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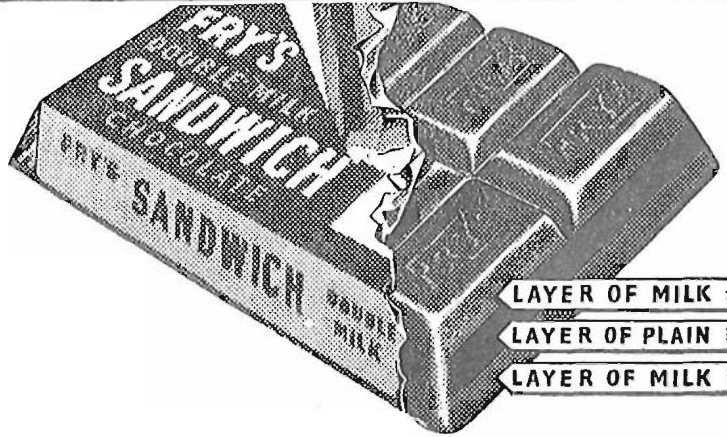
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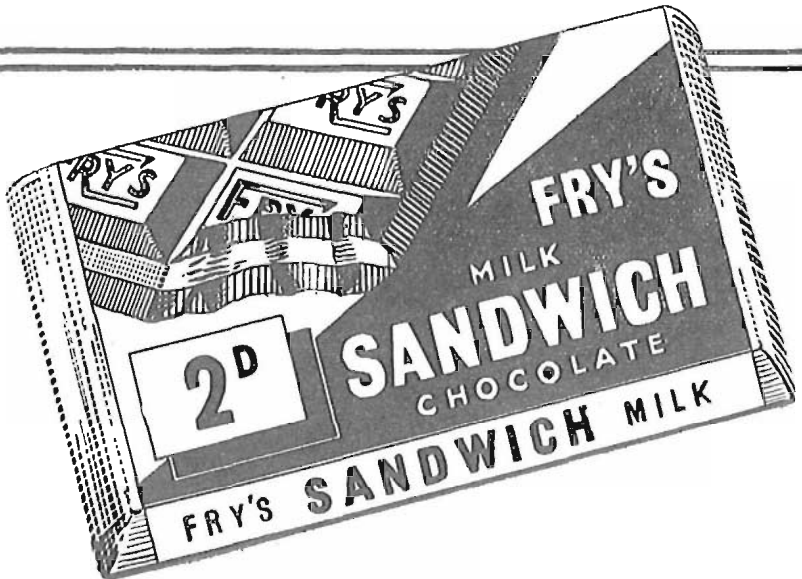
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With events moving as swiftly as they do, it is impossible to be accurate and up-to-date in our record. Since the Junior School Notes were written, Walmer has been evacuated, and the Junior School is at present near Newport, Mon. The Senior School is still at Albion Place, Maidstone.

Editorial.

The second evacuation has taken place! One dreary afternoon last term zero hour arrived: at two o'clock a long trail of weary boys were seen to transport their meagre supply of books from the slippery floors of Maidstone Grammar School to the well-worn boards of the old Girls' Grammar School in Albion Place, where before us dainty feet and heavy boots have been accustomed to tread.

Our hopes of a fuller school life have been largely justified and the old institutions have been creeping back: the change-period bell clangs with mechanical regularity and communal dinners again take their place in our life. Even the age-old house-meeting has returned to blight the chances of a lazy week, and the Oxford tint of a newly-acquired Prefects' Room greets the arriving schoolboy.

The reader will not have to search far in this issue to discover the havoc played on Sport last term by snow and rain. We can at least expect a fairer deal from Nature this term. Already Alleyn's boys appear where once "Tich" Freeman and Frank Woolley thrilled Kentish crowds on Mote Park County Cricket Ground, and the more marine-minded are already well under way in their own element.

We must not forget our junior section which, from all reports, is successfully winning the war for us in the kitchen gardens at Walmer. Much as we regret the absence of the Fourth Forms which are with the Junior School, we feel sure that they are under expert guidance. Many of our one-time members, both of Staff and pupils, are now incorporated in the South London Emergency Secondary School, and we include notes from them also, hoping thus to preserve our contacts with them.

In conclusion, the apologies of the Editors are due to their readers for the drastic reduction in the size of this issue, the result not only of circumstances, but also of the patriotic fervour of the Editors. With certain exceptions all matter submitted has been reduced to its essentials, and the consequent loss of literary elegance may be counted as one of the less exacting sacrifices of the war.

Letter from the Headmaster.

ALLEYN'S SCHOOL,
May, 1940.

To the Editor of the Edward Allyn Magazine.

SIR,

I have received so many expressions of the good will of my colleagues and of members, past and present, of this ancient and religious foundation that, I need hardly say, I need no special memorial, and I would very much rather not be the recipient of any testimonial. The times are out of joint and the difficulties of any united action are well nigh insuperable.

Though it is fitting and right that the end of a most interesting chapter in the School's life should be marked in some way, I should much prefer that our glance should be forward rather than backward, and that ultimately something should be done for the School to help it on its way after the war.

When we are all reunited in our own home and times are a little more normal than they now are, perhaps a fund might be raised for the benefit of the school.

I should like us therefore to register our intention eventually to do something useful, and I think that is all that could or should be now attempted.

For all the loyal assistance I have received during the last twenty years I am devoutly grateful. The past of the School has not been without its glory. We are going through a very difficult time now, but I believe that in future years we shall think these trials as nothing compared with the glories that are to come.

Yours faithfully,
R. B. HENDERSON.

Old Boys on Active Service.

As this is the first list to be made of Old Boys serving in H.M. Forces in the present war, it is necessarily incomplete and inaccurate. We shall be much obliged if Old Boys now serving whose names do not appear in this list or who have been promoted or transferred will send particulars to Sir John Maitland Bart., Alleyn's School, Albion Place, Maidstone. It will be of assistance if Houses and School dates are given.

We should like to thank all those who have already sent details of service both of themselves and of others. They will understand that it is not possible to send individual acknowledgments.

Ablitt, L. G. (br) 26-33	Leicester Regt. ..	2nd lieut.
Algate, C. F. (tn) 29-36	Queen Victoria's R. ..	private
Allen, E. W. (r) 26-33	R.E. (A.A.) ..	sapper
Ansell, C. P. R. (r) 28-35	R.A. ..	l/bomb.
Arnold, W. Styring (s) 16-24	The Welch Regt. ..	captain
Ault, D. W. (br) 27-34	R.E. (A.A.) ..	2nd lieut.
Bamber, H. C. M. (t) 35-37	R.A.F. ..	pilot officer
Banks, G. W. (s) 18-25	R.E. (A.A.) ..	2nd lieut.
Barber, J. H. (s) 30-35	O.C.T.U. ..	cadet
Bateman, F. J. (d) 34-37	R.A.M.C. ..	private
Beall, S. N. (s) 02-10	R.E. (A.A.) ..	major
Binham, L. R. (br) 26-30	Indian Army ..	lieut.
Bliss, S. A. (tn) 21-32	Royal Tank Regt. ..	2nd lieut.
Browning, L. J. (r) 23-32	R.E. (A.A.) ..	2nd lieut.
Burchett, J. P. (c) 31-36	R.A. ..	driver
Buysman, R. T. F. (t) 31-35	R.E. (motor) ..	l.corp.
Carden, D. V. T. (b) 32-39	R.N.V.R. ..	ord. seaman
Carnell, L. R. (r) 30-35	Royal Sussex Regt. ..	private
Chalker, J. B. (s) 30-36	R.A. ..	gunner
Childe, G. K. (c) 21-27	R.A. (A.A.) ..	captain
Clark, H. B. (tn) 26-35	Irish Rifles ..	2nd lieut.
Clerici, J. T. (s) 29-34	O.C.T.U. ..	cadet
Cole, G. F. (r) 28-33	R.E. (A.A.) ..	2nd lieut.
Cooper, R. L. (tn) 28	R.E. ..	sapper
Cox, J. E. (br) 32-39	Queen's Westminsters ..	rifeman
Cregeen, S. J. (r) 27-34	Corps of Military Police ..	
Cromwell, G. F. (d) 30-38	O.C.T.U. ..	cadet
Cuthbert, R. A. L. (br) 30-36	R.A.O.C. ..	driver
Dale, P. B. (d) 31-36	R.A. ..	signaller
Daw, J. G. H. S. W. (b) 21-30	London Regt. ..	2nd lieut.
Draper, R. G. (d) 21-26	R.A. (A.A.) ..	2nd lieut.
Eales, C. S. 05-11	R.E. ..	major
Easton, F. J. (r) 25-32	Border Regt. ..	lieut.
Eayrs, E. C. 95-99	General List ..	major
Edmondson, D. S. (t) 32-37	R.N. (A.) ..	midshipman

Evans, T. G. (r) 22-33	Devon Regt.	2nd lieut.
Everett, S. W. (s) 32-36	R.N.V.R.	ord. seaman
Eversfield, H. M. T. (s) 22-31	R.A.F.	sqdn. leader
Fairall, C. W. (s) 15-19	R.N.V.R.	paymaster- lt-cmdr.
Farthing, D. E. (t) 21-31	R.A.	2nd lieut.
Farthing, F. H. (t) 12-17	R.A.F.	flying officer
Farthing, H. H. (t) 10-16	R.A.	major
Ferguson, C. T. C. (t) 22-31	R.A.F. (Eq. br.)	flying officer
Finch, W. D. (br) 27-34	R.E. (A.A.)	sapper
Forster, K. (s) 16-22	Royal Berkshire Regt.	2nd lieut.
Franklin, H. C. (br) 19-27	R.E. (A.A.)	2nd lieut.
Freeman, H. D. (tn) 25-33	Army Dental Corps.	lieut.
Goodall, R. V. (b) 28-33	R.N.V.R.	signalman
Gray, D. S. (b) 23-32	East Surrey Regt.	2nd lieut.
Greenall, D. (r) 29-35	Queen'S Royal Regt.	2nd lieut.
Green, G. C. (s) 28-36	R.E. (A.A.)	sapper
Grimsey, J. E. (h) 29-37	R. West Kent Regt.	2nd lieut.
Grove, A. R. (br) 24-27	R.A.	gunner
Hack, L. C. (br) 15-23	R.A.F.V.R.	l/aircraftmn.
Hackforth, D. F. (t) 27-34	R. West Kent Regt.	2nd lieut.
Hagger, C. I. (c) 21-29	Army Dental Corps.	lieut.
Hall, S. E. (s) 19-27	R.A.S.C.	major
Harding, R. G. (d) 29-36	D.C.L.I.	2nd lieut.
Harrow, J. G. A. (b) 18-24	R. Army Pay Corps.	lt.-paymaster
Hartman, S. F. (br) 23-28	O.C.T.U.	cadet
Hayton, F. D. (s) 28-36	R.A.	2nd lieut.
Hefford, E. A. (c) 25-33	Lincolnshire Regt.	lieut.
Herrtage, H. E. (s) 28-36	R.E. (A.A.)	sapper
Herrtage, J. E. (s) 27-35	R.E. (A.A.)	sapper
Hewson, A. R. (b) 24-28	Indian Army	captain
Hibberd, F. C. (r) 08-13	London Rifle Brigade	R.Q.M.S.
Hindmarch, G.	R.A.	gunner
Hinge, H. N. (s) 29-34	R.N.V.R.	sub-lieut.
Hinge, L. G. (s) 28-32	R.N.V.R.	sub-lieut.
Hobbs, L. E. (d) 23-28	R.A.S.C.	2nd lieut.
Hodgson, P. (d) 29-37	R.A.	gunner
Holgate, J. B. (r) 29-37	R.A.F.	pilot officer
Howarth, E. F. (b) 27-35	R.A.F.	sgt. pilot
How, D. F. (t) 21-31	R.E. (A.A.)	lieut.
How, D. J. (t) 24-33	R.A.F.	flying officer
How, N. A. W. (t) 20-29	R.A.F.	pilot officer
Hudson, J. H. S. (tn) 21-29	London Regt.	lieut.
Illing, H. C. (s) 29-37	South Wales Bord.	2nd lieut.
Illing, R. H. (s) 27-35	Royal Armoured C.	private
Jarvis, C. M. (s) 30-35	R.A.	2nd lieut.
Jay, J. S. S. (c) 28-35	R.A.S.C.	driver
Jewson, J. A. (br) 29-36	R.A.S.C.	2nd lieut.
Johnson, C. T. (c) 24-30	R. Corps of Signals	lieut.
Johnson, M. W. C. (r) 28-35	R.E. (A.A.)	sapper
Johnson, R. D. (tn) 24-30	R. Corps of Signals	2nd lieut.
Jonckheere, U. P. (r) 11-15	R.A.F.	ft. lieut.
Jones, J. E. R. (br) 31-36	R.A.	bombadier

Jones, R. G. R. (br) 31-36	..	R.A.F.	..	phys.trn.inst.
Keates, T. C. (s) 32-39	..	R. Corps of Signals	..	private
King, C. D. (s) 17-25	..	R.A.F.V.R.	..	
		(Equip. branch)		ft. lieut.
Laurence, J. A. (s) 20-25	..	R. Corps of Signals	..	2nd lieut.
Laughlin, J. (tn) 22-32	..	R.A.M.C.	..	lieut.
Le Motteé, K. (s) 31-36	..	R.A.M.C.	..	corporal
Le Motteé, L. H. (s) 24-31	..	O.C.T.U.	..	cadet
Lewis, V. G. W. (t) 18-24	..	R.E.	..	sapper
Lowe, J. H. (d) 27-31	..	R.A.F.	..	sq. leader
Lunnon, J. D. K. (br)	..	Indian Army	..	major
Lymbery, B. E. (br) 26-34	..	R.A.F.	..	sgt. pilot
Lymbery, J. G. (br) 29-38	..	Queen's Regt.	..	sergeant
Madrell, L. E. (c) 26-32	..	R.A.S.C.	..	2nd lieut.
Mandry, D. G. W. (tn) 27-33	..	R.A.	..	gunner
Mann, W. N., M.D., (c) 19-28	..	R.A.M.C.	..	lieut.
Martin, G. R. (br) 19-26	..	Royal Tank Corps.	..	captain
Mayhew, C. D. (d) 27-30	..	R.E. (A.A.)	..	sapper
Moody, C. A. (t) 29-34	..	R. West Kent Regt.	..	2nd lieut.
Moody, P. H. (t) 27-37	..	R. Corps of Signals	..	2nd lieut.
Moore, F. H. (bn) 32-37	..	O.C.T.U.	..	cadet
Mumford, V. A. (tn) 32-39	..	R.A.F.	..	pilot officer
McCarthy, D. W. C. (s) 24-32	..	R.E.	..	lieut.
McIntosh, A. W. (t) 15-23	..	Gordon Highlanders	..	2nd lieut.
Nightingale, E. J. (s) 08-13	..	R.N.	..	paymaster-
				commander
Nightingale, R. D., M.C., (s) 09-17	..	R.A.	..	major
Norman, M. H. (br) 30-36	..	Royal Fusiliers	..	2nd lieut.
Norton, L. M. (t) 24-28	..	O.C.T.U.	..	cadet
Nunley, R. Y. (c) 22-26	..	Royal Fusiliers	..	2nd lieut.
Nye, P. J. (br) 24-33	..	East Surrey Regt.	..	2nd lieut.
Paterson, H. D. (c) 12-15	..	R.A.F.V.R.	..	
		(Equip. branch)		ft. lieut.
Penn, F. W. (tn) 23-30	..	R.A.F.(Equip. branch)	..	a/pilot ofr.
Pennington, E. B. (br) 30-38	..	R.A.F.	..	pilot officer
Philcox, H. (br) 13-22	..	R.A.F.V.R.	..	
		(Account. branch)		pilot officer
Picton, F. C. (bn) 08-15	..	R.A.	..	major
Pollock, A. H., M.C., (s) 11-11	..	Indian Army	..	major
Pratt, F. R. (d) 29-35	..	R.A.	..	gunner
Preston, T. W., M. D., (b) 12-18	..	R.A.M.C.	..	lt.-col.
Pretty, W. P. G. (r) 23-27	..	R.A.F.	..	Sqdn. leader
Pusser, R. D. (t) 22-31	..	O.C.T.U.	..	cadet
Randell, A. V. (t) 10-19	..	R.A.F.V.R.	..	pilot officer
Rashbrook, G. W. S. (tn) 30-35	..	R.E.	..	signalman
Reed, A. W. (s) 08-15	..	R.A.O.C.	..	captain
Reed, F. J. (t) 29-32	..	East Surrey Regt.	..	2nd lieut.
Reeve, W. T. (t) 24-28	..	R.E. (A.A.)	..	2nd lieut.
Reeves, A. J. A. (t) 22-28	..	R.A.S.C.	..	lieut.
Riddell, G. H. M. (tn) 32-38	..	R.A.F.	..	pilot officer
Rodway, G. W. (c) 20-26	..	R.A.	..	gunner
Rooke, S. T. (br) 10-16	..	R.A.O.C.	..	major
Rule, F. T. (br) 24-30	..	R. Corps of Signals	..	2nd lieut.

Rutland, J. H. (s) 12-15 ..	.. R.A.F. ..	.. flying officer
Saunders, F. E. (tn) 22-25 ..	.. R.E. (Signals) ..	.. 2nd lieut.
Scott, W. A. M. (t) 24-32 ..	.. R.A.M.C. ..	.. lieut.
Shaddick, C. W. (tn) 23-32 ..	.. Border Regt. ..	.. lieut.
Shapcott, M. S. (s) 13-20 ..	.. R.A.F. (stores brn.) ..	.. sqdn. ldr.
Shears, S. R. E. L. (d) 27-33 ..	.. East Lancs. Regt. ..	.. 2nd lieut.
Simmonds, B. L. (c) 18-23 ..	.. R.A. (A.A.) ..	.. l/bomb.
Simmons, R. M. (t) 24-30 ..	.. R.E. (A.A.) ..	.. sapper
Smith, A. G. S. (d) 25-32 ..	.. Border Regt. ..	.. lieut.
Smith, B. C. R. (s) 29-39 ..	.. Royal Armoured C. ..	.. private
Smith, P. E. C. (r) 25-32 ..	.. R. Corps of Signals ..	.. 2nd lieut.
Stevens, L. C. (tn) 29-36 ..	.. R.A.S.C. ..	.. driver
Thomson, R. W. (s) 18-23 ..	.. R.N.V.R. ..	.. lieut.
Tickner, A. G. (r) 22-29 ..	.. R.A.S.C. ..	.. lieut.
Varley, A. D. (c) 26-34 ..	.. O.C.T.U. ..	.. cadet
Vidler, L. S. (tn) 23-28 ..	.. R.A.F. ..	.. pilot officer
Voullaire, E. G. C. (tn) 21-29 ..	.. R.A.F. ..	.. pilot officer
Walter, H. A. (b) 18-29 ..	.. Gloucester Regt. ..	.. lieut.
Watts, K. B. (d) 35-38 ..	.. R.A.M.C. ..	.. private
Westby, L. C. J. (r) 19-28 ..	.. R.A. (A.A.) ..	.. lieut.
Westlake, M. U. (c) 13-16 ..	.. R.N.V.R. ..	.. lieut. cmdr.
White, R. (b) 26-32 ..	.. R.N. ..	.. lieut.
Whittington, R. A. C. (tn) 31-38 ..	.. O.C.T.U. ..	.. cadet
Williams, D. A. (s) 26- ..	.. R.E. (A.A.) ..	.. sapper
Williams, L. H., M.C., 00-05 ..	.. R.A.O.C. ..	.. brevet-col.

School Notes.

OLD BOYS' APPOINTMENTS AND HONOURS.

D. L. HARDING (c, 1923-30), 2nd class honours, Final Examination of the Law Society.

M. F. NORMAN (bn, 1930-38), St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, won the High Jump at Cambridge University and represented the University as First String v. Oxford. Under peace conditions he would have been awarded a full Blue.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We deeply regret to announce the death at the end of February of Mr. John Williams, who retired from the staff in 1937.

The Headmaster is leaving us at the end of this term to take up his appointment as Manchester Reader at Oxford University. We should like to take this opportunity of wishing him and Mrs. Henderson, on behalf of all our readers, a long period of happiness. At the time of going to press the new Headmaster has not yet been appointed.

In spite of evacuation, Founder's Day will be celebrated here in Maidstone on June 22nd. At 9.15 a.m. there will be a service in the Parish Church, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Aubrey O. Standen, M.A. He has also consented to preach at this service. Later in the day two teams of Old Boys are coming down to play the School at cricket, while in the evening there will be a concert given by the School Orchestra.

Speech Day, Thursday, July 25th, will also begin with a service in the Parish Church at 9.15, when the Preacher will be the Headmaster. At 11 o'clock the prizes will be distributed by the Rev. J. H. Watt, Vicar of Boxley.

Congratulations to the following :

G. H. REEVE (s) : Choral Exhibition to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

R. M. SEELIG (bn) : Modern History Exhibition to the St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.

K. C. HABERMEHL (r) : Teaching Bursary to Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

The following are the officials for the term :—

School Captain : B. C. R. Parker.

School Prefects : R. M. Seelig, G. H. Reeve, W. F. Belsham, W. A. D. Baker, R. E. Cook, R. A. Bowden, J. R. Dickson.

House Prefects : H. S. Thorley, L. J. Fyson (bn), H. H. Hoskins, D. G. Bickford-Smith, R. F. Jones (c), J. E. Silvester (d), P. Branwell, J. R. Hobbs, J. A. G. Bradban (r), R. A. Veale, M. M. Prouten, W. R. Lee (s), H. C. Hooper (t), D. R. Taylor, J. H. Boait (tn).

Captain of Cricket : *Not yet appointed.*

Captain of Swimming : R. M. Seelig.

Captain of Shooting : J. E. Silvester.

Secretary of the Music Club : L. J. Fyson.

Secretary of the '50 Club' : R. A. Veale.

The Editors of the Edward Allyn Magazine are B. C. R. Parker and R. M. Seelig.

VALETE.

U.VI.M.

D. G. LYDALL (b) : G. 1938.

U.VI.S.

E. H. HOOKE (r) : House Prefect 1937 ; School Prefect 1939 ; House Captain 1939 ; M. 1937 ; H.S.C. 1939 ; Football 1938-9, Captain 1939 ; Cricket 2nd XI 1939 ; Smith's Prize for Physics (2nd) 1939 ; Smith's Prize for Mathematics (2nd) 1939 ; Sgt. O.T.C. ; Cert. A. 1938.

L.VI.M.

P. BRYAN (s) : Shooting 1939-40 ; Cert. A. 1940.

C. S. ELLIOTT (d).

R. K. HOWARD (b) : M. 1939.

R. W. LANE (r) : G. 1939.

A. F. LOGAN (d) : Athletics 1939 ; Cert. A. 1940.

J. W. R. MURAILLE (t) : M. 1939 ; Cricket 1939 ; † colours Fives

1940, Secretary 1940 ; Cert. A. 1940.

A. N. RUMBLE (s) : G. 1939.

R. W. STEVENS (tn) : House Prefect 1940 ; Cricket 1939 ; Football 1939-40 ; Fives 1939-40, Captain 1940 ; Cert. A. 1940.

L.VI.S.

D. W. BRYAN (r) : G. 1939.

D. E. R. MOORE (s) : G. 1939.

L.VI.E.

L. J. JENKINS (d).

R. K. JONES (s) : House Prefect 1939 ; Shooting 1938-9-40 Captain 1939-40 ; Spencer Mellish Cup, Bisley, Standard Medal 1939 ; Cpl. O.T.C. ; Cert. A. 1939.

House Notes.

BRADING'S.

Housemaster :
Mr. H. Gregory.

Former Housemaster :
Mr. S. J. Brading.

House Captain : J. R. Dickson.

The position of the 1st XI in the football league was rather disappointing, since despite a fair amount of talent we only gained 5th place. The 2nd XI came 8th in their league.

We had no success in chess since R. W. Lonsdale, one of our best players, was absent for the first round, which we consequently lost.

We look forward to the summer season with favourable prospects for cricket and swimming.

Congratulations to J. R. Dickson on his appointment as a School Prefect and School Swimming Secretary.

† We were sorry to lose A. C. Hanna, a keen and useful member of the House. We wish him every success.

BROWN'S.

Housemaster :
Mr. R. L. Taylor.

Former Housemaster :
Mr. E. C. Brown.

House Captain : R. M. Seelig.

Last term we lost, among many others, three valuable members of the House, W. G. Hunter, D. A. Pegram and H. A. Bond ; to them and all other leavers we wish every success.

Our positions in the Football leagues were very creditable : the 1st XI, despite its lowly position, had an excellent goal average, while the 2nd XI finished top of their league. In chess we reached the semi-final of the House Competition, in which we were defeated by Dutton's.

With such spirit as was displayed last term, and with considerably brighter prospects, particularly among the younger members of the House, we face the coming cricket season with confidence.

Finally let us assure all past and present members of the House that we have high hopes of maintaining our position in the swimming world.

CRIBB'S.

Housemaster :
Mr. L. H. Jones.

Former Housemasters :
Mr. A. E. Cribb.
Mr. W. R. Morgan.

House Captain : H. H. Hoskins.

Acting House Captain : D. G. Bickford-Smith.

Despite the loss of many 1st XI players, we managed to secure second place in both the Football leagues.

The keenness and ability of Cribb's House at cricket should bring even greater success. We must look to the junior members of the House to uphold its traditions and further its successes in every branch of school activity.

In conclusion, we hope that all members of the House will do their best to see it in a more satisfactory position in swimming this term.

DUTTON'S.

Housemaster :

Mr. C. E. Hack.

Acting Housemaster :

Mr. S. Inledon.

Former Housemaster :

Mr. F. Dutton.

House Captain : R. E. Cook.

At the end of last term Mr. Hack left Maidstone to take up his appointment as Headmaster of the South London Emergency School and Mr. Inledon has taken over the duties of Housemaster in his absence. We also said goodbye to two senior members of the House, A. F. Logan and S. L. Jenkins, to whom we wish every success.

The severe weather strictly limited sport last term, but when the opportunity arose, the House teams played with great vigour. Although we had lost a number of our best players, we managed to reach the final of the House Chess Competition, in which we were beaten by Spurgeon's.

We congratulate R. A. Bowden on his appointment as a School Prefect and R. E. Cook on his promotion from Secretary to Vice-Captain of Swimming.

ROPER'S.

Housemaster :

Mr. F. A. Rudd.

Acting Housemaster :

Mr. W. J. Smith.

Former Housemasters :

Mr. A. J. Roper.

Mr. F. Linnell.

House Captain : W. A. D. Baker.

In common with other Houses, we were unable to carry out the Football programme owing to the bad weather, but our final position of 4th in both leagues was quite satisfactory.

If we continue to act together this term, we may well look forward to a successful and enjoyable season of cricket and swimming.

Congratulations to J. A. G. Bradban on his appointment as House Prefect. We were sorry to lose D. W. Bryan and B. Rowntree, both very useful members of the House. To them and to all others leavers we wish a successful future.

SPURGEON'S.

Housemaster :
Sir John Maitland Bart.

Former Housemasters :
Mr. J. Spurgeon.
Mr. L. C. Kingswell.

House Captain : G. H. Reeve.

Last term the House, though not gaining any conspicuous success on the football field, maintained its habitual keenness. In the chess competition we were more successful and thanks to the enthusiasm and prowess of L. C. Walters, our captain, we gained first place. We look forward this term to a successful season of cricket and swimming.

We have been unfortunate in losing R. K. Jones, one of our House Prefects and School Shooting Captain, also P. Bryan and A. N. Rumble. We wish them every success.

Finally we should like to congratulate W. R. Lee on his appointment as House Prefect and L. F. Kimber on gaining his 2nd XI colours for football.

TULLEY'S.

Housemaster :
Mr. S. R. Hudson.

Former Housemasters :
Mr. S. J. S. Tulley.
Mr. J. V. H. Coates.
Mr. R. M. S. Pasley.

House Captain : H. C. Hooper.

In the very restricted House activities of last term, Tulley's distinguished themselves by winning the Football league. In the Chess competition our team reached the semi-final.

We look forward with confidence this term to the resumption of cricket, swimming and shooting.

At the end of last term we lost a number of useful members of the House including J. W. R. Muraille and E. S. Holtham. To them and to all other leavers we wish every success.

TYSON'S.

Housemaster :
 Mr. C. F. Tyson.
 Acting Housemaster :
 Mr. E. L. Franklin.

House Captain : D. R. Taylor.

At the end of last term we unfortunately lost the services of Mr. C. F. Tyson, who has joined the South London Emergency School. His place has been taken by Mr. E. L. Franklin.

In football we maintained a high standard, coming third in both the First and Second XI leagues. R. W. Stevens and J. H. Boait were awarded their School 1st XI Football colours.

Despite the loss of several seniors, we are confident of being able to turn out a strong cricket team.

The response to the call for life-savers has been very good and with such enthusiasm for swimming we hope this year to do better than usual in the swimming sports.

Congratulations to R. W. Stevens and J. H. Boait on their appointment as House Prefects. We were sorry to lose Stevens so soon after his appointment. To him, L. D. Conquest, D. A. Jobson, J. E. Muggridge, and all other leavers we wish every success.

Group Notes.**BOXLEY.**

Groupleader :
 Mr. C. E. Hack.
Masters :
 Mr. B. E. G. Davies.
 Mr. E. L. Franklin.
 Mr. J. A. Taylor.

Prefects :
 B. C. R. Parker.
 J. R. Hobbs.

We were sorry to lose this term the leadership of Mr. Hack, who is now Headmaster of the Emergency School in London. His place as Groupleader has been taken by Mr. Davies.

With the institution of school dinners our communal meals in the School Room came to an end, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking publicly the kind

ladies who gave so generously of their time and services to make those excellent dinners possible.

Having lived for the first half of last term under a canopy of thick snow, we now find ourselves moving among groves of cherry blossom, and each day the advantages of living in Boxley become increasingly apparent to us. This is the season of digging and planting, and under the guidance of Mr. Davies, who is rapidly turning himself into an agricultural expert, and inspired by his active example, we hope to transform our little field into a rich and fertile plot.

Our communal life is unfortunately non-existent, as we continue to be the only group without a club, but those who wish to do so make good use of the facilities provided at Sandling.

Finally, we still whole-heartedly endorse those stirring lines :

“—We are indubitably blest who’ve had the luck to pitch our tents in Boxley’s fair circumference.”

WEAVINGING.

Groupleader :

Mr. L. H. Jones.

Masters :

Mr. F. M. Goldner.

Mr. F. A. Meerendonk.

Prefects :

R. M. Seelig.

R. A. Bowden.

H. S. Thorley.

D. G. Bickford-Smith

R. K. Jones.

J. A. G. Bradban.

It seems a long time ago that snow was on the ground and in the corner of Grove Green field a gathering of Weaving boys fought a long, gruelling and soaking battle with missiles pure white. Although Messrs. B—— and S—— seemed to offer the most attractive targets, it can truly be said that an enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

The activities of the Weaving Club were greatly curtailed, first by the bad weather, when few boys were inclined to turn up, and later by the outbreak of german measles, when the club was closed for fear of spreading the infection.

A committee was formed, composed of the Prefects mentioned above and representatives of the Vth and Remove forms, C. E. Jessup and P. D. Howard respectively.

Two concerts were arranged. The first, held on March 7th, was largely spontaneous. The late arrival of Lanchbery, the pianist, and of Mr. Jones, provided the audience with an

opportunity for home-made amusements. The concert eventually got under way, under the able direction of R. K. Jones. Community singing was the most popular feature, while the monologues by R. K. Jones and R. M. Seelig were well received. The inevitable Messrs. B—— and S—— attempted a duet and rounds were also sung.

The second concert, on March 19th, was organised by R. A. Bowden, H. S. Thorley and D. G. Bickford-Smith. Lanchbery, the life and soul of our previous concerts, was unfortunately unable to attend and Craven kindly took his place.

“Stone House” appeared in many garbs, as an Octet and as a dramatic club in the playlet, ‘the Dear Departed.’ They also performed a sketch, ‘Switched.’ Another play, ‘The man in the Bowler Hat,’ was given by Wright, Jessup, Small, Beale, Scott, Wooldridge and Boughton. Wright and Craven amused the audience with monologues: ‘How I Drove the Special’ and ‘Sam, Sam, Pick up Tha’ Musket.’ Community singing again provided much amusement, ably supported by the S.H. Octet.

All concerned regretted the lack of other amusements, but there is promise of greater and better things to come this term.

DETLING.

Group leader :
Sir John Maitland.
Masters :
Mr. S. Incedon.
Mr. W. J. Smith.

Prefects :
W. A. D. Baker.
P. Branwell.
J. E. Silvester.
L. J. Fyson.
R. W. Stevens.

With the summer now at hand and green fields and trees around us, it seems very difficult to visualise Detling as it was under last term’s snow. The steep snow-bound slopes of the North Downs provided some excellent toboggan runs, and a miniature winter sports season was enjoyed by many of us, although we suffered a few minor casualties. A severely curtailed ’bus service obliged us to walk the three miles between Detling and School, and emphasised the rural seclusion in which we live.

The club, although closed for three weeks because of the german measles epidemic, was well attended, the main function last term being two matches played against the Sandling

'Auld Barn' Club. The meetings consisted of darts and table-tennis, and we were victorious both at home and away. We also played against Detling Village, with whom we hope to have a cricket match in the near future.

Finally we reprint, without comment, the following extract from the *Maidstone Gazette* of May 4th:

"DETLING.

WAR DISTRACTION.—Standing room only was the order at the schools, on Wednesday, at the charity concert. At a moment's notice Mr. Jack Launchberry presided at the piano, and accompanied for step-dancing, comedy and sentimental songs. In professional style the dance band of Allyens College, filled in the evening. This band catches personality from their leader, who might be taken for Henry Hall, from his easy manner in introducing the boys into each number. Their show went with flying colours. Mr. Bert. Wise appeared in a new role as compere, and introduced the Mallinsons, Mr. Bert. Johnson, Mr. Albert Lawrence with his piano accordion. The Vicar, the Rev. Fischer, thanked the performers. Mr. W. Gorham, of Thurnham, who conceived the production announced that the evening had shown a profit of £5, which was handed to Mrs. Fischer, to forward to the Red Cross Society.

SANDLING.

Groupleader :

Mr. C. F. Tyson.

Former Groupleader :

Mr. W. Hutt.

Masters :

Mr. M. G. Crewe.

Mr. N. G. Evans.

Mr. H. Gregory.

Mr. C. J. McClymont.

Mr. P. W. Norris.

Prefects :

G. H. Reeve.

W. F. Belsham.

R. E. Cook.

J. R. Dickson.

H. C. Hooper.

M. M. Prouten.

J. H. Boait.

W. R. Lee.

The serious depletion in the numbers of the Group last term produced a marked lull in all our activities, and a committee of senior members was therefore formed to reorganise and revive the Auld Barn Club. A concert was arranged which should include the "Apollonians" dance band and a selection of Sandling talent. At short notice Boait and Borrow produced a highly successful Mock Trial which owed much of its success to the presidency of Mr. Inledon, the judge. Two more concerts were given last term, the second being thrown open to hosts and hostesses, and at this over 150 people enjoyed a good evening's entertainment. The Club hopes to give two concerts late this term, though our activities

are at present restricted by impending examinations. Meanwhile the "Apollonians" are fulfilling a number of local engagements, and mention of one of these, given at Detling in aid of the Red Cross, may be found in the Detling Notes.

During last term there was no digging, and the weeds grew apace; now, however, squads of boys are hard at work in their spare time digging under the active guidance of Mr. Norris.

Summer has brought us another activity in the shape of a Bowls Section, which practises at Penenden Heath every Friday night for the forthcoming match with the Wanderers. We should also like to note that, in addition to the amenities of Sandling mentioned in our last communiqué, we have found that the proximity of the 'sea' is unmarred by the presence of 'cyclones.'

Last term we unfortunately lost our Groupleader, Mr. C. F. Tyson, who had done so much to further the interests of the Group. Together with Mr. N. G. Evans, Mr. C. J. McClymont, and Mr. M. G. Crewe, he has joined the Staff of the Emergency School in Dulwich. We have also lost Mr. H. Gregory, who has gone to Weaving Street. Finally, we welcome our new Groupleader, Mr. P. W. Norris.

St. Clare Notes.

The very severe weather of last term which played sad havoc with our activities has now given way to radiant Spring. House football arrangements were not completed and it is difficult to decide the victor of the league. Perhaps the fairest way is to give the number of goals scored in official games: Henderson's scored 7, Baker's 5, and Collins' and Smith's each 4. We are now bridging the gap between football and cricket with bouts of handball and preparatory training for an Athletic Sports meeting. 'Handball' is an excellent game and though most of us are undecided about the exact rules, the game is fast and exciting, and stirs up a healthy rivalry between Houses. The Competition is not yet decided, but the probable victor is Collins' House, whose team has developed a speed and combination that bids fair to outwit all opponents.

A running track has been measured out and sports training is in full swing. So we have much to look forward to

this term—the final of the Handball Competition, the Athletic Sports, and it is hoped that we may stage an ‘al fresco’ Dramatic performance, of which, however, no details are available at present.

All this bespeaks activity enough, but the ‘Dig for Victory’ movement has been strongly in evidence among Staff and School alike. Real, serious, hard work has been done and every credit is due to those Masters and boys who have toiled early and late to ensure a prolific abundance from what was a somewhat derelict garden.

At the beginning of this term C. E. Philcox of Collins’ house was raised to the rank of Prefect.

Two events of outstanding importance remain to be chronicled. The first was the visit of the Pilgrim Players to Walmer Parish Hall on March 15th, when they presented the play “David.” Based on the biblical life of David in his younger days, the play can be described as a chronicle ‘morality’ play. Its main theme is the inspiration of God, and the failure of man when that inspiration is withdrawn. The whole play, though rather drawn out, was very well acted, and well illustrated the central theme of divine inspiration. The costumes were appropriate and the staging excellent, considering the limitations of space. We hope to see another play by the same Company this term.

The other was the performance of Pergolesi’s *Stabat Mater* in Walmer Parish Church by a choir and orchestra drawn from the School.

Although the division of the School into two widely separated groups has presented difficult problems to the Director of Music, it has brought about the performance by the Junior School of a work for soprano and alto voices only, which might ordinarily have remained unknown to us. Pergolesi’s *Stabat Mater*, as we saw, is a product of a time when composers and audicnces were less concerned that the music should fit the words, than that all their vocal music should be absolutely singable. Two solos, “*Quae Maerebat*” and “*Eia Mater*”, were sung with confidence by Hird and J. G. Crisp respectively. The remaining solos were divided between a group of three—Bishop, Jordan and Topley, and a semi-chorus of twelve, who all proved quite equal to the demands made on them. In the full choruses, which were sung without a hitch, the leaders of the two parts maintained a manful

independence. A capable string orchestra, consisting mainly of members of the School, provided the charming and essential background.

This performance was to all those who worked so assiduously to achieve it a most enjoyable experience, and it augurs well for a happy and—let us hope—not far distant future, when both Seniors and Juniors will be once more united in song under the roof of their School Hall in Dulwich.

We should like to thank F. F. T. Purcell (IV.B) for the notes on "David", and A. E. Cave (A.O.B.) for those on the Stabat Mater.

"Somewhere in D———B."

Once a term the call of late has rung out in Maidstone, to be echoed in Deal, and now it is heard again from older haunts. The S.L.E.S.S., recruited and commissioned at headquarters, is thriving and developing. On the rolls there are members of seventeen schools, and eleven Masters from six schools, but since Alleyn's is represented by some seventy strong, we are pleased to be allowed to appear in the Edward Alleyn Magazine. Yes, there are fellows here from all the Alleyn Houses as well as the Junior School, and most of them have come back from 'Somewhere in England.' There is one Sixth-former, who is also a House Prefect, and who has given very valuable help in the evolution of this remarkable body. There were no books, no stationery, no rules, no tradition, everyone new to the game, whereas now, after a short four weeks, the visitor will find a smoothly working school. We are not yet by any means satisfied, but hope to improve in many ways. There will be no cricket this summer, for we have neither the equipment nor the ability to do the game justice. All the same, there will be no lack of exercise and relaxation, since we are to have swimming, physical training, basket ball, and base-ball. The buildings, which looked so forlorn and deserted when we came, are now living again, and soon the fields will begin to show more than grass. It is indeed very pleasant to see our fields looking so green and fat, and rest is surely a fine thing for them, but they look at their best only when games are in progress, and we

are expected to use them. Our elms have gone and the planes along the crescent have been pollarded, so the view from the library is rather different. Still, there is a feeling that our old grounds are inviting inspection—they are looking well. Across the road the prospect is not so pleasing. Here 'Gloomy Rupert' sulks and broods and gazes down on us to remind us that occasionally we have to go down the 'Strand' and along 'Bond Street' or 'Piccadilly', while we are keenly aware of his blue-clad menials running around after his wants and churning up our fields. Unfortunately there is also an ugly brick erection which, if permanent, will ruin any view we have towards the Church. Finally, just to make the place more like home, the road is 'up,' very much so, and when the eager seeker after knowledge arrives in sight of the clock he finds piles of excavated earth, deep gashes in the road, huge iron pipes, and hordes of wild Irish labourers busily engaged in—talking and eating. The old place, always the same place, is awaiting the return of its real owners, and in the meantime, as an advance guard, we hope we are doing something, not only for ourselves, but also in preparation for the happy day when we shall all be together again.

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School Football Notes.

It was most unfortunate that the weather should have reduced Football since Christmas so drastically when it had already been greatly curtailed by the lack of pitches. The House League was however completed, and some inter-form and inter-group matches were played. The First Eleven won their only match of the term when they beat the Wanderers in a very enjoyable game.

The following colours were awarded :

1st XI. J. H. Boait, R. W. Stevens.

2nd XI. D. A. Heyhoe, L. F. Kimber, R. J. Parker, T. C. G. Williams.

HOUSE FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES.

1st XI.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					For	Agst.	Posn.
Tulley's	7	6	1	0	31	6	1
Cribb's	7	5	0	2	26	6	2
Tyson's	7	5	0	2	26	12	3
Roper's	7	3	0	4	17	16	4
Brading's	7	2	1	4	17	13	5
Brown's	7	1	2	4	11	25	6
Spurgeon's	7	1	2	4	13	30	7
Dutton's	7	1	2	4	4	37	8
2nd XI.							
Brown's	7	6	0	1	48	10	1
Cribb's	7	6	0	1	56	15	2
Tyson's	7	4	0	3	37	27	3
Roper's	7	4	0	3	23	20	4
Spurgeon's	7	3	0	4	27	31	5
Tulley's	7	3	0	4	38	44	6
Dutton's	7	1	0	6	20	48	7
Brading's	7	1	0	6	12	62	8

Cricket Notes.

In the present circumstances it must be the first consideration of the authorities to provide each boy with as many games as possible, although in consequence School cricket may have to suffer. We have therefore rented the County ground in Mote Park, on which we have the use of four pitches.

The House system will be retained for the 1st XI, but owing to the small numbers of some houses, all other boys will be organised on the 'pool' system and will thus be provided with a reasonable number of games. House Captains will be able to draw on the pool for reserves, and will be at liberty to change the personnel of their teams. In addition there will be School and House nets on the Maidstone G.S. ground and some combined coaching with the Maidstone G.S. Eleven.

The distance of the billets from the School and the cricket ground prevents us from playing on long school days, but the effect of this is offset by the reduction in numbers, and we expect to give every boy at least as much cricket as he would get under normal conditions.

School games have of necessity been drastically reduced ; some will be played by a combined Maidstone G.S. and Alleyn's team, others by a complete Alleyn's team.

The following fixtures have been arranged :

Wed., May 29th.	(h) Combined team v. Combined Staffs.
Thurs., May 30th	(a) v. Ardingly.
Wed., June 5th	(h) v. M.C.C.
Sat., June 8th	(h) v. Westminster Hospital
Sat., June 22nd	(h) v. A.O.B. 1st and 2nd XIs.
Sat., June 29th	(h) v. Aldenham.
Sat., July 6th	(h) v. Westminster City.
Sat., July 13th	(h) v. Eltham College.

Swimming.

Maidstone G.S. have kindly offered us the use of their baths throughout this season, and we shall therefore be able to have extensive training for the School team, and teaching will also be more frequent.

It is hoped that some school matches will be arranged, but at the moment no fixture list has been compiled. We are however continuing life-saving instruction and three classes have been formed under J. R. Hobbs, W. R. Lee and I. K. Macpherson.

We also hope to arrange a swimming sports at the end of the term and to give the usual distance certificates.

The officials for the season are :

Captain : R. M. Seelig.
V-Captain : R. E. Cook.
Secretary : J. R. Dickson.

Fives.

The long spell of bad weather unfortunately curtailed Fives activities considerably. Matches had been arranged against Sutton Valence School and Dulwich College but these had to be postponed and eventually cancelled. One match, played against Maidstone G.S., was lost.

Colours have been awarded to R. W. Stevens (*Capt.*) and J. W. R. Muraille (*Sec.*)

Chess Notes.

Throughout last term the Chess Club was active, and many interesting lectures were given by members of the Club. The School team was not however provided with any matches, and thus the best team we have been able to muster for several years was forced into inactivity. The one match played by our 2nd team, against Maidstone G.S. 1st ended in a win for us by 6-1.

The teams for the season were as follows :-

1st team :	1. L. C. Walters (Sec.)	4. A. E. Whiteing
	2. R. M. Seelig (Capt.)	5. B. J. Wilson
	3. R. A. Bowden (V-Capt.)	6. A. E. Odle
2nd team :	1. K. A. Grover (Capt.)	4. G. F. J. Scadeng
	2. M. V. Jacquet	5. G. C. Martin
	3. A. K. Cooper	6. L. J. Fyson

L. C. Walters, who has again won the School Championship, is to be congratulated on his fine effort in the Boys' Championship of England, in which he came second equal.

A House 'knock-out' competition was run on a restricted scale and was won by Spurgeon's, who beat Dutton's in the final.

'50' Club.

President : Mr. F. M. Goldner. *Secretary* : H. H. Hoskins.

ADVENT TERM.

The Club held its first meeting of the season on October 12th to elect a President, Secretary and Committee. Over thirty people were present. At the second meeting, on October 26th, the motion was debated "That this house prefers country life to town life": Mr. T*ll*y dwelt upon an ozone with a peculiar smell from which, he said, his hearers might derive a more exciting and natural education than from the plush of the cinema seat. Mr. Th*rl*y spoke of an unremitting campaign against nature in which he conceived all mankind to be engaged. After some witty seconding from Mr. V**I* and Mr. S**I*g, which ranged in subject matter from Brotherhood to bathplugs, a vote was taken and the motion heartily damned. On November 22nd, G. B. Shaw's "The Inca of Perusalem" was read without rehearsal

by a competent cast. At our last meeting a preliminary casting was made for Sheridan's "St. Patrick's Day," a play which at that time we were hoping to produce.

LENT TERM.

Secretary : R. A. Veale.

The first meeting of the term took the form of a Snap Debate. The motion, "That this School is a miniature dictatorship," was eagerly seized upon by proposer and opposer to attack the prefectorial system, the one to demonstrate its 'Gestapo' character, the other to portray the Prefects as a body of hesitant democrats. Next, in proof of the inconclusiveness of science, Mr. S**l*g related the strange case of Achilles and the tortoise, and went on to baffle any opposition by showing how axiomatic axioms really are. Finally the house was persuaded by Mr. S*lv*st*r to vote against the motion : "There is no good German but a dead German."

The other meeting, a Balloon Debate, was remarkable for an unfortunate tendency among speakers to show their own worth by personal abuse of others, rather than by constructive self-valuation. The favour of the house was won by Mr. Th*rl*y who, in the person of Mr. Godfrey Winn, touched us to tears and offered to solve our problems. The true function of Lord Haw-Haw as a safety-valve was demonstrated by Mr. S**l*g, while Mr. St*c*y, appearing very convincingly as Trotsky in one of his many disguises, waved the red flag in the time-honoured style.

O.T.C. Notes.

Despite continued difficulties the O.T.C. had a successful term. R.S.M. Cooper was away for the whole term owing to illness, but at the very end of the term we were fortunate in acquiring for parade work the services of S.M. Bennett. Most of the work in the senior companies centred around Certificate "A". Voluntary parades had almost a hundred per cent. attendance and cadets worked very hard. For the examination we were visited by a board from the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, under Captain Hambley. We should like to thank them for the immense

amount of trouble they took in the examination, which was one of the longest and most severe which the School has had. Forty candidates entered, of whom thirty-eight passed and two were absent. The following are the names of successful candidates :-

J. R. Arney, D. G. Bickford-Smith, P. A. Borrow, J. A. G. Bradban, H. T. Brock, P. Bryan, A. C. Clark, R. M. Cairns, J. M. H. Farthing, L. J. Fyson, S. H. Giles, K. A. Grover, A. M. M. Gunton, P. H. Heyhoe, W. G. Hunter, J. C. V. Jamieson, L. J. Jenkins, R. F. Jones, A. F. Logan, N. Lymbery, I. K. MacPherson, R. M. Medwin, R. J. Monk, J. W. R. Muraille, R. F. Norman, E. A. Scarlett, D. N. Scott, E. A. Side, S. H. Small, N. A. Spurdens, R. R. Steavenson, L. C. Steib, R. W. Stevens, H. E. A. Tilley, G. H. Whiteing, C. H. Wood, P. J. Woodfield, F. H. Wooldridge.

We had the good fortune to receive a visit from Captain R. White Cooper, General Staff, who thoroughly inspected the work of the contingent. He congratulated it on its efficiency and keenness.

During the summer we hope to do a considerable amount of field-work, for which we are now better situated than at Dulwich. We have also to record the victory of the Shooting Eight in the Public Schools' Rifle League, which is a fine example of how local difficulties have been surmounted. All things considered the O.T.C. has had a very successful term.

The Inspection has been fixed for Friday, June 21st, at Maidstone G.S. The Inspection is by Major-General L. I. G. Morgan Owen, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.

It is to be hoped that full financial assistance will be given by parents, since expenditure has increased enormously and our income has decreased.

At the beginning of the Trinity Term O.T.C. training began at Dulwich for those cadets at present at the South London Emergency School. Of the Officers, Major S. R. Hudson has been recalled from the A.M.P.C. During his absence Captain J. A. Taylor took over command of the contingent. 2/Lt. L. A. R. Shackleton has been gazetted to the Gloucestershire Regiment and is at present in France. Major E. C. Eayrs, Captain J. H. G. Pell and Lieut. R. H. D. Young still remain in O.T.C. u's. and I.T.C's. in England.

Shooting.

We are proud to record that last term the School team gained first place in the Public Schools' Rifle League, the

second and third places being taken respectively by U.C.S. and Tonbridge. We won all but one of our fourteen weekly matches.

We were very sorry to lose the genial supervision of Mr. N. G. Evans, who is now with the Emergency School in Dulwich, and also the services of R. K. Jones and several other useful shots. It is hoped that new talent will come to light to replace them. Mr. Meerendonk has kindly taken the place of Mr. Evans, and we hope that under his guidance the whole of the O.T.C. will soon have classified.

Owing to its lack of sufficiently practised shots, the School is not entering for the Public Schools' Ashburton Shield this year. However, the Bearsted Rifle Club is still very kindly allowing us the use of its range, and practice shoots are held there every week. Anybody who wishes to test his ability with peep-sights will be welcome, and it is hoped that as many as possible will take advantage of these facilities.

Music Notes.

The Music Club is to be congratulated again this term on some fine performances. An Orchestral Concert was given on March 9th, with the following programme :

Overture, "The Secret Marriage"	<i>Cimarosa</i>
Concerto for two pianos in C major	<i>Bach</i>
"Sérénade à Colombine"	<i>Pierné</i>
War March of the Priests ("Athalie")	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
"Carnaval des Animaux"	<i>Saint-Saëns</i>
Symphony No. 5 in E minor "From the New World"	<i>Dvorak</i>

In this concert we owed much to Mr. Michael Tillet of the Royal College of Music, who at short notice played, with N. A. Spurdens, the solo piano parts in the Concerto and the "Carnaval." He also played the viola in the rest of the programme, and we should like to thank him and the two violinists, Miss Mary Ray and Mr. Webber, of South Borough Central School, for their very valuable assistance at this concert. Considering their comparative lack of rehearsal, the two pianists showed great sympathy with each other and kept together very well. The "Carnaval," of course, could

not fail to please, and the performance of the Symphony excelled even the high standard set up by our previous performances of it. A highly successful concert, which represented a triumph over circumstances.

On Palm Sunday we sang Verdi's Stabat Mater in Boxley Church, with a choir augmented by many past members of the School, and to the accompaniment of a full orchestra, which also contributed two Voluntaries :

Air from Berenice *Handel*
Largo from Suite in D *Bach*

As a prelude to the Stabat Mater we played the Prelude in E flat minor (in Book II of the 48) by Bach, in a special arrangement for orchestra by L. J. Fyson.

On Good Friday we repeated Verdi's Stabat Mater in the College Chapel.

Finally we should like to congratulate G. H. Reeve on his election as a Choral Exhibitioner at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

Modern Language Club.

President : Mr. G. E. Dodd. *Chairman* : G. H. Reeve.

During last term two meetings were held. The first, a repetition of last term's very successful German tea-causerie, was held at the President's house, and on this occasion the younger members had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Berger. The second meeting was held at the 'Regal' Cinema, Earl Street, when about 30 members saw the French film "Katia" in which Danielle Darrieux and John Loder played the principal roles. The film, a romance set in the Russia of Alexander II, and including a highly idealised portrayal of the Czar himself, had no outstanding dramatic value, but it possessed that delicacy and freshness which distinguishes most French films ; and of course, it afforded an opportunity of hearing French as it should be spoken.

More meetings are planned for the summer term.

Notes on the History of Boxley Parish.

Although the majority of our boys have been living in Boxley parish for more than seven months, the names of the

places they pass each day have very little significance for them. "Turkey Mill" on the Ashford Road, for example, is merely a 'bus stop, though to the local inhabitant it is associated with the famous paper mills acquired by Mr. James Whatman in 1739.

Moreover the parish of Boxley teems with relics of the past which cannot fail to excite the interest of the historian. Out of the dim distant past rise the figures of William the Conqueror and his half-brother Odo, of Lanfranc, Primate of England, of Wat Tyler and the great Sir Thomas Wiatt. With Boxley we can also associate in later years Alfred Tennyson's poem "The Brook," and Dicken's famous character Mr. Pickwick.

The manor of Boxley (*Boxleu*) appears in the Domesday Book, and was so named, according to various accounts, because of the abundance of beech-trees (*bocs*) in the district; some, however, maintain its origin to be in the box-trees, and even in these early accounts one discovers the names of *Vinter's*, *Waveringe* and *Newenham*. The whole district came under the control of the Abbots of Boxley, whose Abbey was founded by William de Ypres in 1146. Accounts of the wealth of the Abbey are numerous, and pilgrims on their way to Canterbury were often tempted to stray off the Pilgrim's Road and visit the nearby "Abbey of the Cross of Grace," as it came to be called. Amusing stories of this "Rood of Grace" have been handed down. Apparently an English carpenter, while a captive in France, constructed the Rood and brought it to England, where it was acquired by the Abbey. By manipulating wires and sticks, the attendant monk could make the figure smile or frown and cause the lips to move. Ignorant pilgrims were thus deceived into giving supplications which had usually been intended for the shrine at Canterbury. A figure of *St. Runwald* (*Rumbald* or *Romauld*) which could be lifted only if the monk so desired, and a little finger of St. Andrew were the other relics on view.

With the dissolution of the monasteries the history of Boxley Abbey comes to an end. To-day only the ruined walls remain and where once stood the famed Church of the Abbey there is now a pleasant flower-garden with a little pond filled with water-lilies and goldfish. A charming touch is added by the ruins of the walls surrounding the flower-gardens. We may well smile at the profusion of flowers today when we

learn that the Abbey was dissolved because the Abbots spent too much of their revenues on the cultivation of gillyflowers ! To the south a huge barn still stands, and this according to various accounts was either the Abbey tithe-barn or a guest-house for travellers. On the other side still stands the little Chapel of St. Andrew, now converted into the Sandling Post Office.

Perhaps the place which has the greatest historical background in the parish is Penenden Heath, formerly known as *Pickenden* or *Pinenden*. On this spot in 1076 took place the famous "*Shiregemot*," or court of justice, when Odo defended his acts against Lanfranc before the officers of William the Conqueror. This meeting decided momentous issues in favour of the rights of the Church against the powerful lay nobleman. The Heath, situated in the centre not only of Boxley Parish, but also of the County of Kent, and in close proximity to the county town, naturally became a famous meeting place. On the north side of the Heath, which in 1798 extended as far as the Sittingbourne Road, there was a "*poor low shed . . . where the sheriff continues to hold his court monthly*." (Hasted). Here also the Knights of the Shire were elected and public executions took place. At different times the Heath has been the rallying ground for Kentish rebels : in 1381 Wat Tyler, in 1450 Jack Cade and in 1554 Sir Thomas Wiatt assembled their troops on the Heath for their fatal marches on London. As late even as 1828, 50,000 men assembled here to protest against the impending Bill for Catholic Emancipation.

Of the three original manors, the largest is Vinter's. Part of the present building, constructed by Roger de Vineter, dates back to 1343. It has passed through many hands and was bought by Mr. James Whatman in 1783, with whose family it has since remained. Weaving Manor, once the property of Sir Thomas Wiatt, can still be seen in Weaving Street, though to-day it is a small farm-house and is part of the Vintners' Company estates. When the monastery property was disposed of in Henry VIII's reign the whole of Boxley Abbey lands fell to the famous Tudor statesman and poet, Sir Thomas Wiatt. It was his son who led the rebels against Mary Tudor, and in consequence was beheaded and his estates confiscated. Some were restored by Mary and Elizabeth to his kinsmen, from whom they have passed through

the Romney family to the Aylesfords and then to the Whatmans. Lord Romney is still however Lord of the Manor. Other sections, such as Park House, Boxley, have become the property of the Best and Lushington families.

If space would permit, much more could be written, but it is hoped that this article will inspire others to look into the history of their present surroundings. For this purpose no better book than Cave-Browne's "*History of Boxley Parish*" can be found, and it is to this book that the writer is largely indebted.

Poetry.

Silks and slipshod soles
 mince on the rigid road
 and by protective palings
 of night-barred basements.
 Tails-and-patents prances
 in attendant affection,
 as his fingers
 search for a well-worn waist.
 New men rise hardily
 in the wizen light of day
 meeting the windy fidgets
 of a full November fog ;
 a cold and soon-spent dawn
 thins out the sleepless neon-light
 and the cast-out cat
 is secretly snatched in.

Milk with morning coals
 rinse in a lactic load,
 and through disclosing railings
 against the casements
 nails-and-latent glances
 lays her jagged reflection,
 as she lingers
 unsetting stones of paste.
 Few men rise tardily,
 dreading docking of their pay ;
 they are but unmouthed midgets
 with a backyard and a dog,
 perhaps a close-cropped lawn.
 The fameless flee till fashioned night,
 and the welcome mat
 is wilfully latched in.

O'CONAIRE.

Oxford Letter.

5-5-1940.

Dear Sir,

Alleyn's at Oxford and Alleyn's at Maidstone both seem to be suffering from the same wasting disease for here, too, our numbers are unwontedly low. The war however has effected us comparatively little and there is a sense of being outside the boil and bubble of these times. We still have our river, our occasional excitement in left-wing politics and, as our oldest inhabitant, Mr. Haile, would say, our work.

Indeed the spectacle of embryo punters clutching at the elusive pole has never seemed more entertaining and, if three of our number have reached a fair state of proficiency, we feel that the attitude of Mr. Babister, last seen reclining in a punt and wearing a trilby, though less enterprising, is much safer.

If there is such a thing as wartime culture we may all be said to be acquiring it. Mr. Buysman is reputed to be working with Hon. Mods. on his horizon and the aforementioned Mr. Haile is concentrating his attention on next year. Walking in the cloisters at Christ Church you may meet Mr. Alexander who takes refuge from the present in the last century. The traditional heartiness of his college scarcely seems to have affected him yet, which is a good thing, but you can tell by the way he manages his river craft that he comes from B.N.C. Mr. White sleeps at odd times and seems happy enough, while his trousers are said to be able to find their own way around Oxford. Mr. Hudson, always suspect as an escapist, loses himself in problems of metaphysical speculation and fails to keep appointments.

Oxford's war, sir, is still far away, and even though the prospect of approaching calling-up may at times almost spoil our breakfast we still thankfully retain that fast-disappearing knack of enjoying life.

We remain, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

Alleyn Old Boys' Club Notes.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

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The Editor has received a letter from Lieut. A. G. Tickner, E.F.I./R.A.S.C., B.E.F., (r, 1922-29) He will be glad to hear from any Old Boys of that time.

BIRTHS.

NEWTON—On 7th December, 1939, to Sheila (nee Mc Creedy) wife of E. Newton (r, 1922-1925) a son (John Edward).

HAINES—On 27th January, 1940, to Edith (nee Goodman) wife of W. T. Haines (b, 1918-22) a son (Geoffrey John).

LEWIS—On 19th February, 1940, to Eleanor (nee Cox) wife of Sapper V. G. W. Lewis (t, 1918-1924) a daughter (Ann Valerie).

ADDINGTON—On 28th April, 1940, to Dorothy (nee Warner) wife of C. H. Addington (s, 1920-28) a son (Mark Herbert).

MARRIAGES.

TICKNER—GRAHAM—On 14th October, 1939, A. G. Tickner (r, 1922-1929), to Mary Graham (J.A.G.S.) daughter of Mr. F. R. and Mrs. Owen, of 12, Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, S.E. 22, at St. Saviour's Church, Denmark Park.

WEST—HOLLOM.—On the 28th October, 1939, at St. Stephen's, South Dulwich, Joseph Stanley West (b, 1919-26) to Maisie Siswick Hollom (J.A.G.S., 1924-1934).

DEATHS.

We record with regret the death of FRANK SWIFT (1874-80) on February 3rd, 1940. Foundation Scholar.

Alleyn Old Boys' Rifle Club.

Once again the Editor reminds us that it is time to prepare a few notes for the Magazine, and we are happy to report that the Club is still continuing its activities.

We are pleased to welcome our President, Mr. N. G. Evans, back with us ; he arrived in time to assist in the last few rounds of the Winter League, in which the 'A' team were the runners up. At the time of writing, the 'B' team result has not been published, but they should finish 2nd or 3rd.

Until further notice, shooting will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. instead of Saturday afternoons ; new members will be welcome, and needless to say we shall always be pleased to see members on Active Service if they care to visit us, and whether they can do so or not we extend to them our very best wishes for a safe and speedy return.

Interesting School Dates.

- W June 5 : School v. M.C.C.
 F „ 21 : O.T.C. Annual Inspection.
 S „ 22 : Founder's Day.
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 The Vicar, The Rev. Aubrey O. Standen.
 School v. A.O.B.
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 Th „ 27 : General School examination begins.
 F „ 28 : Higher School examination begins.
 Th July 25 : Speech Day.
 Th „ 25 : Term ends.
 Dates to be fixed for Swimming Sports, Swimming Championship and
 Water-polo cup.

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The steady progress in the membership and influence of the Old Boys' Club has been achieved at the cost of much work and thought. We can increase the membership and influence of the Club by taking every opportunity of bringing the Club to the attention of all Old Boys who are not members.

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