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## Editorial Notes.

The past six months have brought much stirring news about Old Farnhamians, with pride and sorrow mingled. Here we feel it appropriate to mention the most outstanding event that has come to our knowledge, although the details are also given on other pages. In that brilliant air attack on Augsburg we had two Old Boys taking part; one, alas, C. L. Merricks, we mourn as missing, but not without hope; the other, B. G. Louch, returned to receive official recognition of his part in the form of the D.F.M. Fresh lustre has thus been added to the annals of the School, and an inspiration given to those who follow on.

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We offer respectful congratulations to Dr. C. F. Garbett (1885-1886) on his election to the high office of Archbishop of York. Additional interest will be afforded to all Farnhamians to know that he was in the same Form as Mr. C. E. Borelli, now our Chairman of Governors.

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With regret we heard that Lieutenant (E) G. M. D. Wright, R.N., was missing from H.M.S. Triumph. Although not an Old Boy of the School, his father is H. L. Wright (1899-1904) and his grandfather, Mr. J. W. Wright, is vice-chairman of the Board of Governors. To all the family we offer our sincere condolences.

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The following is a quotation from the Headmaster's Report at Speech Day last term: "I have something more to say about Michael Kilburn. He had some time ago told his parents that, if he died, he wished whatever money he possessed to be given to his old School as a mark of affection and gratitude. His parents are carrying out that wish. He was not much more than nineteen when he died, but he had accumulated Savings Certificates to the approximate value of £85. It is too early to say with any exactness how we shall use this money, but certainly it shall be put into a fund and invested so that only the interest will be used; and however that money is used, it shall always, as long as this School remains, be linked with the memory of an honourable and gentle boy who fulfilled and spent himself in the service of his country."

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A shadow was cast over the end of the Spring Term when it was learned that A. J. (Tony) Murphy, of Form III., was seriously ill. The disease took its swift course, and a few days later he

died, to the sorrow of all, and especially of his contemporaries and those of his Form. He was a friendly boy out of School and painstaking in the classroom, and it is saddening to think of such a promising young life cut short. We are glad that, on the last day of the term, a representative number of boys were present at his Requiem Mass in the Church of the Holy Angels at Ash, and so discharged on behalf of all of us the debt of piety and friendship.

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The following are the appointments for the Summer Term:

Prefects: D. B. Boulter (School Captain), P. S. Arnsby (Vice-Captain), D. A. Barnes, L. P. James and I. Watts.

Sub-Prefects: M. Colwill, J. G. Fletcher, D. R. Goddard, D. L. P. Hopkins, A. D. Hudson, A. M. Laidler, D. J. Mills, A. R. Morgan and D. W. Nicolson.

Athletics: D. B. Boulter (Captain), D. A. Barnes (Vice-Captain), D. L. P. Hopkins (Committee Member).

Cricket: D. B. Boulter (Captain), P. S. Arnsby (Vice-Captain), D. L. P. Hopkins (Committee Member).

Swimming: L. P. James (Captain), J. Bentick (Vice-Captain), J. G. Fletcher (Committee member).

Assistant Magazine Editor: D. W. Nicolson.

Assistant Games Secretary: D. J. Mills.

Assistant Librarians: M. Colwill and I. Watts.

House Captains: P. S. Arnsby (Childe), D. L. P. Hopkins (Harding), L. P. James (Massingberd), D. B. Boulter (Morley) and D. J. Mills (School).

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Valete: D. P. Barnes, D. I. Braxton, J. Chedzoy, S. R. Clegg, S. Curtis, A. J. Harris, D. W. James, T. L. Kennedy, H. J. Kent, W. R. King, K. J. Lawrence, P. O. Lancaster, J. L. Mullord, A. J. Murphy and R. J. Tomlinson.

Salvete: W. J. Clifford, J. H. Crotty, O. Good, J. W. Hawkins, H. P. K. Jacobsohn, K. J. Lawrence, K. D. Paget, R. A. Parker, R. D. Parsons, J. M. Potter, J. L. Robertson and C. H. Thomas.

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## The Debating Society.

The Debating Society flourished during the winter season, and some disappointment was felt at its discontinuance when cricket and other outdoor activities began. Four meetings for debates were held, one business meeting and one devoted to impromptu discussions.

At the first debate J. G. Fletcher proposed that "Newspapers should dispense with advertisements and concentrate on news."

D. R. Goddard opposed to such effect that the motion was defeated by thirteen votes to nine. A fortnight later the motion "That uniforms, save those of the three Services, should be abolished" was debated, and there was heated discussion led by J. W. Donaldson and A. J. Barter, resulting, however, in an easy defeat—by seventeen votes to nine. The next debate was on the motion "That compulsory education for all should continue to the age of sixteen," when T. Fletcher and A. R. Morgan were the chief speakers. The motion was lost by twelve votes to eight. At the following meeting J. J. Klein proposed, and J. H. Walton opposed, the proposition: "Classical music provides better entertainment than dance music or jazz." This debate was illustrated by gramophone records, and the result, contrary to expectations—for all previous debates on the same subject have been defeated—was that the motion was carried by fifteen votes to eight.

At the last meeting of the season, members were handed slips of paper, on which were written subjects for debate. A. D. Hudson and D. Skillin spoke on the motion "that railway transport is better than road transport"; this was carried by ten votes to seven. Next, M. West proposed "That every man should wear a beard in the interests of national economy." He was opposed by A. J. Barter, and the motion was lost by ten votes to nine. Finally, N. Gudge proposed, and B. Westley opposed, the motion that "The House of Lords should be abolished." This was carried by thirteen votes to five.

D. NICOLSON.

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### Chess.

The high-spot of last term's chess activity was a very interesting and instructive lecture on the great game. It was given by Mr. Cooper-Smith, who, I believe, was once the boy chess champion of the United States. First of all he dealt with the general strategy of the game and then the tactical side of chess, giving us much useful advice. Mr. Cooper-Smith agreed to give us a simultaneous display, but unfortunately it has not yet been found possible to arrange this.

I. WATTS.

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### The Spotters' Club.

A meeting was held at the School on November 20th, 1941, at which the Headmaster kindly presided, and we were honoured by the presence of Brigadier W. J. O'B. Daunt (Commander of Bordon Sub-Area).

After congratulating the boys on their keenness in supporting the idea of forming a Club, Mr. Morgan introduced the Brigadier, who in a short address stated how pleased he was to be present. He then outlined how useful the knowledge obtained by the study of aircraft would be, not only to themselves but in many

circumstances to those in authority, such as himself, who had command of this area.

A motion was then moved that a Spotters' Club be formed, which was carried unanimously.

The following officials were then appointed: President, Brigadier W. J. O'B. Daunt; Vice-Presidents, Mr. K. R. Cable, R.O.C., Mr. S. Temple and Mr. G. Tilford; Chairman, Mr. H. Boulding, R.O.C.; Secretary, Mr. G. Tilford; Assistant Secretary, Mr. N. Temple; Treasurer, Mr. R. W. Small; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. G. S. Tilford; Competition Officers, Mr. G. H. Morice, Mr. H. Spencer and Mr. P. Morice.

At a later meeting the following were elected to serve on the General Committee: Chairman, J. W. Donaldson; Members, G. F. Morley, P. Riseborough, F. S. Stay, G. H. Hewes, J. Mew, P. Figg and J. Prince.

The membership to date is over forty, and it is hoped to increase this number.

As regards the activities of the Club, weekly meetings have been held, and we have especially to thank Mr. H. Spencer, Mr. G. Morice and Mr. P. Morice for the time and trouble they have taken in running a series of competitions with the epidiascope. It is primarily due to them that such a high standard has been reached. Out of nineteen candidates thirteen have passed the new Third Class Test for the award of certificates by the National Association of Spotters' Clubs, to which this Club is affiliated. Keep it up, boys.

One of our most interesting meetings was that at which Mr. Cable gave a lecture on the Theory of Flight, which was greatly appreciated. The Headmaster, who was present, thanked Mr. Cable for a most interesting evening.

We also wish to take this opportunity of thanking Flight Lieutenant S. E. Perkins (Commanding Officer 229 Squadron A.T.C.) for his kind invitation to a show at the Regal Cinema, where a performance of the film on the "Theory of Flight" was given. This was indeed a treat much appreciated by a goodly number of members under the supervision of our Chairman (Mr. Boulding).

Our President has generously presented a silver cup for competition, which is now being decided.

A Modelling Competition is also taking place, for which our Chairman is kindly presenting a first and second prize.

One of our greatest difficulties is that owing to the varied School activities of the boys it is impossible to fix times of our weekly meetings to suit all, but it is hoped that members will make every effort to attend as many meetings as possible.

G.T.

## The Concert.

It was quite like old times—only better. There was a time when at fairly regular intervals the School entertained the Town in a hired hall (lacking one of our own), to the pleasure of both performers and audience. Once more last term we came into the open and entertained not only for pleasure, but for profit, too—the profit, quite handsome, going to the Farnham Branch of the British Red Cross Society. True, it was not an unaided effort, and we must give our warmest thanks to those who contributed their professional skill to the successful result. Miss Joan Coxon added greatly to the importance of the occasion by singing several songs, notably “Caro Nome,” from “Rigoletto,” and the applause showed that the audience fully appreciated the skill of a great singer. And then there was Brother Joseph, our compère, putting us all in a good humour with his chatty interludes and mystifying magic. So many useful and rare articles were produced by him from unlikely places that it began to seem that coupons were superfluous tokens in a land of plenty. Thank you, Brother Joseph—and you, too, Miss Bowen, for your violin playing. To this observer the last solo was particularly pleasing for its brilliant tone and the exciting but accurate bowing.

Was the “School Concert” then entirely an affair of guest artists? By no means. There was Mr. Wickens’ troupe of gymnasts, which performed for a full half-hour, and I am sure the audience enjoyed every minute of it. There was the choir, singing delightfully and enunciating clearly, especially in the “Ballad of Josing Fjord.” The Choir indeed seems better every time it is heard, and so does the Orchestra, which performed admirably under the compelling eye and baton of Mr. Crute. They have improved notably in time and intonation. High praise indeed is due to this youngest of School activities for its achievement—a good measure of this was the disappointment felt when the last items had to be omitted for lack of time.

It was a good concert, made possible by the kindness of Mr. S. Perkins and the Directors of Odeon Cinemas in lending us the County Cinema. We shall look forward to the next occasion.

### PROGRAMME.

School Orchestra: Marche Militaire (Schubert); Gavotte from “Mignon” (Thomas). Physical Training Display. Joan Coxon: Aria, “Caro Nome” from “Rigoletto” (Verdi). Gwyneth Bowen: Violin Solos. School Choir: “The Blue Danube” (Strauss, arr. Fletcher); “The Ballad of Josing Fjord” (Gerald Carne). School Choir and Orchestra combined: “Song of Loyalty” (Eric Coates); “Mountains of Mourne” (French, arr. Hartley). Pianoforte Trio: “Le Secret” (Gautier), J. W. Bunting, D. Sturt and J. M. Potter. Joan Coxon: “My Lovely Celia” (arr. Lane Wilson); “The Cloth of Heaven” (Dunhill); “Over Hill, Over Dale” (Cook). Gwyneth Bowen: Violin Solos. School Orchestra: Air and Bourrée from Suite No. 3 in D (Bach); Allegro and Minuet from “Fire Music” (Handel).

## Speech Day.

The third wartime prize-giving took place, as last year, in the School Hall, and so was more like a family party than the open-house affairs of peace time. This year there were present governors, staff, prize-winners and parents—not so many of these as we would have wished. Our distinguished visitor was Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hornell, K.B.E., D.S.O., and Lady Hornell graciously presented the token prizes.

We were indeed fortunate and honoured in our guests, for Sir Robert, after spending fifty years on the sea, became a Commodore of Convoys on the outbreak of war when he might have been expected to enjoy a well-earned retirement. Instead, he has made many hazardous voyages in the service of his country. Knowing this, one could appreciate all the more the sincerity and earnestness of his speech, in which he urged all to make any sacrifice called for. "There is no loss if England lives." It was a wise and heartening address, and we hope with him that it will not be his last appearance at the School. His presence and words will be an inspiration to us.

After the presentation of certificates there was a short recital by the choir and orchestra, which were not heard to the best advantage because of the cramped conditions. How we need an adequate hall of our own for these functions! But great praise is due to J. Brine for his brilliant violin playing. The proceedings closed with the School Song and the National Anthem by all available instruments and voices.

Here is the list of prize-winners:—

### FORM PRIZES.

Lower I.—1, P. F. Hartshorn; 2, D. J. Vick; good work, D. P. Archer.

Upper I.—1, D. E. Lampard; 2, J. C. Bass; good work, H. Boseley, R. A. Pooley and J. E. Sercombe.

Form II. Parallel.—1, P. J. Holmes; 2, E. A. Glaysher; good work, T. H. Hiscock and C. W. Rees.

Form II.—1, S. A. Birch; 2, K. G. Barlow; good work, P. H. Cody and J. D. Hart.

Form III. Parallel.—1, S. O. Fry; 2, D. R. Haynes; good work, J. Klein and P. E. Larby.

Form III.—1, H. J. Gudge; 2, C. G. Bowmer; good work, W. H. Sturt and S. Horowitz.

Form IV. Parallel.—1, G. C. Ricketts; 2, A. J. Barter; good work, L. S. Phillips, B. C. Seely and A. D. Hudson.

Form IV.—1, T. H. Kelly; 2, K. C. Reeve; good work, D. Sturt and G. King.

General School Certificates.—G. R. Boulding, Matriculation, mathematics (distinction), art (distinction); J. W. Brine, mathematics (distinction), chemistry (distinction); R. Charters, mathematics (distinction), physics (distinction), chemistry (distinction); M. Colwill; E. J. Jerome, Matriculation; R. G. Lacey, Matriculation, physics (distinction); I. Watts, Matriculation; L. Pierce, mathematics (distinction); D. C. Taylor, chemistry (distinction).

Higher School Certificate.—D. B. Boulter, English, Latin, French, pure mathematics (intermediate arts); C. D. Gray, physics, chemistry, pure mathematics and applied mathematics (intermediate science).

C. R. Gibson Prize.—J. A. Chuter.

Headmaster's Prize.—D. R. Skillin.

Dr. George Brown Prize.—C. D. Gray.

George Sturt Prize.—Owing to illness, entries were delayed and the award will be made later. Later: The prize has been awarded to M. Colwill.

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## The Classics in Education.

For the past century the study of modern languages and science has taken an increasing part in the education of boys and girls.

This arises mainly from the advance of science, theoretical and practical, which marks the whole period from the Renaissance to the present day, and which has so developed means of communication that the knowledge of his native language no longer fully fits a man for life, and the knowledge of the history and geography merely of the neighbourhood in which he lives no longer serves as a substitute for the wider knowledge of the world, past and present, which is now regarded as essential for the well-being both of nations and of individuals.

In addition, this advance in material wealth and the consequently greater complexity of life have not only caused men to pay less attention and give less time to such purely aesthetic enjoyments as the study of art, literature and music, but have made such demands on them in the shape of physical and mental exertions in their daily occupations, that in what leisure time they have they tend more and more towards recreations less exacting and requiring less thought than intensive study. Such recreations are supplied in reading mediocre literature, visiting the cinema, watching football matches, hearing music of little intrinsic worth, and so on, all of which demand no close attention, and which, as a result, give no rewards beyond temporary excitement and the atrophy of the power of appreciation.

Now it is of vital importance, at this time of all times, that all men should retain a balanced and constructive view of life, and for this is necessary just that sense of appreciation—of beauty and ugliness, of truth and falsity, of good and evil—and just that realisation of the value of reason and thought, which seems so sadly lacking in the modern world—and to many so useless. And this, I think, is where the classics can play their part.

Some may claim that knowledge of past civilisations are totally irrelevant to present conditions; that circumstances have so changed that there can be no further use, no possible application for such knowledge; and some even that, by presenting a distorted view of things, it confuses the mind and should certainly find no place in the education of young people.

But this is not so. The problems confronting every civilisation are radically the same, for they arise from the same fundamental qualities in the nature of man. Whenever men live

together in highly organised communities there are always the problems of civil government, law and order, and so on. Whenever men live in such societies that they have the time and the desire to contemplate, the same problems occur to them concerning the nature and origin of the earth and the whole universe, particularly the nature, origin and purpose of man.

The answers to all these problems, however, are far from similar: they vary widely, according to the conditions in which they arise. For instance, when men began to organise themselves among the fertile valleys of Greece there developed little city-states, quite separate from one another, owing to the rugged nature of the country. Again, in the rich lands on the banks of the Nile, men could easily travel up and down the river, and so there grew up a single kingdom under one king. So with the other problems that arose; men found answers according to their circumstances and habits of thought, and since their problems are really ours to-day, we can best form a balanced viewpoint by considering what thinkers of other times had to say, and particularly what the Greeks and the Romans following them thought, for their experiences coincide most closely with ours. In fact, in such a time of change and strife as this, the study of the languages and literature of past ages should play a large part in the formation of the minds of all, especially young people.

D. W. NICOLSON.

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### Wartime Recreations.

It is impossible in wartime for school life to continue normally. The pupils find it extremely difficult to concentrate on their work when new types of aircraft are circling overhead, or when the news that some big action has taken place leaks out and they are all wishing that they were old enough to partake in similar actions. Again, the extra duties which fall to the lot of the masters causes restlessness throughout the School—such things as extra clothing coupons, milk for the break, the canteen system and the Savings Group.

Nor is the change in School life confined to life indoors. Out of School activities have also changed. I don't mean that football and cricket have been abandoned (we still have inter-house and School matches), but now the School Field is used for drilling the Cadet Corps, which has been taken up with great enthusiasm by the senior members of the School. Marbles are played in the playground (a queer revival), and on occasions even Fifth Formers have been seen indulging in an exciting game. There are many, however, who even when playing marbles have their eyes turned skywards. These are the aeroplane spotters, whom no new plane, extra turret or cannon ever escapes.

A number of boys are finding how enjoyable gardening can be. Although there are many drawbacks, backache, blisters and birds, to name a few of them, it is a great pleasure to be able to



eat one's own vegetables all the year round. It has also been found that it is easy to keep oneself in meat by keeping rabbits and chicken. It is really quite a pleasure to go to sleep in the evening knowing that you have one rabbit and wake up in the morning to find you have thirteen. I have found that beekeeping, although not all honey, is a very pleasing hobby. Once you have been stung by the bug of beekeeping you are reluctant to give it up.

Many badges worn by pupils show that a large percentage of the senior boys are fire-watchers or members of the A.T.C., Home Guard, or in the A.R.P. Most of them feel that they want to be doing something, even if they can't join one of the Services; and, after all, enjoyable as school-work and home-work may be, it is possible to get tired of it.

Stamp collecting, the king of hobbies of pre-war days, has to take a very third-rate position now. Its place has been taken by the collecting of army badges and war relics. After all, it is only natural that these stirring times should affect the pleasure as well as the duties of School life.

A. R. MORGAN.

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## Train to School.

A great deal of quiet fun can be had even in a daily train journey to School. Apart from the usual interest of a train journey, which somehow never seems to wear off, however often repeated, there is always a certain amount of doubt as to whether the train will be on time and so give us a genuine excuse for being late at School. There is always a possibility—but rarely more than a possibility—that the train will not arrive at all, and so give us a whole day's holiday, or at least a goodly portion of a day. But alas! even in the days of the "blitzes" this never actually happened, though there was always a hope, which makes the journey rather more exciting than just walking down the road to School.

It is a strange fact that the train always appears to be punctual in the mornings going to School; but in the evenings, on the return journey, if we are a minute or two late the train has always gone; if we are early it is invariably late.

Whilst waiting for the train there is generally something to see. It may be only our fellow passengers—and they are often interesting to watch and occasionally to talk to. There is also the nuisance of passing the ticket-collector without the bother of having to fumble in one's pockets for the pass, which they seem to delight in making us do.

The job which takes most skill in accomplishing is in finding, and keeping, an empty carriage to oneself. This gives a lot of scope for ingenuity, not always very easy, but well worth some trouble. The simplest and crudest method is, of course, merely to lean out of the window, but this is considered suitable only for beginners, though it sometimes proves quite effective, and if

alone is about the only method. A better way, though rather overdone, is to spread oneself, cap, coat and case, over the seats, though this is apparently understood by regular travellers. But it has its uses against the timid.

The journey home has its interests, too, but these are of a more tangible nature. As the train is nearly empty there is no need to exercise our ingenuity in the same way as in the morning. But a more profitable amusement is offered to us in the form of newspapers, periodicals, etc. It appears that porters look upon these as their property by right.

It will be seen therefore that, although to some people a daily train journey to School appears a dull affair, actually it can, and often does, provide quite a lot of fun.

K. WATTS

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## The Preservation of Rural England.

There ahead of me lay the river. To the left I saw nothing but what Nature had preserved from the time of my ancestors to the present day: lovely wooded slopes; hedges broken only by those quaint and rickety stiles; moist pasture-lands where here and there the buttercups and cowslips pushed their way between the blades of grass. And so, as I journeyed alongside this rippling waterway my thoughts wandered, dwelling upon the future of such beautiful country. Already encroachment from the cities was of no small proportion, for to-day, more than ever before, the national inclination was towards industrial cities and large estates, whereas the remaining countryside was left only as worthless wastes. No! We must not allow this to continue. National beauty spots and famous views are not enough. We must return to those old days of England, when rural life always provided company to a lone traveller.

Once again my thoughts wandered, but this time to a city of great renown. Old Sarum, once a pretty little town snuggling in the valley of the Avon, was now a city. Everywhere were houses, shops, factories and streets. A pall of smoke hung drearily overhead, where chimneys, factories and engines all helped to resist the sun's rays streaming down. In every direction could be heard the clamour of the heavy traffic, incessant, keeping one in a highly nervous state; for relaxation would prove fatal. Here a whistle, there a bang. Everywhere were shouting, tooting, whining, roaring and clattering; everywhere could be heard that unceasing tramp, tramp, tramp of the walkers in those busy streets. Where were the swallows? The impertinent little chaffinches? The lordly crows? Where was the refreshing grass, the homely trees and the cattle?

Suddenly my meditation returned to the display before me. It was changing always. As I journeyed upstream the peaceful meanderings of my companion gave way, gradually, to a deeper and straighter course. Here the waters sparkled delightfully as they tumbled gracefully over the rounded boulders, eddying

beyond to sweep onwards through the narrow gorge ahead. And there, where hills and ridges had hidden it from my sight, nestled the prettiest village I had yet seen. Rural England indeed! There were real English cottages, with their shuttered windows and peculiar roofs. Along the cobbled roads swung the horses, whilst up on the slopes the sheep and cattle grazed lazily beneath the shade of the sturdy oaks and elms. From overhead came the merry chirping of the starlings and the other birds of song. Happiness reigned everywhere. Yes! this was real England.

On and on I went, and not once was I weary, for the English countryside does not ever repeat itself. And yet there was that feeling deep within me that this England—rural England—must not change. It seems necessary, though, that social life should evolve, but no modernistic changes must take place. The little village church, the village halls and schools, all add to the attractiveness of these communities; so much so, that they seem like other worlds of the past. Surely these cities and towns are not necessary. If the business man must have every convenience, why not bring into existence semi-rural villages? Even to-day there exist areas not town-like and yet not fully rural. In them are ominous notices warning trespassers of their prosecution if they dare venture on to selected country sites. There are stately avenues, fences, railways and pavements, wires and poles and cables. Thus, the ideal townsman's home, which would solve the question of preserving rural England.

And so these thoughts came and went. I was content in rural England. The towns were far behind, and before me lay a path of mysteries yet unexplored. Perhaps I should venture upon a cranny, bordered on three sides by grass-covered slopes, where trees of every species spread their protecting boughs, or maybe an ancient mill might come in sight, with its tuneful rush of water making sweet concord with the birds above. Everywhere was happiness; everywhere was movement, yet always a feeling of tranquillity. Everywhere, yes, everywhere, a land worth preserving.

M. COLWILL.

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### Football, 1941-42.

The season just finished might perhaps be described as an average one. While there are no outstanding results to write of, play was always keen and sometimes really good. The first game, against St. Walter St. John School, comes to mind as an example of really good team-work, where, according to students of form, we should have been very severely defeated. As it was, the four-goal lead was only gained right at the end of the game. With form like that maintained throughout the season, what results we should have had!

A system of weekly practice games after School was begun; it proved popular and very beneficial. Attendance at these was

rarely a hundred per cent., but there was a host of eager colts ready for a game and competition for the vacant places was keen. In the first eleven, Boulter, Gibbs, Heelis, Hopkins and W. Sturt could always be relied on, and Arnsby and Barnes deserve mention for the very great improvement in their play.

The following have represented the first eleven: Arnsby, Barnes, Boulter, Colwill, Gibbs, Heelis, Hewes, Hopkins, Kirk, Nash, D. Sturt, W. Sturt.

The second eleven had a fairly successful season and were lucky in having a forward line at least as heavy as that of the first eleven. Among some useful talent here are: Brehaut, Larby, Horowitz and Ricketts.

The following have played for the second eleven: Cate, Chitty, Horowitz, Huntingford, Kelly, King, D. W. James, Larby, Milburn, Morgan, Ricketts, Roberts, Wood.

The Colts played one match, which they lost.

Finally, our hearty thanks to D. B. Boulter on the excellent way in which he carried out his duties as captain, and congratulations to Boulter (re-awarded), Gibbs and Hopkins on winning their Colours.

## RESULTS.

### FIRST ELEVEN.

Played, 13; won, 5; lost, 7; drawn, 1; goals for, 41; goals against, 46.

September 27th.—F.G.S., 14; Farnham Cadets, 0.  
 October 4th.—F.G.S., 1; Guildford R.G.S., 8.  
 October 18th.—F.G.S., 2; Sir Walter St. John School, 6.  
 October 25th.—F.G.S., 2; Lord Wandsworth College, 3.  
 November 8th.—F.G.S., 4; Salesian College, 2.  
 November 15th.—F.G.S., 1; Guildford R.G.S., 5.  
 November 22nd.—F.G.S., 3; Camberley C.S., 6.  
 November 29th.—F.G.S., 0; Camberley C.S., 4.  
 December 6th.—F.G.S., 0; Sir Walter St. John School, 7.  
 December 18th.—F.G.S., 2; Lord Wandsworth College, 2.  
 December 20th.—F.G.S., 6; Eggar's G.S., 2.  
 February 14th.—F.G.S., 3; Godalming C.S., 0.  
 March 7th.—F.G.S., 3; Eggar's G.S., 1.

### SECOND ELEVEN.

Played, 13; won, 5; lost, 6; drawn, 2; goals for, 45; goals against, 43.

September 27th.—F.G.S., 5; Odiham G.S. First Eleven, 1.  
 October 4th.—F.G.S., 0; Guildford R.G.S., 5.  
 October 11th.—F.G.S., 1; Odiham G.S. First Eleven, 2.  
 October 18th.—F.G.S., 1; Sir Walter St. John School, 7.  
 October 25th.—F.G.S., 9; Lord Wandsworth College, 4.  
 November 8th.—F.G.S., 6; Salesian College, 2.  
 November 15th.—F.G.S., 0; Guildford R.G.S., 2.  
 November 22nd.—F.G.S., 9; Camberley C.S., 0.  
 November 29th.—F.G.S., 5; Camberley C.S., 5.  
 December 6th.—F.G.S., 2; Sir Walter St. John School, 8.  
 December 18th.—F.G.S., 5; Lord Wandsworth College, 5.  
 February 14th.—F.G.S., 1; Godalming C.S., 0.  
 March 7th.—F.G.S., 1; Odiham G.S. First Eleven, 2.

### COLTS ELEVEN.

December 17th.—F.G.S., 2; Ruckholt Central School, 5.

## INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL.

## FIRST ELEVEN.

Childe 8, School 1; Massingberd 5, Harding 0; School 2, Massingberd 1; Childe 6, Morley 0; Harding 3, School 2; Childe 2, Harding 1; Massingberd 4, Morley 0; Morley 5, School 1; Massingberd 1, Childe 0; Harding 4, Morley 3.

*Positions.*—1, Childe and Massingberd; 3, Harding; 4, Morley and School.

## JUNIORS.

Childe 1, School 1; School 9, Morley 0; Massingberd 2, Childe 1; Harding 1, Morley, 0; School 2, Massingberd 0; Childe 2, Morley 0; School 1, Harding 0; Massingberd 7, Morley 0; Childe 1, Harding 0; Massingberd 0, Harding 0.

*Positions.*—1, School; 2, Childe and Massingberd; 4, Harding; 5, Morley.

## KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

## FIRST ELEVENS.

*Preliminary Round.*—Harding 4, School 3. *Semi-finals*—Morley 2, Harding 0; Childe 7, Massingberd 2. *Final*—Morley 7, Childe 0.

## JUNIORS.

*Preliminary Round.*—School 6, Childe 2. *Semi-finals*—School 12, Massingberd 0; Harding 1, Morley 0. *Final*—School 1, Harding 0.

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 Boxing, 1941.

## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

## CLASS 1 (Over 10st. 7lbs.).

*Semi-finals.*—L. P. James (Massingberd) beat K. Reeve (Morley); A. R. Morgan (Childe) beat J. Klein (Morley).

*Final.*—Morgan beat James.

## CLASS 2 (10st. and Under).

*Semi-finals.*—D. B. Boulter (Morley) beat M. Colwill (Childe); G. Ricketts (Childe) beat S. Horowitz (Harding).

*Final.*—Boulter beat Ricketts.

## CLASS 3 (9st. 7lbs. and Under).

*Semi-finals.*—D. Hayes (Harding) beat L. S. Phillips (Harding); P. S. Arnsby (Childe) beat Westley (School).

*Final.*—Arnsby beat Hayes.

## CLASS 4.

*Semi-finals.*—D. L. P. Hopkins (Harding) beat R. W. Gibbs (Morley); Paul Nash (Massingberd) beat P. Huntingford.

*Final.*—Hopkins beat Nash.

## CLASS 5.

*Semi-finals.*—C. Rees (Childe) beat R. E. Clark (Massingberd); P. Larby (Childe) beat B. Seeley (Massingberd).

*Final.*—Rees beat Larby.

## CLASS 6.

*Semi-finals.*—B. T. Kirk (School) beat G. King (School); G. H. Hewes (Childe) beat V. Hayes (Harding).

*Final.*—Kirk beat Hewes.

## CLASS 7.

Semi-finals.—K. Tomlin (Harding) beat F. Brine (Harding); C. Hall (Childe) beat R. E. Roberts (Morley).

Final.—Tomlin beat Hall.

## CLASS 8.

Semi-finals.—A. J. Clark (Massingberd) beat J. Donald (Harding); D. Haynes (Harding) beat G. P. Hewes (Childe).

Final.—Clark beat Haynes.

## CLASS 9.

Semi-finals.—S. Birch (Childe) beat W. Burch (Childe); J. Kent (Massingberd) beat A. Murphy (Morley).

Final.—Murphy beat Birch.

## CLASS 10.

Semi-finals.—P. Riseborough (Childe) beat D. Sykes (Childe); J. McMullon (School) beat M. Powell (Childe).

Final.—Riseborough beat McMullon.

## CLASS 11.

Semi-finals.—Porter (Morley) beat P. Figg (Childe); W. Howard (Childe) beat J. Bass (Massingberd).

Final.—Porter beat Howard.

## CLASS 12.

Semi-finals.—J. Sargent (Childe) beat J. Morgan (Childe); K. Young (Harding) beat I. Mitchell (Massingberd).

Final.—Young beat Sargent.

## CLASS 13.

Semi-finals.—E. Buer (Massingberd) beat R. I. Harris (Massingberd); I. Bodecott (Childe) beat J. Sercombe (Childe).

Final.—Harris beat Bodecott.

Awards for best losers were made to: Seniors, R. W. M. Gibbs; Juniors, J. McMullon.

Positions.—1, Childe, 70½ points; 2, Harding, 43½; 3, Massingberd, 39½; 4, Morley, 34½; 5, School, 32.

## House Shooting.

DECEMBER, 1941.

## 1.—Childe.

A. R. Morgan ...	...	...	81
C. C. Hall ...	...	...	80
P. S. Arnsby ...	...	...	79
G. H. A. Hewes ...	...	...	67
E. W. Waring ...	...	...	62
I. M. F. Perkins ...	...	...	59
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## 2.—School.

G. Flook ...	...	...	73
T. L. Kennedy ...	...	...	72
E. D. Milburn ...	...	...	71
A. L. Westley ...	...	...	65
D. J. Mills ...	...	...	57
M. West ...	...	...	55
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## Counted out—

P. E. Larby ...	...	...	58
S. A. Birch ...	...	...	48

## 3.—Morley.

D. A. Barnes ...	...	...	77
D. B. Boulter ...	...	...	74
R. E. Roberts ...	...	...	67
H. A. Turner ...	...	...	62
G. A. Brehaut ...	...	...	52
K. C. Reeve ...	...	...	48
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## Counted out—

J. W. Lloyd ...	...	...	38
G. C. Bowmer ...	...	...	38

## Counted out—

R. C. Roberts ...	...	...	43
A. J. Barter ...	...	...	31

## 4.—Harding.

B. D. Heelis ...	...	...	76
L. S. Phillips ...	...	...	65
J. D. Heelis ...	...	...	60
D. E. Wood ...	...	...	59
I. Watts ...	...	...	58
R. G. Hearn ...	...	...	54
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## Counted out—

S. Horowitz ...	...	...	49
K. Watts ...	...	...	38

## 5.—Massingberd.

L. P. James	...	...	80
M. J. Lock	...	...	64
Paul Nash	...	...	57
Peter Nash	...	...	56
A. J. C. Clark	...	...	50
E. Hunt	...	...	45

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*Counted out—*

A. E. Fordham	...	...	41
G. Jantet	...	...	33

The Spoon goes to A. R. Morgan.

## MARCH, 1942.

## 1.—Childe.

P. S. Arnsby	...	...	78
S. Birch	...	...	77
A. R. Morgan	...	...	73
E. W. Waring	...	...	68
C. Hall	...	...	64
C. Rees	...	...	63

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*Counted out—*

P. Larby	...	...	43
P. Figg	...	...	40

## 3.—Massingberd.

L. P. James	...	...	77
Paul Nash	...	...	77
A. J. Clark	...	...	66
Peter Nash	...	...	53
R. Thiry	...	...	46
J. W. Donaldson	...	...	38

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*Counted out—*

E. Hunt	...	...	25
G. Jantet	...	...	20

## 2.—Morley.

D. A. Barnes	...	...	80
D. B. Boulter	...	...	76
G. Brehaut	...	...	69
J. J. Klein	...	...	59
K. Reeve	...	...	59
J. W. Lloyd	...	...	51

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*Counted out—*

R. E. Roberts	...	...	28
P. Stock	...	...	11

## 4.—Harding.

L. S. Phillips	...	...	83
S. Horowitz	...	...	69
P. Cate	...	...	57
P. Cody	...	...	50
D. E. Wood	...	...	49
J. G. Fletcher	...	...	45

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*Counted out—*

D. L. P. Hopkins	...	...	43
J. D. Heelis	...	...	27

## 5.—School.

M. West	...	...	69
T. Kennedy	...	...	61
J. Knotts	...	...	43
R. C. Roberts	...	...	39
H. Leedham	...	...	38
B. D. Paget	...	...	37

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*Counted out—*

G. Flook	...	...	35
D. R. Goddard	...	...	17

Winner of Spoon: L. S. Phillips, 83.

## Inter-House Athletic Sports.

MAY, 1942.

### OPEN.

440 Yards Relay (4 x 110).—1, Morley (D. B. Boulter, D. W. Chitty, R. W. M. Gibbs, D. A. Barnes); 2, Childe (G. C. Ricketts, P. E. Larby, A. R. Morgan, P. Huntingford); 3, Massingberd (Paul Nash, D. G. Sturt, W. H. Sturt, G. Jantet); 4, Harding (J. G. Fletcher, J. P. Bentick, D. H. Hayes, D. L. P. Hopkins); 5, School (T. H. Kelly, G. Flook, D. R. Skillin, G. M. King). Time: 51.8 secs. (record).

Mile Relay (4 x 440).—1, Morley (D. B. Boulter, D. W. Chitty, G. A. Brehaut, D. A. Barnes); 2, Childe (A. R. Morgan, G. H. Hewes, P. Huntingford, M. Colwill); 3, Massingberd (G. S. Tilford, D. G. Sturt, W. H. Sturt, Paul Nash); 4, Harding (J. P. Bentick, J. G. Fletcher, D. H. Hayes, D. L. P. Hopkins); 5, School (A. L. Westley, T. H. Kelly, D. R. Skillin, B. T. Kirk). Time: 4 mins. 11.1 secs. (record).

Mile Medley Relay (440, 220, 220, 880).—1, Childe (A. R. Morgan, P. Huntingford, G. C. Ricketts, M. Colwill); 2, Morley (D. A. Barnes, D. B. Boulter, R. W. M. Gibbs, G. A. Brehaut); 3, Massingberd (G. S. Tilford, W. H. Sturt, Paul Nash, D. G. Sturt); 4, Harding (J. P. Bentick, J. G. Fletcher, D. H. Hayes, D. L. P. Hopkins); 5, School (R. C. Roberts, D. R. Skillin, T. H. Kelly, A. L. Westley). Time: 4 mins. 18.2 secs. (equals record—Massingberd, 1938).

Hurdles Relay (3 x 100; 9 flights of 3ft. hurdles).—1, Morley (D. W. Chitty, D. B. Boulter, D. A. Barnes); 2, Childe (P. Huntingford, P. E. Larby, M. Colwill); 3, Massingberd (G. S. Tilford, G. Jantet, Paul Nash); 4, School (T. H. Kelly, D. R. Skillin, G. M. King); 5, Harding (J. G. Fletcher, S. Horowitz, D. H. Hayes). Time: 49.2 secs. (record).

Long Jump (teams of three).—1, Morley (D. B. Boulter, D. A. Barnes, D. W. Chitty); 2, Childe (A. R. Morgan, P. E. Larby, G. C. Ricketts); 3, Massingberd (Paul Nash, W. H. Sturt, G. S. Tilford); 4, School (B. T. Kirk, T. H. Kelly, D. R. Skillin); 5, Harding (S. Horowitz, D. L. P. Hopkins, J. P. Bentick). Aggregate distance: 50ft. (record held by School, 1934—53ft. 0½in.).

High Jump (teams of three).—1, Massingberd (G. S. Tilford, Paul Nash, W. H. Sturt); 2, Morley (D. A. Barnes, D. W. Chitty, J. Klein); 3, Childe (P. E. Larby, M. Colwill, G. H. Hewes); 4, School (B. T. Kirk, T. H. Kelly, E. D. Milburn); 5, Harding (D. L. P. Hopkins, J. G. Fletcher, K. H. Tomlin). Aggregate height: 14ft. 2ins. (record held by Childe, 1940—14ft. 8ins.).

Half-Mile Team Race (teams of two).—1, M. Colwill (Childe); 2, D. B. Boulter (Morley); 3, D. L. P. Hopkins (Harding); 4, G. A. Brehaut (Morley); 5, A. R. Morgan (Childe). Time: 2 mins. 19.8 secs. (record held by M. C. Colwill (Childe), 1938—2 mins. 15.6 secs.).

Challenge Cup.—Morley, 50 points; Childe, 42; Massingberd, 28; Harding, 9; School, 6.

### JUNIOR.

440 Yards Relay (4 x 110).—1, School (E. D. Milburn, P. C. Luxon, J. Nicholas, B. T. Kirk); 2, Childe (P. C. Read, G. M. Powell, V. P. Barrett, D. J. Sykes); 3, Morley (R. E. J. Roberts, B. D. Porter, M. J. Ball, H. J. Gudge); 4, Harding (J. A. Donald, J. R. Wood, P. W. Ventham, C. K. Young); 5, Massingberd (T. S. James, G. B. Piper, I. F. Mitchell, A. J. C. Clark). Time: 59.4 secs. (record).

Half-Mile Relay (4 x 220).—1, School (E. D. Milburn, P. C. Luxon, J. Nicholas, B. T. Kirk); 2, Childe (D. J. Sykes, I. M. F. Perkins, G. P. Hewes, P. C. Read); 3, Massingberd (G. H. Denyer, G. B. Piper, P. L. James, J. T. Kent); 4, Harding (J. A. Donald, R. G. Hearn, G. J. Baker, P. W. Ventham). Time: 2 mins. 3 secs. (record).



Half-Mile Medley Relay (220, 110, 110, 440).—1, School (E. D. Milburn, P. C. Luxon, J. Nicholas, B. T. Kirk); 2, Morley (B. D. Porter, M. J. Ball, M. B. Ogle, R. E. J. Roberts); 3, Childe (V. P. Barrett, P. C. Read, I. M. F. Perkins, G. P. Hewes); 4, Massingberd (P. L. James, G. B. Piper, I. F. Mitchell, G. H. Denyer); 5, Harding (J. A. Donald, G. J. Baker, R. G. Hearn, P. W. Ventham). Time: 2 mins. 6.4 secs. (record).

Hurdles Relay (3 x 75; seven flights of 2ft. 6in. hurdles).—1, School (E. D. Milburn, A. J. L. Wiseman, B. T. Kirk); 2, Childe (G. M. Powell, D. J. Sykes, P. C. Read); 3, Morley (B. D. Porter, M. J. Ball, R. E. J. Roberts); 4, Massingberd (P. L. James, G. B. Piper, G. H. Denyer); 5, Harding (J. A. Donald, G. J. Baker, R. G. Hearn). Time: 40.8 secs. (record held by Childe, 1935—40.2 secs.).

Long Jump (teams of three).—1, School (B. T. Kirk, E. D. Milburn, P. C. Luxon); 2, Morley (H. J. Gudge, R. E. J. Roberts, H. W. Glover); 3, Childe (D. J. Sykes, P. C. Read, V. P. Barrett); 4, Massingberd (G. B. Piper, A. E. M. Fordham, G. H. Denyer); 5, Harding (R. G. Hearn, G. J. Baker, J. A. Donald). Aggregate Distance: 45ft. 6ins. (record).

High Jump (teams of three).—1, School (B. T. Kirk, E. D. Milburn, P. C. Luxon); 2, Childe (G. P. Hewes, D. J. Sykes, P. C. Read); 3, Morley (M. J. Ball, H. W. Glover, R. E. J. Roberts); 4, Massingberd (G. B. Piper, A. E. M. Fordham, I. F. Mitchell); 5, Harding (J. A. Donald, C. K. Young, J. R. Wood). Aggregate Height: 12ft. 8ins. (record).

440 Yards Team Race (teams of two).—1, B. T. Kirk (School); 2, E. D. Milburn (School); 3, B. D. Porter (Morley); 4, G. P. Hewes (Childe); 5, C. Woods (Harding). Time: 72.4 secs. (record held by W. H. Sturt (Massingberd), 1941—65.1 secs.).

Challenge Cup.—School, 57 points (possible); Childe, 34; Morley, 27; Massingberd, 12; Harding, 5.



## OLD FARNHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Since the last issue of the Magazine the following Old Boys have joined the Association:

Hayes, E. E. (1927-1933), "Senga," Bear Lane, Farnham (Life Member).

Austin, E. L. (1937-1941), "Canberra," Weybourne Lane, Farnham.

Reeve, D. J. (1932-1938), "Broomfield," Aldershot Road, Ash, Aldershot (Life Member).

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The following have changed their addresses:

Stroud, L. J., Bootham School, York.

Wright, H. L., "The Burrows," Heavitree Park, Exeter.

Warner, D. C., 1, Sandringham Road, Petersfield, Hants.

Smither, H., "The Burrows," Searle Road, Farnham.

Wade, C. B. A., 76, Cross Deep, Twickenham, Middlesex.

Tubb, N. L. G., 34, Sheephous, Farnham.

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The following member died on March 14th, 1942: Hart, W. S. (1870-1875), aged 83 years.

The following member has been killed on active service: M. H. J. Kilburn (1932-1940).

### LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP TRUST.

Although it seemed towards the end of last year that we should just miss reaching that £1,000 mark which had been our first objective for so long, there was a late and welcome flood of donations in time to carry us well beyond the mark, and since then still more have arrived to set us well on the way towards another century.

It is quite evident that the Trust has now caught well hold of the imagination of the ordinary member, and that there are many of them who have felt glad to return part of their debt to the School by sending this material assistance, in spite of the heavy calls the war has made upon their pockets. The Fund will gain in more than money terms if the entry marked "Donations" becomes one of the substantial items in our annual balance sheets.

At the same time, the present seems a good time to *add* a reminder about Life Assurance. There is a tendency to think that because to insure one's life against war risks is not a practical proposition, life insurance ceases to have any importance while the war continues. This is a complete fallacy, for normal risks to life and health are certainly no less because there are new and more formidable risks in warfare. The young man gains enormously, now as before, if he begins young, to take advantage of the ultimate benefits which life assurance brings; and if he can be induced to act in this matter now, as

though there was no war, he will certainly live to be thankful that he allowed himself to be so well advised. Let us see whether we cannot bring those insurance figures up again to something approaching a normal level. G.M.A.

### ROLL OF HONOUR.

J. H. Trandell (1929-1934), Leading Aircraftman, R.A.F., killed on active service, December, 1941.

F. H. Jennings (1922-1927), Sergeant (Wireless Operator/Air-Gunner), R.A.F., killed in action, January, 1942.

M. H. J. Kilburn (1932-1940), Sergeant Pilot, R.A.F., killed on active service, January, 1942.

### MISSING.

F. M. Loughlin (1931-1935), Private, R.A.S.C., missing in Malaya, February, 1942.

H. E. Winter (1936-1938), Leading Supply Assistant, R.N., missing in Malaya, March, 1942.

S. S. Dawes (1925-1931), Flight Sergeant (Observer), R.C.A.F., missing from operational flight over Western Europe, April, 1942.

C. L. Merricks (1928-1935), Sergeant (Wireless Operator/Air-Gunner), R.A.F., missing from daylight raid over Augsburg, April, 1942.

A. E. Job (1933-1936), Hong Kong Defence Force, reported missing by Church Missionary Society.

### PRISONER OF WAR.

V. G. Anderson (1933-1936), Flight Sergeant, R.A.F., shot down over Berlin, June, 1941.

### SALUTE TO THE BRAVE.

Amid all the bustle and small routine of School life, it is so easy for the unimaginative to close their eyes to the grim background of war. And yet it is there all the time, and it haunts some of us, especially those who can remember as young fledglings those who since leaving School have soared so gallantly into peril.

Such a list as stands above is a poignant reminder of reality. As to the missing, it would be foolish to simulate a false optimism; all we can do when we think of such fine lads as Winter, Loughlin, Dawes, Merricks and Job is to hope against hope and pour out the utmost of our sympathy to their kith and kin.

In the case of three, alas, there is certainty; but just as certain is their memory: F. H. Jennings, decent, friendly, considerate; J. H. Trandell, with his quiet, gentle ways and his quick brain; M. H. Kilburn, the lad who found and lost himself in the service of his country. Even at the risk of being accused of spinning futile words, this tribute must be paid. Honour to the brave.

F.A.M.

## ON THE HOME FRONT.

In the early summer of 1941 I was living in a city, somewhere in the North of England, where we had several night attacks, with some damage done and a few casualties. But it was quite noticeable that the raids were getting worse. Then one night they began as usual about nine o'clock, and the guns opened up; but for some time nothing worse happened. Then, after an hour or so, the gunfire was increased, and before long the bombs began to fall. One could hear the low rumble of falling buildings, and it was not long before there showed in the night sky a nasty red glow which indicated a large fire. But though this made one feel sorry, and perhaps a little apprehensive, it was nothing to what we were to witness before dawn broke again. For it was not long before oil bombs began to descend; and then fire after fire started, not in any isolated part of the city, but in every direction, until the whole city was enclosed in a ring of fire.

Then, somewhere about two o'clock, a land-mine came down in the street at the back of my house, and two houses were conspicuous by their absence. Six other houses were wrecked, on the other side of the main street four shops were blazing, and the back door of my house and all the windows went out through the front door. The whole roof was lifted some inches up and skewed out of straight and put down again. I just took one look through the house, saw that except for the cellar there was nothing left habitable, got my house-keeper and my poor little dog down, and went out to take a walk around my two parishes. It was a sight that will long remain in my memory; everywhere there were fires raging. As one got nearer the city the roads became wet and almost impassable for hose pipes, the heat more intense; and everywhere were great gaps and piles of rubble. The homeless, in little processions, were making for the rest centres, some with a few articles of clothes in a pram, some with a rather vacant look, or perhaps it would be more correct to say a bewildered look; a look that I can well understand, for to find oneself alone in a city without a shelter is a terrible feeling.

But nowhere did I find that despondent, hopeless look that indicates the end of all effort; in fact, I came across many who were smiling, and were shouting to each other that Hitler might bomb them out but he would never conquer them. Now it takes something to say that when your home has been blasted away and your nearest and dearest is lying dead under the heap of rubble that had once been your home, where you had spent so many happy hours together. But amidst all this destruction there were some comic incidents. I remember, as I was returning up the street where I had lived, meeting at four in the morning a little old Jew and his wife, whom I knew quite well. They must have both been well in their eighties. As I overtook them I said: "What, you are not bombed out?" And the old chap turned and said: "Bombed out! My God! I was bombed out of France,

Czecho-Slovakia, Rumania, and now I come here and I am bombed out, and we are God's children, what you make?"

By this time it had begun to dawn on me that I, like all of them, was homeless, and, what is more, wanted something to eat.

So, as it was now getting light, and the raid was over, I cleared a place in the kitchen, forced a passage into the pantry and got a tin of bully beef, filled the kettle and put it on the gas stove, and found that the bread, though dusty, was eatable. So we made a breakfast and gave the dog something, and then came my greatest task. What to do? I knew that I must stay, for though I had lost one of my parish churches the other was intact. Although it had a pavement stone through the chancel roof and only two windows left in, we could carry on. But what was I to do with my housekeeper? For I had no house to keep.

At last I decided to take her over to her sister's in Cheshire. It took us all the morning to pack, but at two o'clock I got into the Liverpool express with her, and away we went. It was not until I happened to notice that everyone was looking at me that it suddenly dawned on me that I had not washed or shaved since the morning before, and was black with soot and covered with dust. I must have looked a very disreputable, if not a suspicious, character, for a cleric in such a state is rather uncommon; but I was too weary to trouble much about looks, not having slept for the last forty-eight hours. However, we at last got to our destination, where I slept that night. I came back on the first train in the morning, only to find that there had been a worse raid the night that I had been away, and my house was further damaged, making it impossible to live in it until some time after the war.

But I must consider myself lucky, for with the exception of some scratches on the furniture I lost nothing. E.H.

### ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR WATSON.

It was late afternoon one Saturday last January. I should have been having tea, but my wife had suddenly remembered a rather urgent call she had promised to make and had gone out, while I remained by the cosy warmth of the fireside.

Whether it was the heat of the room or just that I was feeling tired after an energetic afternoon in the garden I don't know, but I must have fallen asleep. I have no idea for how long or even what the time was, but suddenly something woke me and I sat bolt upright in my chair and stared round the room.

The fire had died to a faint glow, and as it was rather dark I moved to switch on the reading lamp by my side.

"Sit still," ordered a rasping sepulchral voice.

"Wh-who are you? What do you want?" I stammered.

"Shut up and tell me where you put it," continued the voice.

I could not see anyone and I moved towards the lamp once more.

"Sit still I said, or this gun'll stop you."

Whoever he was, the fellow was armed. To say the least, I didn't like the situation at all. I shivered slightly, though the room was quite warm. There was something ghostly about all this.

I fancied I saw the door move and, taking my courage in both hands, so to speak, I flung myself at it. As I did so it slammed shut. I rushed to open it and peered cautiously out. There was no-one there, though the front door was open.

Then there was a click as of a revolver being cocked. I ducked back as a second voice broke the silence:

"Here is the six o'clock news and this is Alvar Liddell reading it."

Why, oh why, must people have their wireless sets so loud.

P. D. ELPHICK.

### NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

The heartiest congratulations of all Farnhamians are extended to Flight-Sergt. B. G. Louch on being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. The honour was conferred on him for the part he took as W/O in the heroic low-level daylight raid by Lancasters on Augsburg. To our great pleasure he appeared at School soon after the official announcement, as cool as ever and excessively modest about his part in that remarkable sortie. But such an honour deserves pride of place in our News, and we hope to be forgiven by the recipient.

#### DECEMBER.

I. C. Patrick (1924-1934) sent greetings to the Association, the Headmaster and Staff "from East to West" in time for Christmas. He spent a couple of months in the desert and then four in "dock." After another spell of desert life and some short but exciting associations with Crete, he saw service in Syria up to the Armistice. He was at the time of writing in "a rather tough spot."

S. C. Goldman (1931-1937) wrote from somewhere in the North that he was about to take his final trade's test. He is in the Royal Corps of Signals. He met C. Larmer in the same unit.

M. E. P. Jump (1928-1937) called at School in the full panoply of a Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.V.R. He was home awaiting posting after service on an armed merchant cruiser which had been torpedoed.

W. J. Baker (1930-1940) also called at School to inform us he was at a Flying Training School of the R.A.F., hoping to qualify as a pilot. At his I.T.W. he met D. W. C. Jepp and D. Baigent.

E. E. Hayes (1927-1933) is a Sergeant (Wireless Operator-Air Gunner) in the R.A.F.

R. A. Jeffery (1930-1937) wrote that he was still as busy as ever. He mentioned his feeling of sadness at the loss of H.M.S. "Cossack," as he recollected seeing her come back from Josing Fiord and Narvik, worn and battle-scarred.

K. Bentall—"Young Bunny"—(1929-1931) sent a long newsy letter from Southern Rhodesia. He is Leading Aircraftman, R.A.F. After leaving Farnham he went to Bideford and then Reading to finish his schooling; thence to London to study horticulture. He joined the R.A.F. in July, 1940. He was posted to a Fighter Squadron and had eight very interesting months on several different stations before going abroad in March, 1941. Although doing good work in training pilots, he would much rather be home in the Squadrons or somewhere in the fighting line. During eight days' leave in August he went up to Livingstone to see the Victoria Falls. He had no news of his brother Denis, except a cable saying he was on his way bound for somewhere East.

F. H. C. Wimbledon (1922-1927) visited us as a Leading Aircraftman, R.A.F., on ground defence (administration). He was waiting to go to an Officers' Training Unit.

K. T. Mitchell (1916-1926) is a Captain in the R.A.S.C.

D. C. Horry (1925-1930), as befits a Colour-Sergeant, became a Life Member of the Association!

E. W. J. Neave (1909-1916), Major, R.E., sends news of some of the 1909-1915 vintage. "H. Redman, whom I remember as a star footballer and a King's Scout, is now a Brigadier. Since passing out first from Woolwich he has had a very distinguished army career. Frank Moore has been evacuated with most of the staff of the Bank of England. He was Scoutmaster of the 1st Farnham Troop associated with the School for some years in the twenties. Recently he has been appointed an organist at ——. I have also met, on one occasion, Don Warner. He designed the cover for *The Farnhamian*—you will find his initials in the bottom left-hand corner. He is with one of the 'Big Five' and has had some experience of blitzes. Percy Compton—one of the best swimmers in our time—is now a Customs Officer. Moore, Warner, Compton and I all enlisted into the same brigade of Royal Fusiliers in 1916, but after a few months we were all posted away to different units. During the last few months, after twenty-five years, we have all either seen or communicated with each other."

T. C. Aldridge (1927-1934) sent Christmas greetings from Malta!

#### JANUARY.

E. G. Woodhatch (1929-1937) was called up in August for training as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm. He wrote from an E.F.T.S. somewhere in England, having "nothing to grumble about, for food and accommodation are excellent." He had accomplished his first solo flight!

F. O. Meddows Taylor (1919-1924) sent us the first news that Alan Smallman had been seen "featured" in the news film of the raids on Maaloy and Vaagso. "I made a point of going to see the film as part of my military education, and nearly fell out of my seat in amazement when I recognised him. I may, of course, have been mistaken, but it's unlikely, remembering Lofoten."

P. French (1934-1940) sent news that he had passed an examination—"that will surprise most of you!"—of the Incorporated Society of Accountants and Auditors. He was expecting to join the R.A.O.C. sometime in the month.

P. K. J. Digby (1935-1940) found time to write that he was busy preparing to take four subjects of the Associate Examination of the Institute of Bankers. He gave news that H. N. Woodroffe (1916-1924) had joined the Royal Navy, had been on leave and was going to sea at last, probably on a destroyer. Digby is a member of the A.T.C. "Our squadron is very active; we have run two dances lately and another is coming at the end of the month."

D. J. Reeve (1932-1938) celebrated his "one pip" by becoming a Life Member of the Association. He was expecting to go abroad in a few days, but found time to get married.

E. G. Glynn (1924-1930), commissioned in the R.A.S.C., called at School in what was apparently embarkation leave.

F. R. Barclay (1933-1939) also called at School as a Sub-Lieutenant (A), R.N.V.R. He was awaiting posting after his training overseas as an Observer.

D. F. Wagstaffe (1927-1934), A.Q.M.S. in the R.A.O.C., wrote from Iraq. He had a good trip out, no incidents and a kindly sea. "There was always something to see—flying fish, sharks, whales and the phosphorescence in the water. There was always something to do! . . . It certainly is hot up here. When we arrived there was a minor sandstorm blowing, which was rather uncomfortable. We sleep under canvas. I have bought a few comforts, such as a bed and mattress. The former is a strange affair made from palm leaves. It cost only 1s. 9d. and resembles a chicken coop. The mattress cost 6s. The roads here are, with exceptions, either bad or non-existent. It is much better going on the desert, and you can certainly speed in places. I did not think the weather could change so suddenly. Six weeks ago it was blazing hot—now we have to break the ice in the mornings before we can wash! It will be nice to see the green fields of England again—there seems to be no real green-ness—that is one thing I do miss."

W. E. Murray (1935-1939) has been accepted for training as an Air-Gunner/Observer in the Fleet Air Arm. He expected to start training in February.

A. R. Temple (1934-1938) has been on a course of map-reading, with plenty of practical work, becoming proficient at



travelling in small circles at great speed. He came out third in a class which included eight sergeants! He was still waiting for posting to an O.C.T.U.

Major E. J. Sherrington, R.A.S.C. (1917-1922) suffered a serious accident in Northern Ireland, from which we hope he has now recovered.

#### FEBRUARY.

S. C. Goldman (1931-1937) wrote again that he had moved south and had settled down as a Mechanic. He had taken up miniature rifle shooting and secured a place in the Command Signals "Eight."

H. J. Chitty (1926-1933) has survived very stiff months at an O.C.T.U. (R.A.) and emerged as a Gunnery Officer.

B. C. Job (1937-1940) sent news as a Trooper in a Yeomanry Regiment (R.A.C.) training somewhere in the North. He is a tank gunner and wireless operator—"not my own choosing, as I wanted to be a driver mechanic." Of his brother, "A.E." (1933-1936) he says: "We have had no news of Arthur since the end of November. He then said he was on manœuvres from early December with the Hong Kong Defence Corps. He would have just started them when war broke out with Japan. We are naturally terribly worried about him and are just hoping for the best."

[The Association Treasurer had a Christmas greetings card from "A.E." from St. Stephen's College, Hong Kong, about this time, sent in November.]

S. H. Mason (1931-1936) has settled down to the life of a Pioneer. He says he has reached the dizzy heights of Lance-Corporal, "which gives me a feeling of some importance at times and a peculiarly worm-like one at others."

W. A. Chapman (1933-1938) has been serving since March, 1941, with the R.A.F. He volunteered for flying duties, but the M.O. would not pass him for anything but ground staff—so he is now an Aircraftman (engines).

J. W. Mack (1923-1931) is a Sub-Conductor, R.A.O.C.—a warrant officer, Class 1. He has to see that Quarter-Masters get what they require—just like a traveller going his rounds, without carrying samples!

G. E. J. Scofield (1933-1939) sent news of himself as a Leading Aircraftman, R.A.F. "My job here is rather interesting, as I am in the Flying Wing—a Service Flying Training School for Night Fighter Pilots. I am on duties in connection with the equipment in the Squadron. . . . I have been waiting for my 'corporal's stripes' to come through. I was very grieved to see how many of the Old Boys had passed on. I am still having my full share in the sporting line. You will be glad to hear that I am now running the cross-country team at the station. We won the cup in the Station Sports and the Squadron Football Cup (I also run

the football team of the Squadron). Best wishes to Massingberd and all at School. It's good to read of all the success and doings of the old School in the Magazine—it certainly keeps you in touch."

L. J. Sargeant (1921-1926) signs himself one "whose only claim to notoriety is that he is still a civilian!"

A. N. Parsons (1925-1928) is serving with the Pioneer Corps.

E. A. W. Morris (1923-1928) finds his time very much occupied. The change-over at his factory to engineering work has meant a lot of work and worry. "Then evenings and some week-ends are devoted to Home Guard, on the administrative side. I have recently been awarded a Certificate of Good Service by the Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces. I have been a sergeant for about a year and hope to have a 'pip' in the near future. In my 'spare' time I am trying to work for the A.M.I. Mech E. I look forward to the day when I shall again play the School Song at the conclusion of an O.F.A. dinner."

A. F. Enticknap (1930-1936) wrote from an emergency hospital. "I am still attached to the R.A.S.C. company which I joined nearly two years ago. My career has been varied. Since I last wrote, when I was doing clerical work, I have changed my trade to the considerably dirty one of fitting, but I am in my element as it is much more interesting. I expect you will wonder how I came to be in hospital. It is not a long story. I was rounding a sharp corner on a motor-cycle when I skidded on a patch of ice and fell on my shoulder, dislocating an extension of my collar bone. I was kept in bed for a week-end, but am now an 'up' patient. I was terribly sorry to read of the passing of Alan Wood. He and I were in the same form, and I always remember him as the 'stone wall' bat of the form and School House."

A. G. C. Head (1908-1910) writes: "In these days of grimness and shadow the School Magazine gives a touch of warmth and reality—a signification of the things that really matter, an indication that behind all the horrors and madness let loose in the world to-day, normal life and sanity prevail. The School Magazine is treasured to-day more than ever before. God bless the old School—may it carry on for ever!"

W. M. Robertson (1929-1936) expresses his great pleasure on receiving the Magazine and the news that the School still carries on as strong and virile as ever. "The names of the Old Boys who have lost their lives serving their country revived many memories. Especially was I sorry to read of Leslie Smallman's death. There was no mention of the death of Harry Trandell, who was at School with me. [News was received too late for inclusion in the December issue.—Ed.] Harry was a great friend of mine, and nowhere have I met a more sincere and devout Christian. His days after leaving School were devoted almost entirely to the improvement of social life among young folk—and working

for the benefit of his Church. His place will be hard to fill. At School he will be remembered for his sunny, cheery personality—and his keenness and energy both in work and play. He was an enthusiastic member of Childe House and rendered great service. I'm sure you will remember his 'sporty' and vigorous boxing. His one regret when I last saw him was that he had never joined the O.F.A. He will be remembered by many as a credit to his School and his country. I am still in 'civvy' life, I regret to say, but perhaps my chance will come. The coal mining fraternity are at the moment exempt from military service."

J. R. Hoar (1927-1933), in the R.A.O.C. (Radiolocation), writes from a technical college somewhere in England: "The more I do at my present job the better I like it. . . . I never thought the Army would provide me with any form of intellectual advancement, but now I am credited by the Principal here as being a No. 1 lecturer on Radio and Maths. The Magazine makes sad reading in parts. I remember Bill Dimmock well from House games—and also Danks."

A. E. Clifton (1924-1929) is a Sergeant (Observer) in the R.A.F. He spent most of last year training in Canada.

P. Lillywhite (1933-1936) is enjoying life as a Leading Aircraftman in the R.A.F. He was at the time of writing at the Air Ministry, his work entailing much travelling, visiting stations and squadrons. His trade is that of a Fitter II.A. in an Aircraft Servicing Training Party.

B. A. Garfath (1935-1939) passed all the examinations he took, but is taking them again, with an additional one to obtain a higher grade pass. "My cricket may be judged by the nickname I have earned—'Basher.' I was elected captain of our newly-formed football eleven. I have been accepted for flying duties in the R.A.F.V.R. I passed for pilot training, but the Selection Board thought I would make a suitable observer as 'your exams were good.' I have now been on deferred service for two months. For over six months I have been in charge of the Amplifier Station of an Exchange—interesting, fascinating work."

L. F. G. Wright (1925-1927) has joined the Royal Armoured Corps.

A. T. Taylor (1933-1937), commissioned in an Infantry Unit, called at School whilst on embarkation leave. He had recently married. [Congratulations.—Ed.]

L. W. Luff (1926-1931) has a commission in the Monmouthshire Regiment.

C. J. V. Fisher (1935-1939) is reported to have been seconded to the Nigeria Regiment.

G. J. R. Wilkinson (1936-1940) writes: "I am particularly anxious not to lose touch with the School, and I always find the *Magazine* a pleasant link. I came to King's College (London) in

September, 1940. I hope to be able to finish my course here before joining up. All being well, I take my degree in engineering in June of next year."

H. S. Martin (1927-1932) has a commission (technical branch) in the R.A.F. Congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of his marriage!

#### MARCH.

V. H. Rumble (1925-1933) writes: "The Magazine is for many of us the only link with the old School during these troublous days, and as such is more than welcome. It was with grievous sorrow that I heard of the loss of definitely one—and most probably two—Harding captains. Leslie Smallman gave me friendship which will always remain with me. It came at a time in my life when it had a tremendous influence on me and, although later on life made our ways diverge and our meetings rare, that spirit of comradeship always remains. The world has lost a very gallant gentleman. His death was a mirror of his life, the effort to help others. Jack Cooke was captain when I came to Farnham, and the gracious ease with which he excelled at both work and play will always be remembered. He always had a kindly word for the shy and timid junior, and it was my sincere hope that, when House Captain, I might discharge my duties in a way that approached Jack's work. I'm still in the oil business, a reserved occupation from which one can escape only into the R.A.F. for air crew duties. Deficient eyesight prevents me from having the chance of more active participation in the war effort. The Home Guard seems to be my only chance to make a real contribution, and fortunately we have a reasonably efficient platoon. Those early lessons in the Cadet Corps have been of much value."

J. E. Hamilton-Jones (1932-1941) has been accepted for the Royal Navy under the "Y" scheme. He reports some time in June.

P. N. R. Greenway (1926-1936) is reported to be in Iceland. He met A. L. Baber there in the R.A.F.

We hear that D. E. P. Raggett (1934-1936) is looking the picture of health and weighs thirteen stone! He is working for his A.M.I.E.E.

H. Smither (1922-1933) is a captain in the Royal Corps of Signals, serving with the M.E.F. since early last year.

D. H. J. Harris (1933-1939) has since January been on a Radio-Wireless Mechanics' Course (R.A.F.).

M. C. Colwill (1932-1940) sent further news from South Africa, where he is on an R.A.F. Course for Navigation. He spent a really hot Christmas Day. "We were in tents and the dust was really 'awful.' The dinner was certainly a success, and I think most of us spent the afternoons on our beds. I know I did! We've now moved into a permanent camp. There's no fear of having to get up during the night to slacken the guy-ropes, or

even to do a little trenching, as when it rains it makes a really good job of it. The drought is very bad around the district, although it was relieved about a week ago when we had 2.88 inches in a single storm over the camp. I must say that the people here are really grand, and it's only a question of being able to get any time off. I really should like to see—and hear—Boulter as a Sergeant-Major issuing his commands!"

I. A. Ewens (1929-1933) is a Lance-Bombardier in an Anti-Tank Battery. He was called up in September, 1939, and for the last two years has been a Field Gun Artificer. In his travels he met Ivor Smith (1913-1918).

A. St. C. Garrood (1931-1939) visited the School as a Second-Lieutenant in the Reconnaissance Corps.

J. M. Aylwin (1930-1939) was hoping to be posted to an O.C.T.U. (R.E.).

J. C. Griffin (1917-1919) is still at Air Headquarters, Levant.

K. E. U. Ground (1927-1928) has been posted as Medical Officer to Nigeria, and was at the moment waiting for passage. He obtained his Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in February, and was hoping to be able to finish off his M.B., B.S., before sailing.

Congratulations to G. M. Elphick (1927-1935) on his marriage.

A/C1 D. Morgan (1934-1939), who was for some time in Malaya, has been reported safe in Colombo.

#### APRIL.

B. O. Friend (1932-1937) joined the R.A.O.C. at the beginning of 1941 and is still in England.

A further letter from I. A. Ewens gives some interesting items of news. The last he knew of Ivor Smith was when he sailed with Ewens' old Battery to the East. On leave he saw Tom Gardner and the two Haydons—they all seemed fit and well. I.A.'s brother, R. Ewens, was called up in July, 1939, and has seen much action. He was in France, Holland, Belgium, and came through Dunkirk. He is still safe "somewhere in England"—in the Reconnaissance Corps. "We are both married and shall be glad, when this war is over, to be able to settle down to a peaceful life once more. I should like news of C. H. P. Hounscome, for I lost touch with him about three years ago. Many are the times I wish that I were back at School again! They are the best years of your life if only you realised it at the time."

R. C. Aldridge (1912-1915) was reported quite fit and well—in Malta! He was having a hot time, but "Grammar School boys can stick it!"

Rev. E. Hart (1899-1902) sends us an interesting article for this Magazine. He is still trying to run two parishes single-handed.

W. J. Kingcome (1923-1932), a Lieutenant in the Fleet Air Arm, was safe after the sinking of H.M.S. Hermes in the East.

G. J. North (1929-1935) wrote that he was waiting for his Air Gunner's Course (R.A.F.). He is a Leading Aircraftman.

We have had letters from C. E. Taylor (1933-1938) covering his course in O.C.T.U., A.A. (R.A.)—most interesting and apparently making the fullest demands on Charlie's well-known mental and physical capabilities. In February he wrote that his brother, A.T., was heading East as a "2-pip." He also wished us to convey to I. C. Patrick his appreciation for his tribute to Tom Alston. In April Charlie finished his course, but at the time of writing had no news of the result. He had leave, and on the first morning after his return, when he wandered down into the dining-room he ran into A. R. Temple. He had just come in after having been in a Light A.A. Battery since the outbreak of war. Latest news is that Charlie has his commission.

L. R. Dowsett (1926-1931) wrote: "I met R. Raffill a few months ago. He told me that he was one of the many thousands rescued from the beaches of Dunkirk. He also told me that Tom Goss was married and lived at Guildford. On two occasions I have seen W. A. Chapman in R.A.F. uniform, although I did not manage to speak to him. As regards myself, I am medically exempt from the Army and am Acting Rating and Valuation Officer to the Haslemere U.D.C. I am also on the local A.R.P. Report Centre Staff."

A. C. Slaght (1930-1935) is in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

Another letter from D. F. Wagstaff (in Iraq) mentions his surprise at some really cold weather—"I did not think it could be so cold in this country. I have seen Babylon. It is difficult to conceive that it was once a wonderful city. The river has altered its course and is now some distance away. Very little remains except a heap of bricks and rubble. All the interesting glazed work has been removed. It is interesting to see the remains of the Hanging Gardens, the Ishtar Gate, the Procession Street and the Throne Room, scene of the 'writing on the wall.' Western influence has made little impression on the people—the majority still go about their work as they have done for centuries past. The old wooden plough is still used and seeds are sown by hand. For irrigation, the old water-wheel, driven by a horse or ass walking round and round, is used, but to-day buckets are made from four-gallon petrol cans. The womenfolk seem to do all the hard work about the house. They carry huge loads on their backs. While the women are out working the menfolk spend their time outside the coffee houses! These are, I suppose, the equivalent of the English inn. They are full at night. The men sit about on benches drinking coffee and smoking, listening to the radio, which blares forth Iraqi music; and, strangely enough, in some I have seen them playing 'House!'"

E. A. Drew (1929-1933) is a Sub Lieutenant (E) in the Royal Navy. He had obtained his Engine Room Watchkeeping "ticket," becoming R.N. in place of R.N.V.R. He has a son, born last July. He was serving on H.M.S. Cornwall and was saved when his ship was sunk in the Bay of Bengal.

C. D. Barrow (1928-1936) called at School. He is now an "Assistant 2," somewhere in England, on Meteorology.

C. J. Johnson (1935-1940) also visited the School as a Leading Aircraftman, R.A.F. He had just finished his I.T.W. training and was awaiting E.F.T.S.

N. S. Davies (1932-1936) is seeing the world in the R.A.C. (Hussars). In February he was a wireless operator on a small tank or armoured car in the Libyan Desert. He left England at the beginning of 1941. Since Libya, where he was once in Benghazi, he has seen service in Greece, Egypt and Burma. His brother, "D.L.," is training as a Pilot (R.A.F.) in Canada.

P. F. Copping (1933-1939) played fourth board for Oxford University in the chess match against Cambridge University, Oxford winning by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  games to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Copping won his game. [Congratulations.—Ed.]

Double congratulations to W. A. Smallman (1927-1934)—on his marriage, and on promotion to be Brigade Major of Commandos.

#### MAY.

E. A. Thurston (1929-1934) has reported as a Government Trainee, taking a course of draughtsmanship. "This is not exactly as I should have wished, but nevertheless I feel slightly more satisfied that I am pulling my weight a little."

N. L. G. Tubb (1926-1932) has been given another "pip." He has forsaken searchlights and after training has become a "gunner" in the true sense of the word. He was with Jack Sims for some two months at the beginning of the war. He heard that Teddy Drew had a rough time when his ship, H.M.S. "Cornwall," was sunk, but that he is safe and well.

J. Berg (1924-1929) called at School. He is a Staff Sergeant-Major in the R.A.S.C., having just completed ten years' service, and beginning another fifteen! In January of this year he was decorated for meritorious service as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.). [Congratulations.—Ed.]

R. C. Lusty (1923-1930) has left "The Yard" and is now in the Royal Engineers. He has gone in as a "Military Foreman of Works," and as soon as his military training is finished will rank as a Staff Sergeant.

P. J. Woods (1928-1933) is now a Corporal in a Mortar Platoon of "The Queens," somewhere in England.

D. W. C. Jepp (1929-1936) left the Police and England some time ago to train as a Pilot (R.A.F.) in Canada. He has visited some interesting places, with experience of 60° of frost, so he maintains! "The way I flew was not liked, so I am now on an Observer's Course . . . It was disappointing, especially as I was not far off 'Wings Exam.' Nevertheless, I am enjoying myself. I have not met any other Old Farnhamians, but there is one Farnham lad on this course."

G. A. Bacon (1926-1937) is now a Sergeant (Wireless Operator-Air Gunner) in R.A.F., undergoing his operational training. He discovered G. H. Lawrence (1933-1938), a Sergeant (Observer), also completing his operational training.

D. Bentall (1926-1931), as an Aircraftman 1, sends news from Iraq, where he must be near D. F. Wagstaff. He has established communication with his brother ("Young Bunny"), an L.A.C. in Rhodesia. He had a safe and fairly uneventful voyage last year, broken by very welcome and interesting shore leaves.

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