

Editorial.

IT is with much regret that we record the death of two members of the Governing Board: Mr. Johnson and Mr. Worsam.

We respectfully offer our sincere sympathy with the families of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Worsam in their bereavement.

This Term has beaten all previous records in the matter of absentees. Some Forms have not been complete on any day of the Term, and for some weeks twenty was the daily average of absentees.

The Cadet Corps has been continuing its useful work of training, and we now hear talk of Uniform. It is to be hoped there may be some account of the first Field Day in this Number.

We still need many more subscribers to the Magazine if it is to be self-supporting. The appeal at the end of the last number of the Magazine was not successful in securing many new subscribers.

"Wanted: a Sub-Editor or Special Correspondent among the Old Boys who would devote himself to this matter." It is really urgent if the Magazine is going to last much longer!!

In Football the 2nd XI are following the energetic lead of last year's team and have fought their way into the Final. They will meet Richmond County School just before Easter.

The result, 3 - 1 in our favour, just to hand reflects great credit on a small and plucky team and on their untiring captain—Smither.

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We were delighted to see Lieut. Dudley at the beginning of the term, home for a few day's leave. He came over on a very faithful (some say) clever and sympathetic horse that took pity on certain members of the VI English and lured them to "Fresh woods and pastures new" in pursuit of him. We should much enjoy more such breezy visits.

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Other Old Boys from the training camps or the trenches who have paid us short visits are 2nd Lieuts: Heyward and Miles, Varndell and Gunners Hart and Riley.

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In our last number Chennell i should have been described as following Dickson in *Cable Work* NOT in Marconi.

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It has been found almost impossible to answer the letters received from Old Boys at the front or in training for it, and we would ask all those who have not received answers to their letters to wait just a little longer. They are rarely out of the thoughts of those who love them, among whom we know they reckon many connected with the School in their days.

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The weekly collections running down from 6/- to 3/6 have been almost entirely expended in sending parcels of different comforts to the Old Boys at the Front or in the Fleet.

Marriages.

TOMLINSON—MULLINS. At the Parish Church, Stoke-on-Trent, Reginald R. Tomlinson to Emily E. Mullins.

SMALL—BARNARD. At the Parish Church Farnham, Francis Lionel Small to Ada Barnard.

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In the middle of last summer holidays the *top* of an ordinary small wedding cake box addressed to the Headmaster was delivered to him in the Scilly Isles. Inquiry has failed to discover the sender of this tantalising reminder of the happiness of some Old Boy. We shall be grateful if any of our readers can clear up the matter. If this cannot be done, we must offer a prize for the best solution of the mystery by those who are good at such things.

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The following boys have left since our last issue: Adams, Starling, Compton, Saville, Little, Shrubbs, P. Robins, Stimpson, Panwels. And the following New Boys have joined the School: Hulme, Tacehi, Fisher, Hester, Parratt, Robinson, Cokayne.

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Adams is in an Insurance Office; Starling in the L. C. & W. Bank at Slough; Compton is in The Army Audit Office at Aldershot.

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Of the others we have no authentic information; but Stimpson has been seen in the town with various indications of freedom and manhood about him.

The Cadet Training Corps.

IN spite of weather wet and cold we have had some thirty parades during this term, including two half-days and one whole day. We have done no shooting, the rifles having been away for repairs. That will be done next term. Our time, too, has been fully occupied by platoon and section drill and by the practices of the signalling and ambulance squads. The ambulance squad of five cadets, under E. Neave, promises to be ready to handle efficiently the accidents that will happen sooner or later. The Signallers are making good progress, too, and can already transmit a message in semaphore, and will soon be able to do so in morse, with creditable speed and correctness. The Cadets generally show keenness for signalling; "flagwagging" has become a favourite pastime for leisure moments. As for drill, the Section Commanders have but to keep up the present improvement to make a smart display, when the uniform comes. In the matter of drill, it is clear the Cadet Corps, after this year, will owe much to Mr. Stroud, whose smaller boys, to judge by their smartness and the martial air they present as they do their exercises, will have very little to learn in close order drill, when they become Cadets.

Our first venture "abroad" was made on March 20th, when the Corps paraded at 2.15 to march to Frensham Common. After some instruction and tests in judging distances, we returned via Shortfield Common, feeling that if anything besides a band, a uniform, and rifles was lacking, it was not enthusiasm. The uniform and the band were specially missed at a whole-day parade the following week. For, having started, again

for Frensham, we found the roads and the Common swarming with Kitchener's soldiers, the woods re-echoing the rattle of artillery and rifle fire and overhead - the busy buzz of aeroplanes. In spite of such daunting circumstances, Mr. Wood led boldly onward through the teeming Tommies, who enfiladed the Corps with the fire of their kindly jests, through groups of officers, who graciously made way, and through clouds of dust raised by military motor cars, dispatch riders, gun-carriages and so on. An hour was spent watching these men develop an attack on Farnham, and then some instruction was given in the protection by Scouts of a small body of troops on the march. After dinner an exercise in this was attempted, the members of the Scouts' Defence Corps taking up an outpost position with the object of catching the Cadet Corps, as it advanced under effective rifle fire. Although the Corps Scouts entirely failed to locate the outposted enemy force, while the latter actually allowed the corps to march unscathed through and beyond its reach, the mistakes made were very instructive and will result in a more successful game next time.

A big fire, hot cocoa for dinner and hot tea before leaving were got ready by some of the young Scouts and the Wolf Cubs.

As for uniform, it is now in the making and is to be ready for use when we return next Term.

The most encouraging thing that has happened to us so far was a shock in the form of a cheque for £5 from the Front. It came from S. Dudley, at school with us when war broke out, now an officer of the Ex-

peditionary Force. Our very best thanks to him! We hope he will be home again by midsummer, to see the prizes won, and that he will find the work done as useful as he evidently expects it to be.

APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION COMMANDERS: No. 1 Section, H. A. Robins.

No. 2 „ R. S. Park.

No. 3 „ S. J. Bessant.

No. 4 „ J. P. O'Donnell.

SIGNALLING SQUAD COMMANDERS: H. Redman; C. P. Banham; S. W. Mansell.

AMBULANCE SQUAD COMMANDER: E. W. Neave.

ORDERLY ROOM CLERK: A. W. Putnam.

Further appointments will be made next term.

J. W. WITHINSHAW.



Serving their King and Country.

THE subjoined list, which is as complete as we can make it, will be very interesting for old Old Boys and very inspiring for young ones. Unfortunately it has not been possible to find out the number or rank in every case, nor even the names of those actually at the front.

Capt. Adams, R.F.C.; G. Aylwin, Surrey Yeom.; A. Barron, A.P.D. (York); G. Bell, A.S.C.: D. Bide, A.

Motor Traction Corps; O. Bills, A.S.C.; Biziou i, Biziou ii; W. A. Bouette, Old Public Schools'; J. C. Brading, Rhodesian Horse; P. Bradford, Surrey Yeom.; C. Branford, Queen's; G. Conway Brown, Canadians; H. Bunt, West Kent Yeom.; W. Calder; G. Cass, R.E.; W. Chitty, The Queen's; G. Chuter, R.A.M.C.; O. Chuter, R.A.M.C.; W. Collier, London Light Horse; T. Conduit; F. Cook, The Queen's; G. Copeland, Civil Service Rifles; J. Corby, The Queen's; H. Cox, R.H.A.; *Lieut. Croft, 2nd Sussex Regt.; B. Crooks, The Queen's; Crosby, Surrey Yeom.; L. Croxford, West Yorks; A. Crow, The Queen's; J. Day, Royal Fusiliers; B. Dean, Hants Carbineers; J. Dawe, Rifles; Lieut. Dudley; A.S.C.; J. Dutton, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; G. Edwards, R.E.; H. Elderfield, Hants Carbineers; H. Faulkner, R.E.; C. Finch, Motor Cyclists; Lieut. Franks, A.S.C.; G. Gater; Gillmore, Liverpools; W. Green, 3rd. Dragoon Guards; W. Grover, Nigerian Field Force; C. Halford, Essex Yeom.; G. Halford, Essex Yeom.; A. Hamilton, South Africa; T. Harland, A.S.C.; A. Harlock, A.P.D.; I. Harris, R.E.; E. Hart, R.F.A.; H. Hayes, Imper. Light Horse; M. Hayes, Canadians; V. Hawgood, Alberta Dragoons; A. Head, The Queens; Lieut. F. Heath, A.S.C.; F. Hendrey, R.E.; H. Heyward, Durham's; M. Heyward, O.T.C. (London Univ.); Gunner H. Hine, R.F.A.; Sergt. T. Hine, Old Public Schools'; H. Hinge, R.A.M.C.; A. Hopcraft, The Buffs; H. Hopwood; W. Hurdle, 1st London Rifles; W. Inge, 2nd King Edward's Horse; H. Keable, Bedfords; A. Kercher, H.M.S. Sandfly; L. King, Hants Carbineers; Lieut. C. Kessell, York & Lancashire; I. Lazareck, A.S.C.; D. Mardon, R.E.; J. Marks, R.E.; G. Mason,

* At rest: his service done.

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London Fusiliers; A. Mallam, The Queens; S. May, R.A.M.C.; J. May, H.A.C.; H. Mitchell, The Queens; L. Mitchell, R.F.C.; Lieut. W. Miles, Durham Light Infantry; A. Mills, 21st Lancers; Lieut. A. Milner, The Cheshires; C. Moore, R.F.C.; H. Nash, A.S.C.; F. W. Neville, R.F.A.; J. Neville, London Territorials; J. Over, The Gloucesters; H. Orange, The Queen's; M. O'Connor, The Canadians; V. Page, H.A.C.; A. Page, R.E.; J. Patterson, Hants Carbineers; W. Patterson, East Surrey; L. J. Parson, Motor Cyclists; A. Palmer, West Surrey; F. A. Poulter, Hants Carbineers; C. Pearce, Canadians; G. Peacock, R.E.; H. Phillips, R.A.M.C.; N. Raffin, 21st County of London; F. Rayson, Hants Carbineers; L. Renault, French Army; A. Riley, R.H.A.; E. C. Riley, Hants Carbineers; Lieut. L. Rideal, H.M.S. Natal; C. Rimmer, Naval Volunteers; H. Sargeant, R.A.M.C.; A. Simmonds, 21st County of London; T. Simmonds, Surrey Rifles; A. Smith, R.A.M.C.; P. Smith, A.S.C.; H. Stapley, Surrey Yeomanry; H. Stovold, R.E.; F. Stovold, The Buffs; P. Sparvell, The Queen's; F. Smither, Canadians; J. Shea, East Yorks; F. Steadman, Royal Fusiliers; P. Stovold, Old Public Schools; S. Stovold, R.F.A.; P. Stroud, Hants Carbineers; Lieut. A. C. Talbot, Essex Regiment; F. Tomlin, Surrey Yeomanry; S. Tomlin, R.F.A.; S. Tovey, The Queen's; T. Try, H.M.S. Fisgard; H. Taverner, A.S.C.; R. Thrower, 4th Hants; S. Thorp, R.N.R.; Lieut. C. Varndell, Royal West Surrey; R. Vanner, Scots' Greys; W. Wallace, Canadians; S. A. Warren, Hants Carbineers; J. Wasley, Motor Cyclists; N. Watts, The Queen's; R. Williams, Public Schools; C. White, 1st Surrey Rifles; P. White, 1st Surrey Rifles; A. Wood, R.H.A.; E. Wood, G. West, R.E.; C. Young, R.F.C.

The following poem on the death of Lieut. Croft is written by the Rev. J. Silvester, of Clacton Vicarage, whose son was Croft's great friend at the front.

Boldly he led the vanguard
Through pine wood dark and high,
While the loud rifle rattle
Told of the foeman nigh.

Then many of his company
Did round about him fall,
And he for reinforcements
Made pressing instant call.

But he by swift misfortune
Was sorely struck and bled
Till his kind sergeant-comrade
Bound up his wounded head.

Then with a draught of water
He felt refreshed to fight;
Nor would turn back for shelter
The while he safely might.

He said, of invitation
As given by his friend,
"First I must see this business
Through to the very end."

But when he thus had spoken,
Ere he command could tell,
He once again was smitten,
And to the earth he fell.

And so he died for Britain,
His duty bravely done—
A noble Christian warrior,
His crown of victory won.

His men will not forget him,
To them a brother dear,
Though they by death have lost him,
No more to meet him here.

O brave, heroic spirit,
Be ours to follow thee,
That so we may inherit
Thine immortality!

Letters from Old Masters and Old Boys.

From Capt. Jones, Leeds Rifles, whom many will remember with pleasure,

SOUTH VIEW,

MARSH-BY-SEA.

Dear Mr. Priestley,

I must apologise for leaving your kind letter so long unanswered. I have been meaning to write to you for some weeks and indeed I had hoped to run down to see you, but my leave has been postponed. You may care to know what has happened to me in these grotesque times. I obtained a commission in September with a Reserve Territorial unit which was enlisting for foreign service, viz—the 7th Reserve West Yorks—otherwise the Leeds Rifles. Recruiting is very slow in Leeds and our unit is not yet at strength, so unless the war is unduly prolonged, there is little chance of our seeing active service. One advantage of belonging to a scratch set, however, is that promotion is rapid and I am now a captain in charge of 240 men.

Just as I was getting ready for a little Xmas leave they sent me down to this little out-of-the-way place to help guard the coast. I wish it had been a week earlier for then we should have had a fine view of the Hartlepool bombardment. I suppose your military neighbourhood positively hums with activity—I must say I liked it when I forgot the proximity of Aldershot. I was very glad to hear of the continual success of the school at games, even with the loss of such a stalwart as Maidment.

You would be amused if you could see my amateur efforts to manage my company. The men are largely old soldiers—regular old stiff, who have seen plenty of

service but have never gained promotion even in these days. They work hard—when they are not malingering!—and drink hard, and it takes me all my time to cope with them, for they have forgotten more tricks of the trade than I shall ever know. The first week I was here my name was forged for a notice prolonging the hours at the local inns and half my company was drunk at night!! However I have reduced them to such a state of sobriety that they can usually stand and answer their names at the 9.30 roll. They are mostly just children and I sometimes think I should get on well enough with a blackboard and a cane! You will hardly have anybody at the School now who would remember me—but I hope to look you all up some day.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Priestley,

I am, Yours sincerely,

Ll. RODWELL JONES.

From Bombardier Hine, 458th Battery, R.F.A
Ashford Kent—

Dear Mr. Priestley,

I am afraid I must appear ungrateful not to have written to thank you for the parcel, which arrived quite safely and was much appreciated. I am not really ungrateful, but only lazy and procrastinating.

To-day, being excused all duty as I have just been inoculated against typhus, I am seizing the opportunity to clear off some arrears of letters. If this should become rather inconsequent please excuse it as my head aches, though I am feeling the effects much less than I had anticipated. I had heard that it was much worse than it appears to be.

We are at present billeted down here, and after barracks it seems the height of luxury.

Ashford seems a very similar sort of place to Farnham, and the inhabitants are making quite a fuss of us. The Church House is turned into a Club for us, and there is another one over the Co-operative Stores.

We go out most days on marches or rides. The other day we (or some of us) were taken for a cross-country ride over all kinds of ground, including a marsh. We did not know it was so bad when we started to cross it but when we found out it was too late to turn back. Luckily my horse managed to get me across somehow, though we sank in so far that my stirrups and boots were in the slush. Several were unseated and soaked through in the mire.

When we shall go to the front I don't know, but I think we are certain to go sooner or later (sooner, I hope).

Please thank all the boys for their kindness in sending the parcel and writing to me.

I hope the Magazine is paying its way now (that reminds me I owe a subscription, I will send it when I can get a Postal Order).

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT B. HINE.

From Gunner Neville, Am. Column, Hants R.H.A.,
Forest Row, E. Grinstead—

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter and the Magazine. Having sent the latter home, I cannot say with certainty whether you had Patterson's name in your list of Old Boys serving. If not, he has joined the 9th Hants

Cyclists, and, as far as I know, is at present stationed at Newport, Isle of Wight. His initial is H I think, but at any rate he is that one with whom I was at School for a short time.

My brother is still at St. Albans, and still seems to know nothing as to when they will go abroad.

As for ourselves, we are still at Forest Row, hoping to be out of England before Spring is over, but, as usual, certain of nothing. At any rate we have no cause for despair as many of the fellows have only joined up about four months, and one cannot be efficiently trained in that time.

You will have seen by the heading that we have a Y.M.C.A. Hut with us, and very comfortable it is. We have billiards, draughts, chess, books, and a very good coffee bar. So you will see that comparatively we have a jolly good time, and very thankful we are for it. Besides this, one of our Officers has just started giving Boxing Lessons in our Mess Room, and says he hopes to get a first-class professional to come to the main recreation room of the Brigade (2 miles), and to send the best of us on to him. Altogether—tip-top.

We have now been embodied for six months (as have other Territorial Units) and according to rule have severed our connection with the County Association.

I was jolly glad that the School won the Football Cup again—may the Juniors do the same. I suppose the team went into regular training again—and this must help a lot.

I have much pleasure in enclosing sub. for Magazine—another case of slackness.

Yours sincerely,

F. W. NEVILLE.

From G. M. Edwards :

ABELHEIRA,
BIARRITZ.

16/1/15.

My dear Mr. Priestley,

Many thanks for your note enclosed with the School Magazine.

Was glad to get news of the old School again, as since I left America I have not had a glimpse at the Farnhamian.

It was entirely my fault I did not receive it as I forgot all about letting you know my address had again changed.

I have now been home since June 1913 after having received my doctor degree.

Had a very fine trip back on S. S. Olympic, and came straight here where I started working with my brother, as I am still doing.

We are always both very busy, and now that I am well into the practice I like the work quite well.

I started for England the day before war was declared, with my two brothers to attend the International Dental Congress in London.

I had made up my mind to drop in and see you but unluckily we were detained in Paris for ten days without being able to advance or come back.

At last we were able to come back (by train) taking 49 hours—In normal times it is an 11 hour trip!

~~The~~ mobilisation was a thing to be seen and we were not sorry to have witnessed it.

We have a lot of wounded and convalescent soldiers here.

They have taken all the big hotels for ambulances, and although there are lots of wounded in each place, fresh lots are coming constantly.

As you point out I see there are lots of boys of my time in the ranks. Probably I shall have to go too before very long, as well as quite a few young English fellows here; we could make a regular little contingent of our own.

I enjoyed Bertie Hine's letter very much. He seems to be always the same.

Poor Croft! I remember him quite well.

Have not heard of Harding for ages, don't know in fact where he is.

How is Mrs. Priestley and all your family? Please remember me to her.

As soon as I can get over the Channel I'll make it a point to go and see you. When will it be?

Please excuse my English, I'm really getting out of it down here.

I remain, Yours sincerely,

GEO. M. EDWARDS.

From Lance-Corporal Pollard: No. 1925
F. Co. 5th Res. Buffs,
c/o Mrs. STEVENS,

"THE STORES,"

BINFIELD, BERKS.

Dear Mr. Priestley,

I must apologise for not writing before this, to thank you for the *Farnhamian*. My delight was great when I saw that the School had once again succeeded in winning the Football Cup. Will you please convey to the team my heartiest congratulations, and also express the hope that the School's 2nd XI. may follow in the footsteps of their seniors.

All being well I am going to see a match at F.G.S., on a Saturday, and if possible Langford will arrange to

meet me at a convenient rendezvous. However, first of all leave must be obtained, and this is the difficult part of the matter.

As you will see from my address, F Co. is billeted at Binfield, which is a very scattered village, four miles distant from Wokingham, three from Bracknell, and nine from Reading.

The inhabitants exhibit much joy at having a few soldiers amongst them, and treat us with great kindness. A Lance-Corporal, my brother and myself, are billeted on the "Up-to-date Stores," where we are very comfortable. Our beds consist of palliases half filled with straw, and two blankets. We draw our food from the Army stores, and that part of it which needs cooking is rendered palatable by our landlady.

Taking everything into consideration, there is no need to grumble at the existing state of affairs.

We have our meals in the kitchen with the family. Every night we are provided by our host with a cup of coffee, or a bottle of Lemonade or Gingerbeer, etc.

One great advantage of being billeted, is that after retiring, perfect silence reigns in our little room, with the exception, perhaps, of a few groans, and a muttered word or two, bemoaning our fate at being obliged to rest (?) on such hard "beds."

Last week I had the good fortune to be promoted to Lance-Corporal, which is a welcome change from being "one of the boys."

Yesterday, we three chums were inoculated against typhoid, and a second visit to the doctor is due in a fortnight's time.

With kind regards to Mrs. Priestley

I remain, Yours sincerely,

R. B. POLLARD.

Rifleman Dawe, writing from the front, says :

Many thanks for your letter and the Magazine which came as a pleasant surprise a few days ago. *The Farnhamian* was jolly interesting and I'm sorry it was not in being while I was at Farnham. Three cheers for the first eleven for their fine feat in winning the final. We out here have one or two footballs and we play whenever we get an opportunity, which alas, is not very often.

Yesterday we had a thirteen mile route march in the morning and an inter-platoon match in the afternoon. We hope to play the final "Unter den Linden."

Our battalion, the 12th. Co. of London Regt., has been out here about a month now, and has not seen any fighting although we often hear the guns.

We left England on Christmas Eve, and landed at Havre midday Christmas.

The weather out here has been pretty cold and very wet, but nothing like so bad as you seem to have had it at home.

It is practically forbidden for us to give any military news, but even if it was not we should be unable to do so, as all the war news we get comes via the English newspapers, which cost about three times as much as in England.

We have been in our present billet, which is an old chateau, about a month now, and have been expecting to go every day, during the month, up to the front.

When we do go, the inhabitants of the local village will miss us, as we have quite made ourselves at home here.

Things were a little rough for the first week or so, but now we get good food, and we haven't very much to

grumble at. The other evening, one of our officers borrowed a piano from the village and our company had a concert to which all ranks contributed with great success.

Yesterday being Sunday a church parade was held, not as we hoped in the local church, but in the engine-room of a large paper-mill! It was certainly a novelty, and I'm afraid some of us were thinking more about the machinery than about the service.

Most of the churches and graveyards out here seem in a very decrepit state.

Well, Sir, I must wish you good-bye now, as I have to go on picket duty in five minutes time.

Hoping that the School will come off on top in sports in 1915.

I remain, Yours sincerely,

HARRY DAWE.

From Trooper F. H. Tomlin.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks indeed for the parcel and cigarettes which I received last night. It is quite certain that you have taken expert advice as regards the contents. Every single thing will be most useful, and such things are either very hard to get or the price is too high. I could trace Mrs. Priestley's thoughtfulness, too; doubtless she remembered the time when I had dinner at School.

The town in which I am billeted is indeed a sight which people at home cannot imagine. At intervals along the street whole houses have been blown to atoms, and in the whole town there is hardly one unbroken window. As to the Church about half the tower is standing; the interior is one mass of debris, and about

two of the beautiful stained glass windows are remaining. It is curious that throughout the town very few of the images have been damaged.

The trenches are about three to four miles ahead, and every day we see the poor fellows as they return. This is another of the awful sights of the war to see their pinched and drawn faces and their ragged and unkempt appearance. They soon recover after a wash and clean up, but the drawn look cannot be washed away.

The weather has been splendid since the arrival of this division—about three or four wet days are all we have had.

Our Squadron are the Divisional Cavalry of the 28th. Div., but until the beginning of this week we had done no actual work beyond exercising our horses. Now seven of us are acting as auxiliaries to the M.M.P. of this town, so we are having an easy time. Our only drawback is that the cavalry barracks where we are billeted have suffered with the rest of the town, the result being that when it rained last night my only pair of boots was saturated with the drippings from one of the holes in the roof.

Curiously enough I have not met a single old Farnham boy either at camp or out here. Perhaps you could let me know of any I am likely to meet here.

I much regret that I did not pay more attention to my French; it would make such a difference now.

Please give my kind regards to all at School and best wishes to Mrs. Priestley and yourself.

From Jack May, H.A.C., somewhere in France.

Feb. 10.

My Dear Head,

I was delighted to hear from you. Your big parcel was a treat. It is indeed very kind of you and your boys. Do please thank them for me. I appreciated the contents very much. Everything was very useful, and the tobacco—evidently your own special—was an excellent smoke.

Don't apologise, please, for delay in sending me a letter—I thought you were very quick. You really make me blush. It is nice to feel that those at home are extending all the help and sympathy—but after all everybody should do his or her "bit," and I was lucky in selecting a regiment which came out early.

I am glad a lot of your Old Boys are in the field. I have met Page—before leaving England. They must have been sick over losing their guns—which are out here.

I think you are right in saying that people at home don't realise the ravages of this war. The village we are entrenched around is abandoned—but for us. It has been a spa, but there is nothing of value in it, and nearly every house has been struck by shell fire.

I have had one or two near things myself, but it is only to be expected.

In this Division each Regiment goes into the trenches for 4 days and then rests 4 days in billets. We have just finished our four days in and had 12 casualties. Rather more than usual, as at present no serious attacking is being made.

The Germans beat us in the star shells they use at night. These things are powerful and illuminate every

thing for a tremendous area. We all have to "lie doggo" if we are not under cover.

It is difficult to describe the trenches. Since my last letter we have gone into another part of the firing line. As the country is comparatively flat it is impossible to drain the water, so that every trench is quite ankle deep. Boards have to be put down and then replaced when they sink in. We are using the trenches the enemy made.

The shells we get over from the Germans measure 7 inches across. Rather nasty hiss about them. They shelled us for two solid hours one day. We did have a time. With care we only had 3 casualties, but several noses and ears bled from concussion.

I feel almost an old campaigner. We have been out here nearly 5 months, and in the firing line over 3 months.

The boat that brought us out was sunk by submarine the other day. The Toko something she was named.

I will take great pleasure in calling at the School when I get back.

With kind regards and trusting you are well.

Yours sincerely,

JACK MAY.

From Rifleman H. Dawe—

I am writing to thank you and all the Farnham fellows for the fine parcel which arrived quite safely almost a fortnight ago. I started to reply to your letter on the same day, but we were suddenly called up to the trenches. When we got back, I started again, but I said too much and had the letter returned.

We have now been in the trenches several times and are at present resting and recuperating on a fine

large farm some miles back from the line. Well most of us out here somehow don't feel as though we want to describe the trenches until we have finished with them for good. We have had several casualties, and the bad weather has knocked up a lot of us. The trenches are very exciting, needless to say, and they are apt to spoil your clothes. The regulars out here take things very philosophically, just as they come, and most of the regiments have had a pretty rough time.

They treat us jolly fine and seem to think well of the "Terriers" in general.

The "star-shells" make night almost like day, and it is when you are leaving or going into the trenches that you suffer casualties, not so much when you are actually in them. Most of the Regulars say the Boer War was a picnic to this.


You very kindly offer to send me a weekly paper I should like to get the School Mag. every month, and when I get home I'll become a regular subscriber. I should prefer the *Weekly Dispatch* every week, and assure you we appreciate the interest you are taking in us chaps out here.

Trusting you are quite well and the School is doing
A1,

I remain, Yours sincerely,

RIFLEMAN HARRY DAWE,

From Trooper Chas. T. Halford, No. 1220,

Southend Troop,  Squadron,

Essex Yeomanry,

Jan. 19th, 1915.

I was very pleased to get your kind letter and good wishes and am glad to be able to say that both my cousins and myself are in excellent health and spirits.

We have not yet seen any action and are at present billeted on a farm in northern France. Our hardships are not great, the worst being the weather, which is not only trying for the men, but for the horses, who have been tethered in the open, and have, in many cases, had various complaints, but we have built some stables for them with the aid of poles lashed together, with a straw thatched roof, which certainly makes quite a good protection from rain and wind.

It is very good of you to suggest sending comforts out to us, and I think "bacca" and cigarettes are most acceptable, as we do *not* appreciate the French stuff, which by the way is also very difficult to obtain.

Well Mr. Priestley I have no more news, so I will close, with kindest regards to you and Mrs. Priestley and the School.

Very sincerely yours,

CHAS. T. HALFORD.

From Trooper Chas. Halford, 1220,

A Squadron, Southend Troop,

Essex Yeomanry.

Thank you very much for the parcel you sent me from the boys, which I received quite safely. It came at a most opportune moment, as we have just returned from a 10 days' trip to the trenches, and it was awaiting me when I returned, and needless to say was very welcome.

We had ten casualties, including one man killed, so we were fairly lucky, although this happened after we had come out of the trenches. We had to send a fatigue party to fetch some ammunition, and they were shelled on the way.

Since I last wrote to you, I have been lucky enough

to get three days' leave, and you can guess it was a three days. For one thing I celebrated my 21st birthday which really is not till the 19th of this month, but naturally father did so whilst he had the chance.

I'm afraid I must end now, as I have got a lot of correspondence, so with kind regards to you, Mrs. Priestley, and all at "The School,"

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

CHAS. T. HALFORD.

From Trooper F. H. Tomlin.

Dear Sir,

It was indeed a pleasant surprise for me to receive another parcel from the old school so soon.

Really there must be a lot going without the usual sweets for dinner and denying themselves in other ways.

It all shows the spirit which England is made of and the desire to help.

I can hardly express how grateful I am for the most useful articles which have been sent.

This week I received some very startling and unexpected news. The fact is that I have been asked if I am willing to transfer to the Signal Coy. of the R.E. as a field telegraphist and return to Aldershot for a period of training.

Needless to say I have accepted, as, without counting the experience I shall gain, the pay is 3/- per day as against our 1/4, while being a regular I should also receive full office pay.

I have not yet heard when I shall be wanted, but I don't expect it will be very long to wait.

If possible I will try and pay a visit to the School, as no doubt you would very much like to hear what the

life out here is like.

I also hope to be able to add something to the school museum.

Again thanking you for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

F. H. TOMLIN.

Football.

MOST of the interest this term has been centred round the doings of our under 15 XI in the S.S.S. League. This interest was made all the greater owing to the fact that this year four Schools in the Southern half of the County had entered; thus we had six games to play with Dorking, Guildford and Woking, as against two only with Guildford last year.

We commenced none too well, visiting Dorking and losing a game which should have been comfortably won. The great weakness shown in this game was the inability of the forwards to score even when faced with simple opportunities. This weakness gave us a great amount of trouble in our first three or four games. Many alterations were made in the forward line, and several centre forwards were tried; but not until Pitt i was taken from half-back and put in the centre did we succeed in at all strengthening the team in that respect. We were once more fortunate in being able to have a really good goalkeeper, Robins ii proving himself equal to all demands. The fact that in seven games, he only had six goals registered against him, and four of those in the first game with Dorking, speaks for itself as to his ability. His play has been splendid and improved with each

match, and our victory in the Final must be ascribed in no small measure to him ; for at one period of that game he alone prevented our being scored against on more than one occasion. Our backs, Faulkner i and Barling i, on the whole have played good games, though they are both too apt to miskick ; but somehow or other they have managed to recover themselves and remedy their mistakes. Once again the main strength of the team has been in the halves, Ross and Read, led by ' Captain ' Smither, have worked like Trojans all the way through. The weakness in the forwards has already been mentioned. With that exception they have proved themselves a splendid line. Their mid-field work has been exceptionally clever, when one considers their age and size. It took us some little time to finally settle on the line, as there were seven whose claims were worthy of consideration. The line that has carried us to victory consisted of Clarke i and Rogers (right), Pitt i (centre), Briant and Knotts i (left), Fassnidge i and Merrington ran some of these very close for a place and have assisted us in at least two games.

All the boys mentioned above, particularly those who participated in the Final, are to be congratulated on the fact that they have helped us to establish a ' record ' for Surrey that may be equalled but cannot be beaten—holding both the Senior and Junior Cups in the same Season. Thus we shall all be able to look upon season 1914-15 as a very proud one in the history of our School Football. Our sincere hope is that this proud record may inspire the younger members of our School to work hard at their games in order that this feat may be repeated in years to come.

The Seniors, for once, must be content with the latter end of my notes; they have more or less been resting on their laurels. However, they have played a couple of games against Aldershot and Salesians, being caught napping in the first and beaten by their keen rivals, but they won the other.

The 'House' games, again, were played with great keenness and much interest has been exhibited over the 'chances' of the various Houses. Morley, for once, leaving its lowly position and making a great struggle with Childe's for the premier position.

H. C. KINGCOME.

FARNHAM *v.* DORKING. (*S.S.S. League*).

Played at Dorking in about 2ins. of snow, which did not help to make the game any easier. On the whole the game was one-sided, Farnham being the better side, except for the fact that the forwards were totally unable to shoot. Many chances were missed, and so although we were in the enemy's half for minutes at a time, we got no advantage from it. Our defence was not strong, as Faulkner failed us at the last moment through sickness, and although Whetman did his best, he was unable to check the raids of Benstead, an old boy of ours now in the Dorking ranks. Half-time came with the score 3-1 in Dorking's favour.

The second half was merely a repetition of the first, opportunities again missed; but about five minutes from time with the score 4-1 against them, Farnham woke up and made strenuous efforts to save the game and added two more goals. The game however ended in a defeat for us by 4-3.

FARNHAM v. WOKING (*S.S.S. League*)

Played at home in a gale of wind and heavy rain. During the first half we had to face the wind and rain, but considering these disabilities our boys did exceedingly well. They kept together and made repeated attacks on the Woking goal and soon were rewarded, Clarke and Read scoring close after one another, both goals being got by clever following up. Woking were having plenty of the game though, their clever little left wing proving a great source of trouble to our defence, who, however, managed to prevent any scoring on their part, and half-time came with the game 2-0 in our favour.

The second half was of a very curious and at the same time disappointing nature. Very rarely did Woking succeed in crossing to half-way line. The game really resolved itself into 'shoot for goal,' but our forwards shot for anything but the goal and thus, although for 45 mins, we kept up an almost continuous bombardment only one more goal was scored by Fassnidge i. Great praise is due, however, to the Woking goalkeeper who played a magnificent game during this period. The game ended in a win for Farnham by 3-0.

FARNHAM v. GUILDFORD. (*S.S.S. League*)

This game, which was played at Guildford in excellent weather, proved to be much the same in character as the two previous games; most of the play taking place in our opponents' half, but very little advantage coming to us as a result, However, there was certainly some improvement shown, and our forwards

were successful in scoring five goals against one by Guildford—a penalty given against one of our backs. Many more goals should have been scored, but over-eagerness at times and bad following up at other times, caused many chances to be missed. The game resulted in a win for us by 5-1.

FARNHAM *v.* GUILDFORD (*S.S.S. League*).

Played at home. Guildford had brought over a much stronger team than the one we met over there, and so the ~~game~~ turned out to be a very even one. The Guildford halves and backs held our forwards fairly well in hand and thus prevented their becoming dangerous. Still they were kept busy and could not altogether keep us out and we managed to score twice, once in each half of the game. Guildford's forwards were not idle and kept our defence on the move by their frequent attempts to get through. They came very near to scoring once or twice, only Robins' alertness preventing them from so doing. A keen and even game ended in a win for us by 2—0.

FARNHAM *v.* WOKING.

Played at Woking. Taken on the whole the game was fairly even. The large field on which the game was played seemed to be a disadvantage as far as goal-scoring was concerned; for most of the play took place in mid-field. Once again the small but very clever left wing of our opponents caused some trouble to our defence. On the other hand our own right wing proved to be far too slow. Smither was unfortunate in not scoring; several of his shots striking the uprights; and, excepting for one successful shot by Briant, nothing was scored and we changed over one goal up.

In the second half the play on our part improved a little, and we were really unfortunate not to have scored on several occasions; Rogers, however, managed to add another to the total and what, on the whole, was an uninteresting game, ended in a win for us by 2—0.

FARNHAM *v.* DORKING (*S.S.S. League*).

Our return with Dorking at home was of the utmost importance to us for they were really ahead of us slightly for the leadership of the South. If we could win by 3 or 4 clear goals we should finish with a better goal average than they. Consequently great interest was shown in the game, which was very seriously taken by the players. For this game we made one important alteration in the forwards, Pitt i being taken from the right half and put in the centre, a change which was fully justified by the result.

The first half was of an extremely even nature; both sides seeming to realise the importance of the game and therefore being afraid to take risks, and so for some time the defences predominated. Gradually, however, the nervousness wore off and the play became more exciting. Our old friend Benstead became prominent; but found himself well looked after by Read and Faulkner i. Towards the end of the first half our forwards woke up and began to play with some energy, keeping the Dorking defence very busy. Our efforts were rewarded, for Briant and Pitt i both scored and we changed over with a lead of two goals.

The second half opened fairly quietly, with the balance of play to Dorking, and thus it continued for some minutes, but Dorking got no advantage from it, as

our backs and goalkeeper managed to keep them out. Then Pitt i made an effort entirely on his own which was brilliantly successful; for he ran right through the defence and scored an excellent goal. A complete change now came over the game and Dorking were out-played everywhere. Again and again our boys attacked and at last a penalty was awarded us for ~~hands~~ 'hands' and Pitt i scored number 4. Soon after this Dorking were awarded a penalty, but Robins saved in splendid fashion. Still continuing to hold the upper hand, our forwards came away again and Pitt i scored our 5th and his 4th goal, and so we won a finely contested game by 5—0.

FARNHAM v. RICHMOND.

March 31st at Woking.

Splendid weather, with the ground in excellent condition. We kicked off and Richmond immediately got possession and made a rush on our goal and some miskicking on the part of our backs made things look awkward. For some time Richmond kept up the attack and gave us no time to settle down. After about eight or ten minutes of this, however, a big kick by Smither set our forwards going and with some excellent passing they ran right through and Rogers scored with a good shot. After this we had the greater portion of the play, our boys settling down to their work in excellent style. Time and again our forwards went away and Briant worked almost through and from his pass Rogers got "off side." We certainly had the game in our hands just now, for although Richmond got away occasionally they were well held by our defence. Briant then had very hard luck for working right through his shot was just saved by the goalie, and from the rebound it was

put outside. Smither, too, had hard luck, for he just missed with a couple of splendid long shots. Towards the end of the first half, Richmond broke away on several occasions, and we were indebted to Robins for his excellent judgment in running out and clearing.

~~Half-time~~:—Farnham 1 Richmond 0.

From the kick-off Richmond went away and left our boys standing, from the centre the ball was put into the net, and the score was equal almost before we had realised the game had recommenced. Then following Richmond's example we went right away and three forwards tried to put the ball into the net and failed. Almost immediately after the same thing occurred, and thus two glorious opportunities went astray. Now Richmond took up the running and for many minutes seemed to monopolise the game. Our boys had completely broken down and the muckkicking of the defence was awful. However, they always seemed to manage to clear before anything serious happened. Several corners fell to Richmond, but they resulted in no score. Robins was prominent just at this time, and he brought off three or four brilliant clearances. Richmond were pressing heavily but they finished badly, and rarely looked like scoring. Gradually our boys rallied, and began to transfer play to the Richmond end. Clarke and Rogers were very prominent on the right, and took the ball down in fine style. Again opportunities of scoring went begging though the Richmond goalie had to clear hurriedly once or twice. Richmond not to be denied came again and again, but our defence were now holding them better. A foul against Faulkner just outside the penalty area looked dangerous, but it was cleared. Suddenly off went our forwards with a burst,

and after some fine passing Pitt i put us ahead. A complete change came over the game, and not to be denied away ~~we~~ went again, and Briant went right through putting in No. 3, and so the game ended 3-1.

After the game Mrs. Priestley in the absence of Mr. Powell (donor of the cup) presented the Cup and medals to the winners and also medals to Richmond as runners up.

Form Notes.

FORM VI.

WE were very glad to see Dudley, home on leave from the front, at the beginning of the ~~term~~ term. The escape and chase of his "fiery steed" afforded some amusement during the English period.

Parcels, bought with the weekly subscriptions, are still regularly sent to Old Boys at the front.

The heavy fall of snow at the beginning of the term was welcomed with enthusiasm. A fierce battle was waged between the rival Houses.

This term the trains have been found most convenient. What with late morning trains and early evening trains, a lot of "delightful" work has been evaded. Even Brookwood is preferred to Latin. Moved by patriotic zeal, a "train" company has been formed, which marches up every morning late but in fine style.

Is a certain "public official" welcomed on his triumphant round with cheers?—or chalk?

It is nice of Judd to "look in" occasionally.

“ meek Dian’s crest floats through the azure air, an island of the blest.” So ran the verse in Bryon :

Master : — “ Now then, O’D——, what is this ‘Island of the blest’ ” ?

Pat : — “ Ireland, sir.”

Clarke has turned out some very beautiful paraphrases in the Macbeth. The contrast between these and similar efforts on Byron brought out the fact—that his Byron had no notes.

The English is rather weird this Term. The “air-drawn dagger floats before our eyes”; witches and murderers haunt the class-room; R’s acting in the character of thunder and lightning is a great success.

FORM V.

The train boys come on the “late express,” and want to go on the “early”; obviously it would not do to be late twice in the same day.

We all sympathised with D—— in his “illness”; the Form was fairly quiet without his melodious voice.

Surely with the help of the 1st and 2nd XI. members of our Form we ought to be able to beat the “Great Men.”

Where is the mascot that was so bravely fought for last year? Has Dudley taken it to cheer him with the thought of his former conflicts in the old Fifth.

Some fellows proved that they had learnt the lesson of taking cover very well in the Cadet Corps. One day the Assistant O.C., looking through the Gym window, saw about 5 boys swinging on the rafters in

forbidden hours. By the time he had reached the door to eject these offenders only one was to be seen, he being too big to be hidden by any cover.

A REQUEST.—If Percy will persist in wearing Scotch (?) socks, will he supply the Form with smoked glasses.

Griss is a man of many offices—Vice-Captain of 1st XI, Assistant O.C. of the Train Boys' Battalion, Drummer to the Cadet Corps, Witch (No. 1), Form Captain, Collector to the Prince of Wales' Fund, and a nice curly headed chap to boot.

We are sorry to lose Shrubbs, who left at the end of last term, and also Bide, who went at half term.

It is rumoured that the former has joined the Police for the duration of the War.

The latter has become a Cadet in the Mercantile Marine. He is on his way to America in spite of the 'Blockade'—really he deserves an Iron Cross for such daring.

Robins ii has left us, although his doing so was a matter of doubt at first.

The notice boards of the Art Room are like the *Evening News*: "All the latest news and pictures."

FORM IV.

Congratulations to Pitt on his fine play against Dorking for the 2nd XI.

The small amount of breakages in our Form is always surprising. More especially is it so now, the glass mostly being "made in Germany."

K—— (not K. of K) informs us that Halidon Hill was King of Scotland.

Would any kind reader submit us the date of the little known reign of this sovereign?

FORM IIIa.

Three members of the Form now play for the 2nd XI.—Faulkner i, Robins ii and Read.

We hear Bastow's brother is laid up with German measles. Why does not the Government put a stop to this "trading with the enemy"?

What a shame that the train boys have only one period of Latin left each week.

Some more of the Kaiser's doings!!!

Form Editors.

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