

Several members have materially aided the House in devoting time to life-saving activities and have gained many awards: Bostock, Whithers, P. L. H., Mortimer, Schofield, T. P., Dewhurst, D. R., and Parkinson.

Congratulations to Whittaker and P. L. H. Withers on their promotion to Corporal in the A.T.C., It is significant that four out of the five N.C.O.'s are

members of Founder's House.

We are intensely interested in the cricket and swimming events, on the results of which we hope to realise our ambition to win the Cock House Trophy.

HIBBERT HOUSE.

Tutors: Messrs. HARRIS, READE and WARBURTON.

Captain: M. LOWE.

Vice-Captain: A. J. BECK.

Secretary: A. P. WIGGINGTON.

We did not do very well in the Athletic Sports, but several boys achieved individual successes. Beck and Lunn were chosen for the Inter-school Sports team, and Edwards was in the Inter-school Swimming team.

There have not yet been many cricket matches, but results have been good and it is hoped that all members of the teams will do their best.

We hope to gain a place in the swimming sports, and all swimmers are keen to have the honour of competing. Every effort must be made to obtain a good position in the Cock House competition.

HODGSON HOUSE.

Tutors: Messrs. Waddington, Okell and Astell.

Captain: D. EAKINS.

Vice-Captain: G. H. BROWN.

Secretary: E. KENDRICK.

We are pleased to report that we were placed second in the Cross-Country Run last term.

We congratulate our Captain, D. Eakins, on his fine performance in both the School Sports and the Inter-School Athletic Sports. We also congratulate W. B. Tillotson on his winning the Free-Style Race at the Inter-School Swimming Sports. Our Vice-Captain, G. H. Brown, is now Vice-Captain of the School cricket team.

Nearly all the cricket matches have still to be played. We are also looking forward to the School Swimming Sports, which will take place at the end of

this term.

Finally, we wish the best of luck to all members taking examinations, and to those who are leaving us.

OLD BOYS' PAGES. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

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OLD BOYS' EDITORIAL.

The opening of the Second Front, and the advances of the Allied Nations on all the various battle-fronts, make the time opportune for reiterating to our Old Boys the wish "Good luck and a safe return."

With the enemy reeling back on all sides, we remember those Old Boys whose courage and sacrifice in the dark days helped to keep the enemy at bay when all seemed lost. Many were not spared to know that their unequal struggle was not in vain.

We remember too the wounded and those in the prison camps, in Germany or in the Far East, patiently waiting for the day of liberation, and as we read through the letters from our Old Boys now on the fighting fronts, we realise that they too remember and pay tribute to their comrades who were so often "too few and too late."

O.B.E.

WHO'S WHO.

THOMAS HENRY NEWTON .- Entered the School at the beginning of 1901 and remained there until Christmas, 1903. After legal and commercial office experience in Blackpool and Fleetwood qualified as an Incorporated Accountant. Served three years, 1915-1918, in the Artillery, was gassed near Ypres, discharged on that account from the Army. Went to London and entered the employ of a firm of Chartered Accountants and has remained there since that date.

Member of the Old Boys' Association for over 20 years. Very keenly interested in the formation of the Southern Section of the Association; was present at the Inaugural Meeting. Honorary Secretary of the Southern Section since 1933. Vice-President of the O.B.A., 1939 to 1944; President, 1944-1945.

Like his predecessor he is an ardent gardener, interested in walking and sport, but obliged to give up active participation in the latter after discharge from the Army. Also interested in shipping on account of nature of employment, quite three-quarters of his time being devoted to accounts connected with M.O.W.T.

OLD BOYS' NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

MARRIAGES.

- Barnes: Saer.—On Saturday, 19th February, 1944, at the Methodist Chapel, Fleetwood, Pilot Officer Jack Barnes to Nona Gwyneth Margaret Saer, of Fleetwood.
- HAWORTH: SHAW.—On Saturday, 6th May, 1944, at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, Pilot Officer Leonard A. Haworth to Marjorie Jean Shaw, of Poulton-le-Fylde.
- GILLOOLEY: PASK.—On Monday, 3rd April, 1944, at the Parish Church, Spalding, S./Q.M.S. Patrick W. Gillooley to Phyllis Bertha Pask, of Spalding, Lincs.
- HAGUE: ROBERTS.—On Saturday, 20th May, 1944, at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Norman Hague to Brenda Roberts, of Blackpool.

A short and broken term, and probably the opening of the Second Front and the consequent general movement of H.M. Forces, have resulted in fewer visits than usual from our O.B.'s in the Services. Amongst those whom we have been pleased to welcome at the School again have been:—L.A.F./E. J. D. Lowe, Sergt. F. B. Robinson, R.A.F. (several times), F./Sergt. L. Howarth (after many big operational flights), Sergt. H. A. S. Wilson, R.A.F.; Pilot Officer K. H. Rawcliffe, Flying Officer W. T. Dewhurst, Sergt.-Navigator G. H. Fielden, Midshipman H. B. Clarke, Cadet K. Hardman, R.E.; H. K. Stock (on short University course for potential officers, R.A.F.), Flight-Lieut. J. K. Livingstone, D.F.C. (now on operations again), Pilot-Officer L. A. Haworth, Sergt. Air Bomber J. R. Bateson (just returned from training in Canada), A.C.I G. S. Chapman (back from West Africa), Sergt. J. Barnes, Glider Pilot Regiment, and Sergt.-Nav. J. E. Lawson.

Guardsman James Cardwell, missing since February, was reported in May to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

Pte. Trevor Morgan, aged 24, of Thornton, has been reported killed in action in Normandy. He enlisted in the Army when he was only 18 years old, spent some time in Gibraltar, and was recalled to England in May, 1942.

Home from Canada and recently commissioned is Sub-Lieut. Eric Barker, R.N.V.R. He gained his wings at Kingston, Ontario.

Warrant Officer Mowbray Ellwood, of Blackpool, has been commissioned Pilot in the R.A.F. He made many flights over enemy territory as a Flight-Sergeant, taking part in the daylight attacks on Augsburg and Le Creusot last year. During Blackpool "Wings for Victory" Week he addressed many audiences whilst on leave.

Sergt.-Pilot Brian Haslam, of Poulton, is another O.B. to be commissioned in the R.A.F., which he joined four years ago. He was trained in Canada and America, where he gained his wings. He has recently been in hospital, but is now fit and ready for action again.

Flight-Sergt. D. R. Croker, aged 23, is missing on active service.

Lieut. A. S. Binnie has been wounded in Burma.

Sergt. Ronald Crook, R.A.F., is reported missing.

W./Sergt. J. Edwin Bowman, R.A., has had more than his share of "experiences." Joined Regular Army in 1939, succeeded in bringing his gun safely from Brussels to Dunkirk after his Sergeant was killed, was in hospital in N. Africa last year after being torpedoed, and was wounded in Italy on Easter Sunday, 1944. Hit twice by shell splinters, he has lost his left eye. He writes: "An inch either way and I wouldn't be here."

Sig. J. R. Holden was in May in hospital with a compound fracture, the result of a motor cycle accident.

A letter from the Middle East from Corpl. J. K. Rhodes brought us news of the death of his brother, Sergt.-Pilot R. L. Rhodes, who was killed, flying his 'plane, somewhere off the coast of Scotland.

Last term we inadvertently omitted to record the latest distinction of Wing Commander F. W. Thompson, D.F.C., who in January last was awarded the Air Force Cross.

Lieut. W. D. Gregory, R.M. Commandos, and Pte. J. L. Towler, have been wounded.

New Members to the Association this term are:-

J. Marsden, 31, Hardhorn Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.

N. Hague, 71, St. Martin's Road, Blackpool. 1937.

1938. J. R. Clegg, 25, Calder Road, Blackpool.1925. T. C. Miller, 20, Victoria Park Avenue, Lea, near Preston.

Capt. D. H. Bamber (G.H.Q., India, 10/11/43) told us of his holiday in Darjeeling and of his vain attempts, after setting out at 3-45 a.m., at getting a glimpse of Mount Everest. Another letter from India came from Lieut. A. S. Binnie, then (4/11/43) residing in a most "jungle" district. A.C. R. E. Broadway (M.E.F., 4/11/43) told us of his calm and uneventful trip out—he was not even seasick—and his arrival amongst the sand and flies; he was settled down and sound in wind and limb. Marine T. Eccleston, writing (3/1/44) to send thanks for the Christmas greetings, expressed regret that his ship was not amongst those units of the Home Fleet which had taken part in the "latest successes against the enemy." Sig. H. W. Atherton (M.E.F., 12/2/44) had met Bernard Eaton at a football match "out there" and had had quite a long chat about old times; he was looking forward to the loan from Eaton of a number of School Magazines! Schoolmaster Officer Middleton Lambert wrote (10/2/44) to tell us how much he appreciated the little booklet of O.B.'s serving in H.M. Forces. "Strangely enough," he writes, "in all my four years in the Navy I have not met a single Old Boy. Still, even 600 won't go far, spread all round the globe!" He had visited, amongst other places of note, Cairo, Alexandria, Jerusalem, Damascus and the Great Pyramid. Pte. J. L. Towler sent a long letter (8/2/44, C.M.F.) from "sunny Italy," where it was "very wet, very cold and extremely muddy." He had marvelled at the sight of Vesuvius, belching forth fire and smoke in the grey light of dawn, admired the beauties of famous Italian cities and gaped at the destruction and ravages committed by the enemy. In action he had found it "not at all pleasant to sit in a slit trench and be 'plastered' with mortar-bombs for three or four hours." Greetings and good wishes were received from Corpl. D. D. England, R.A.F. Delegation, Ohio, U.S.A. Sergt. T. D. Wilkinson, M.E.F. (6/3/44), tells us of the terrific kick he gets out of just thinking of the grand and happy times he had at Baines's, "even if I didn't appreciate them at the time." Lieut. G. A. Caughlin, writing (7/3/44) from C.M.F., expresses the hope that "the fourth of these war-time Christmas greetings will prove to be the last." Radio Officer K. W. F. Henderson was having a very good time when he wrote from aboard a Norwegian merchant ship; the Norwegians he found a grand lot to get on with. He had previously verified Mr. Pickett's description of Africa as all Arabs, fruit and sand, and had seen as much of sand, fruit and Arabs as he wanted to! Pte. N. C. Nelson, R.A.P.C., wrote from India.

Our former School Secretary, A.C.2 George Curwen (near Hereford, 23/4/44), describes our various wireless inventions as "puzzles and eye-He had been selected Captain of the running and football teams of his Wing. Yes! His team won the Cross-Country and all its football matches! With his customary "attention to detail," George goes on to enumerate the many other successes of his Wing in the realm of sport, finishing with a special "do" given by the Wing Commander, at which he had the honour of "replying to the congratulations of the Wing Commander." B. Eaton (M.E.F., 15/4/44), after telling us of his meeting with Harold Atherton, whom he had last met in Cape Town, writes, "In this building there are several civilian girls of mixed nationalities. I have been surprised to find that they can all speak about six different languages, and have come to the conclusion that an Englishman is very lazy in this respect. I only wish I had paid more attention to Mr. Harris instead of writing 'chez-nous' for 'chez nous.' This bit at least did stick after a few nights in P.S.!'' C./Pilot W. K. Hindle (S. Rhodesia, 27/4/44) reminds us that last year he received the good wishes in India, since which time he has travelled a considerable distance—to Ceylon, back to India and thence to the Union. He is now doing the work he always wished for in the Service, as a Pilot. "Few of us," he adds, "as we passed through our happy, care-free schooldays, could ever have dreamed of the worldwide travels that were ahead." Armt. S./Sergt. E. H. Dinsdale's regular correspondence would itself fill a magazine by now, but his interesting letters are all the more welcome on that account. Writing again from M.E.F. (16/4/44), when the line in Italy was "more or less static," he describes the eruption of Vesuvius as a very awe-inspiring sight. Although stationed many miles away, he managed to see the terrific sight by a "wangle." He describes too the bombing of the Monastery, at which event he had "a ring-side seat." Although Dinsdale had been through London's biggest blitz, he compares it as a mere flea-bite to the concentrated heavy bombing of the Monastery. Now that "spring has come again, life is worth living, instead of being merely an existence." gives us a vivid picture of Italian life with the "pigs and poultry in the living room and the donkey in the store room next to it.'

Nine pages of experiences come from the pen of Sig. J. J. Danson, now (23/4/44) with the C.M.F. He tells of his arrival in Algeria, of the vineyards and orange groves and the orchards of lemons. He takes us on to the attack on Southern Italy, where he saw the devastation wrought by our bombing and shelling prior to the invasion. Since then he has travelled far afield, but still finds the Italians "very friendly and positively delighted to be free from bondage." He concludes, "I spent almost six happy years at Baines's; I only wish that I was still there attempting to obtain more knowledge and a better understanding of world affairs."

Corpl. J. K. Rhodes (M.E.F., 4/5/44) had recently fulfilled his long-standing ambition and completed a parachute course. From Italy (11/5/44) L.A.C. H. G. Pearson contrasts that country with the Western Desert, where one saw only "miles and miles of sand and waste." Capt. J. Ashton (India Command, 31/5/44) sends good wishes to all. Another letter from Sig. H. W. Atherton (M.E.F., 29/5/44) tells of a visit to the Pyramids, Memphis and Sakhara. He had heard from L.A.C. J. E. Lawson in Canada, and had met both Eaton and Pearson in Cairo. L./Corpl. G. F. Doyle writes from South Devon (10/5/44) to tell us that he had been before the Selection Board and passed for O.C.T.U. He had met Marine Jack Vardley and Tpr. Eric King. Sergt. K. Rigby, R.A.F., wrote from Heliopolis (16/5/44). Lieut. A. S. Binnie (India Command, 9/5/44) writes, "I have been trapped at last and some foul mosquito has injected me with malaria. A nasty illness in its early stages, but I am now well on the way to recovery. No doubt I contracted it during my recent expedition into Burma, for, as you may infer from the address, I belong to the happy band of adventurers called the Chindits, and indeed during the last two months there have been adventures and experiences in plenty. Fortunately Johnnie Jap is a very poor shot, and that, of course, has many saving graces." An airgraph from Leading Coder W. H. Black (18/5/44) reports that he "is allowed to say he is serving in the Indian Ocean." We have had several airgraphs and letters from P./O. H. N. Moulding (Master), C.M.F., who, on account of duties, has adopted for signature tune "Night and Day." A.C.2 George Curwen wrote again (4/6/44) to give us further

experiences whilst flying, which, to quote his own words, would "fill a book." F./Lieut. L. R. Seeling, in Iceland, tells of the many countries he has seen since visiting the School last time. He is not "impressed with the island, but finds his work interesting and is doing his best to carry on the Baines's tradition in Iceland." A.C. D. S. Lane says (9/6/44) that he realises now that it is one thing to be keen on the Second Front, and another to have a seat in the front row! A.C. J. Fairburn is thinking of taking up teaching after the war; he is now in the South of England (2/7/44). Leading Radio Mech. J. Hodgkinson writes (4/5/44) from Scotland. He has "acquired a hook" in the Radio Branch. He tells us of his meetings with W. Walmsley, "roped in for the mines," and "Titch" Ellis, who is a supply rating. Capt. J. Haworth, R.A.M.C., in a General Hospital, India Command (20/4/44), finds the dialects a great difficulty and the mental outlook of the native troops strange at first.

It has been our pleasure and privilege to read through a "book" by Sergt. R. Stuttard, R.A.M.C. This is really 33 typed pages copied from his letters home describing 31 days leave in India. He begins: "I am on leave, waiting for my train. I am going to Kashmir, calling at Agra to see the Taj Mahal by moonlight, and the Fort, to Delhi for the sights, to Lahore, to Srinagar" The rest we must leave to your imagination, but perhaps some day, when we can print in volumes instead of pages His vivid pen pictures of all he saw prove that he has looked and seen with a scrutiny that recalls to us the Panora School photograph of 1926!

Driver Wm. Vickers, R.A.S.C., now in Normandy, writes: "I had a fair crossing, though Father Neptune wasn't very tolerant; perhaps the result of Britannia's forcing him to take second place!" He asks for a French grammar (which we shall send him) to enable him to revise his verbs. Lieut. A. W. Stark, R.A.M.C., who escaped from Singapore, is now in India. Some of the Masters recently received from him cigars, real ones, which were highly appreciated. Lieut. R. Downing, who has seen much service in Italy, tells how he was "sitting higher than Scafell, listening-in on an 18-set to the first flashes of the invasion of France a time to sit and bite your nails. Mine have disappeared!" When at School, he frequently contributed articles to this Magazine. He now writes some excellent pen-pictures of Italian scenes, and concludes by wondering if he is to emulate Hannibal. A./C. Broadway writes from the Middle East and sends his best wishes to all boys and Masters. Sergt. James Whittaker, South Staffs., has recently departed to take up an appointment with the Palestine Police. Dr. R. H. Drew has been accepted by the Colonial Medical Service and has probably by now departed for Africa. Pte. K. W. Bale, who at the beginning of the war served with the B.E.F. in France, and who wrote a vivid account of his escape in the days of the evacuation, is now serving with the R.A.O.C. in Italy. He met Radio-Off. J. Greenhalgh out there.

Another long letter (9/4/44) from Pte. J. L. Towler tells of his sightseeing during his convalescence after being wounded in Italy. He had visited Naples, where the scene was so different from that encountered two months ago, and he found it a long way from the plaintive, winsome cry of "Cigarettes?" made by ill-clad, starving children, to an invitation to sample a dish of "egg and chips." The shops were all re-opened and displaying the most luxurious goods, but at what a price! He had also visited Sorrento, where he had witnessed a great religious ceremony.

Sig. A. C. Gillooley writes (14/6/44) from South East Asia to say: "There is a fair amount happening, but you hear all about it in the news bulletins. I can add nothing. No hair-raising personal experiences; just the steady plodding, the daily routine which doesn't hit the headlines, but which has to be done. When the armies in the West have achieved victory, spare a thought for South East Asia—we shall still be here. Japan isn't just around the corner, though many of our arm-chair critics appear to have that idea."

Pte. W. S. Fraser was (27/4/44) looking forward again to the summer and

swimming; he is in the Malta Force.

Letters acknowledging receipt of booklet of Christmas greetings have also been received from A./C. J. Parker, S.B.P.O. R. N. Bradbury, Sergt. A. R. G. Hartley, R.A.M.C., Sergt. F. Elwood, R.A.F.

Airgraphs from India from Sapper T. Mayoh and Cpl. J. C. Mann, R.A.F.

BY THE WAY.

There are 499 names on the School Roll.

New boys are :-

	FORM.	HOUSE.
B. Hillind (re-entry)	IIa.	Hibbert.
J. B. Ferris	IVa.	Hodgson.
G. H. Longworth	IVb.	Whittington.
G. M. Farmery	VI.	
R. M. A. Duckett	Prep.	Hodgson.
R. K. Hardman	Prep.	
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Rash forecasts concerning the war in Europe are trembling on our lips, but second thoughts are perhaps best, and we shall refuse to give them utterance. Besides, an unkind, not to say malicious, demon of perversity, seems to cast back in our teeth the most innocent of our remarks. instance, last term we referred with some pride to Mrs. Hampson's long record of unbroken service in the School. Before the printer's ink was dry upon the pages of the Magazine, that record had been ended by sudden severe illness. Fortunately, Mrs. Hampson was back at her post before many weeks had elapsed, her recovery, she said, accelerated by the thought of the handsome birthday gift from you boys; but we are left wondering in what way a harsh Fate is going to twist our words.

So we shall merely point out that the soil of Germany itself is not very far removed from the lines of the latest Russian advances, that our operations in Normandy have so far been very successful, and that the Luftwaffe appears to have seen its best days. The writing on the wall appears to have been seen by those in high places in Germany, and the "flying bomb" is apparently one of the final pieces of nastiness we may expect to see before Germany is brought to her knees. The presence of evacuees from London amongst us brings home to our minds that this weapon is not a thing to be ignored; perhaps such a positive reminder of the war is not a bad thing for us in the North-West, who have been free for so long from air-raid "alerts."

Talking of Normandy reminds us that a member of the Staff, in the person of Mr. Chapman, has been there ever since the first day or two of the invasion, and has so far fared quite well. Of other Masters, the only fresh news is that Mr. Charlton has returned from Egypt to a station in England, and that Mr. Moulding is enjoying the Italian summer with greater zest than he displayed for

the winter.

Sports Day this year was held very much earlier than usual; in spite of this, our customary luck with the weather held good, though if the event had taken place a week earlier we should have had to provide fur coats for competitors and spectators. That, you may remember, was the week when the weather suddenly became Arctic at the precise moment when the Whitehall officials decided to cut off all artificial heat!

One feature of this year's Sports, quite apart from some good running and jumping, was the absence of a Tug-o'-War. And this absence was in itself an adverse comment upon those boys who, in recent years, through lack of willingness to practise, have deprived the Tug of all its attractiveness as a spectacle. A little enthusiasm will lead to its revival, but it must be from more than one House!

Another feature of the Sports was the unexpected appearance of the new Cup, presented literally overnight by Mr. T. Baxendale Patterson, J.P., for the winner of the Senior Cross-Country Run.

At the Inter-School Athletic Sports, on Empire Day, there was seen some of the best running ever produced at that event. To break and equal so many records in one afternoon the competitors, even on an ideal day, did very well. And outstanding among some memorable finishes was that to the Mile, when half-a-dozen competitors were sprinting as freshly and closely as at the end of a 100 yards race. Hoy, our own representative, probably equalled the existing time record, though he was beaten to fifth place by older and maturer boys.

Our cricket teams might have had to play some of their games knee-deep in grass this term, when our cutting machines all went out of action at the Fortunately, the necessary spare parts were forthcoming after some difficulty, and the fields and borders have ceased to bear any resemblance to meadows. Some of you fail to realise how lucky you are in these times to have either labour or machines to do these jobs for you.

There is a movement afoot to make "Basic English" the world language after the war. Some of you appear to imagine you know something about this "language." Quite frankly, we must confess our complete ignorance of the principles upon which its vocabulary has been selected; perhaps we shall be wise to suspend judgment upon its possibilities, though we are inclined to view artificial languages with suspicion. One of you, however, is barking up the wrong tree when he says in an examination answer: "A metaphor is a saying which is not meant to mean what it means in Basic English."

The arts of the conjurer and the contortionist were evidently well known 2,000 years ago. Listen to this description of the pastime indulged in by St. Paul's gaoler: "The gaoler, thinking that all the prisoners had escaped, fixed his sword in the floor, point upwards, and prepared to fall upon himself." The italics, we hasten to add, are ours.

Two crazes have broken out recently in certain Forms. One is the production of Form magazines, the money from the sale of which goes to the Red Cross. A very laudable object, and we may perhaps be permitted to express the hope that in time, and with practice, literary merit and true humour will appear among these (not all junior) writers. We wish them well; they are doubtless beginning to learn the hard lesson that the lot of the journalist is not all beer and skittles, but we hope that that will not damp their

The second "craze" has borne artistic fruit. It takes the form of the adoption of Form Shields. IIc. Form, we believe, has been the pioneer in this movement; Shell's room is adorned with a shield of excellent workmanship, with an appropriate heraldic device, designed by the School's authority on You know who that is. heraldry.

The Founder's Day Service was attended by the Revs. N. H. Fogg, B.A., and A. P. Parkinson, Messrs. T. Huddlestone, R. Parkinson and R. L. Roe (Governors), and J. Rawcliffe and W. V. Bolton (former Presidents of the Old Boys' Association). The Service was conducted by Mr. Fogg, Mr. Parkinson and the Headmaster, the Lessons were read by the Headmaster, and J. Bostock of the Sixth Form, and the Choir sang Hopkins' Te Deum in G and the Anthem, "Magnify His Name," by Geo. C. Martin. An excellent address, given by the Rev. Percy Shaw, brother of Mr. G. Shaw, was based on the text "Is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives?" (II. Sam. xxiii.,

Senior boys were addressed by F./Lieut. I. V. Bellas on the subject:

"Some Impressions of Life in Canada."

Early this term, Mr. Rawes acted as judge in the Inter-House Singing Competitions at Rossall School.

Best wishes to all for a happy holiday; may those who are going to working camps do useful work and return refreshed in mind and body.

CRICKET.

Captain: H. EDDLESTON.

Vice-Captain: G. BROWN.

Hon. Secretary: J. F. Bostock.

FIRST ELEVEN.—Eddleston, Brown, Godfrey, Darbyshire, Stuart, Lunn, Taylor, R. F., Hyde, Whittaker, Green and Parsons.

Also played: Withers, J., Humber and Eakins.

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS.

King Edward VII. G.S. 172 for 9 declared; B.G.S. 96 for 5. Away. Lunn 31, Stuart 20, Parsons 17 not out.

Ministry of Pensions 103 for 8 declared; B.G.S. 94 for 8. Home.

Stuart 31, Hyde 30; Godfrey 6 wickets for 41.

Thornton Youth 25; B.G.S. 29 for 0 declared. Home. Lunn 15 not out,

Stuart 12 not out; Darbyshire 6 wickets for 10.

Kirkham G.S. 109; B.G.S. 50. Away. Godfrey 6 wickets for 47 runs. Ministry of Pensions 118; B.G.S. 51. Away. Godfrey 11, Taylor, R. F., 9; Brown 3 wickets for 20.

Blackpool G.S. 63 for 3 declared; B.G.S. 49. Away. Eddleston 22

SECOND ELEVEN RESULTS.

Rossall Colts 57; B.G.S. under 16, 20. Away. Eakins 8 wickets for 15

King Edward VII. 41; B.G.S. 45. Home. Eakins 10, Lupton 8 not out. Blackpool G.S. 23; B.G.S. 22. Home.

INTER-HOUSE CRICKET, 1944.

Results:—1.	Hibbert		 	12	points.
	Whittington		 	12	,,
3.	Founder's	1.1	 	10	,,
4.	Hodgson		 	2	27

COCK HOUSE CUP, 1944.

1.	Whittingham		****		346	points.
3.	Founder's Hibbert	1	****	****	303	,,
4.	Hodgson	****	***	****	289	,,
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"UNDER FOURTEEN" CRICKET.

Captain: DAWSON, A. Vice-Captain: GARNER, W. F.

20th May.—B.G.S., 12; v. St. Joseph's College, 28. (H.) (Tyson, A. T., 5 wickets for 6 runs.)

17th June.—B.G.S., 60 (for 5 wickets); v. Hodgson Senior School, 29. (A.)

(Dawson, 7 wickets for 12 runs.)

24th June.—B.G.S., 60; v. Hodgson Senior School, 18. (H.) (Tyson, A. T., 7 wickets for 5 runs.)

1st July.—B.G.S., 33; v. Blackpool Grammar School, 11. (H.) (Dawson, 7 wickets for 7 runs.)

8th July.—B.G.S., 31; v. Blackpool Grammar School, 62. (A.)

15th July.—B.G.S., 21; v. St. Joseph's College, 10. (A.) (Dawson, 7 wickets for 4 runs.)

ROLL OF HONOUR.

" Pro Patria et Justitia."

Sergeant-Pilot R. L. RHODES, R.A.F. Private T. MORGAN.