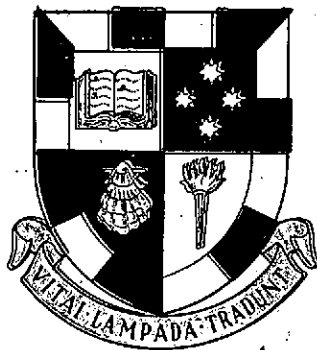


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EDITORIAL.

UNIVERSITY SELECTION.

A great deal of public commotion has been caused lately by the operation of certain National Security Regulations which limit enrolment at the University. There was actually no reason why anyone should have been taken by surprise. The Regulations were forecast in November, and early this year the appointment of the Universities Commission was announced and its responsibilities were outlined. It was made clear months ago that only a limited number would be admitted to the reserved faculties, and it was surely obvious that the method of selection for this year would have to be hastily devised. In fact, the choice was left by the Commission to each University, and Sydney University decided to use the order of merit of the Leaving Certificate Examination. It is hard to see how any other method could have been employed, in view of the short time available. The Commission has promised that it will investigate before next year the possibility of using for selection other evidence in addition to examination marks.

Let it be said first that the purpose behind these regulations is one about which there can be no question. It may seem hard that young men should be denied the chance of proceeding to the careers of their choice, but the War makes this inevitable. At this juncture, there can be no argument in favour of permitting men to attend the University in excess of the estimated future need of the country for trained professional services. It is high time for everyone to recognise that his services must be at the disposal of the country, irrespective of personal choice, in the sphere in which he can be of most use to the country : and high time also for the Government to develop methods of directing all manpower into work which will reduce the wastage of talents. It is wasteful if a student of mediocre ability is allowed to commence a technical course in which he is unlikely to qualify ; and it is just as wasteful if a student of marked ability is allowed to drift into the lower ranks of the fighting services and to do work which could equally well be done by any person of ordinary attainment. The only reasonable criticism is that such regulations might have been passed long ago, so that the rush in giving effect to them might have been avoided.

The regulations are unlikely to be varied, and are likely to operate at least for the duration of the war. Probably they will outlast it in some form. The Universities are limited in accommodation, and are unlikely to be enlarged for several years to come, while the demand for entry shows every sign of increasing rapidly; some method of selection will, therefore, have to continue until buildings and staffs are enlarged. Also the Universities are now about to enter upon a golden era, in which their classes will no longer be burdened with inferior students: it seems extremely unlikely that they will willingly revert to the former policy of admitting everyone who fulfils the absolute minimum qualification. These fairly obvious considerations ought to be of great interest to those who are now schoolboys, and who may be looking forward heedlessly towards University work.

The method of selection has been very severely criticised. It has been said already that Leaving Certificate marks were used because there was no time to seek other evidence. It is quite true that the evidence of one examination is not enough: that it is unreliable in itself, and subject to chance, and that it takes no account of the many qualities such as character, sense of duty, temperament, manual dexterity, and so on, which go to make a first-class doctor or engineer. Yet the task of the Commission, of introducing a more satisfactory method, is by no means easy. Various suggestions have been made, for the most part (as is usual in these days) by persons who know little of their subject. The principal suggestions are that examination marks should be supplemented, or even replaced, by (a) aptitude tests, (b) school records, (c) personal interview of each candidate, (d) extra consideration for subjects considered to be more suitable for the future study proposed. Whatever virtue each of these methods may have in theory, each has its practical disadvantages, and of these the Commission is no doubt fully aware.

Aptitude tests can provide often valuable additional information about a student, but they do not profess to give an index of attainment, nor is it claimed for them that they are free from glaring anomalies in individual cases. School records should be extremely valuable, and would be, provided there had been a long period of preparation, during which schools had been educated to use the same methods and the same phraseology and the same standards. There has not been this period of preparation. For years past schools have been required to send in advance estimates of their pupils' performances in Public Examinations. It is well known that, whereas some of these estimates are more reliable

than the examination itself, others are so unreliable as to be open to the suspicion at least, in the most charitable view, of wishful thinking. What value could be placed, in these conditions, upon estimates of qualities which cannot be numerically evaluated, such as character? Personal interview is scarcely within the realm of practical possibility. It would take weeks for any committee to do it. The last suggestion means presumably that extra emphasis should be placed upon mathematics for the engineer, upon physics and chemistry for the doctor, and so on. This could have most dangerous consequences. It must be remembered that, for most boys, the period of secondary school education is the last chance of breadth in study. We do not want doctors and engineers whose study-interest has been concentrated upon one kind of learning from the age of fifteen: and we should run a grave risk of getting them if we were to increase the inducement, already fairly high, towards particular subjects of alleged vocational value.

It is probable that, under present conditions, the best method will be to rely primarily upon the results of an impartial public examination, such as the L.C., but to supplement these results with a school report of a special kind. The report should be strictly confidential, and should be regulated in such a form that it would deal with definite qualities, which need not now be enumerated. When there are several candidates for the one faculty from the one school, they could be placed in order of suitability by the school and reasons given confidentially for the order. The decision of any selection committee should be final.

In any case, boys would be well advised to realise early in their school careers that their futures may depend upon strenuous competition, in which, whether we like it or not, examination success is bound to count extremely heavily. There is another point. Whatever may be their personal inclinations, it would now appear to be the binding duty of boys who have suitable ability to seek enrolment at the University rather than to rush too hastily into the services. Both common sense and Government opinion support this view.

REGISTER APPENDIX.

We regret having been unable to publish the Register Appendix, as the paper shortage is becoming more and more acute.



SCHOOL NOTES

Staff.—This year Mr. Nicholas Back, B.A. (Cambridge), has joined the staff. He was for several years Mathematical Master at Knox. He takes the place of Mr. Mathieson. After the latter's departure on active service in March, 1942, we carried on one short for the rest of the year.

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Masters on Service.—Unfortunately there has been no news of Mr. W. V. Butler since the fall of Singapore. We can only hope that it will not be long before we have good news of him. Major J. G. Hendry, M.C., was on leave recently; for some time he has been administering command of an infantry battalion in a northern station. Pilot-Officer G. H. Broinowski has been for some time engaged in Air Force work of a confidential nature far north of Sydney. Lieut. A. R. Rupp was sent recently to New Guinea, and has had a serious illness; the latest report is good, but we are anxiously hoping for news of his complete recovery. Capt. Keith Stewart has been serving in Western Australia, and was recently in Sydney for a school of instruction. Pilot-Officer C. J. Mathieson has been engaged in radio-location work in various stations.

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Prefects.—At the beginning of the year, J. J. Coghlan was appointed Senior Prefect and F. M. Macdiarmid Second Prefect, and D. T. Lyall was made a Prefect. These were the only Prefects left from 1942. The following fresh appointments of Sub-Prefects have been made:—On 12th February: J. M. B. Cooke, A. D. Eedy, R. A. Hammond, K. J. Judd, P. M. Michelmore. On 19th March: K. J. Baker, D. B. Cormack, R. F. Elvy, P. T. Frost, A. G. Robson, R. L. Selman.

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War Fund.—The fund is steadily moving up towards the £2500 mark. For this term it stands well above £100, and will be increased. As there are so many demands for money, the fund has not lately been pushed

very hard, but it continues to grow. Last year we gave £650 to the Legacy War Orphans' Fund; this year we hope to bring the total gift to this fund up to £1000, unless other wishes are expressed by the boys.

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Sports Togs.—Over the last few months, an appeal has been made to Old Boys and others for such things as football jerseys and socks and boots, running shoes, singlets and short, rowing shorts, etc. The objects are twofold: to save unnecessary expense and use of material, and to build up a stock to tide us over the war period as far as possible. The response has been very fair, and thanks are now expressed to those who have responded. We could, however, make use of far more, and will be grateful for them. All articles are loaned to boys for a deposit and a very small rental to cover laundry, etc.

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The Hon. Sir Henry Braddon, K.B.E., M.L.C.—On April 27, the Headmaster sent to Sir Henry a telegram offering him the School's congratulations on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Sir Henry has for many years been in friendly association with the School. His two sons and his grandson (now unfortunately a prisoner of war) attended Shore. He has on two recent occasions presented the prizes on Speech Day, and has spoken to us most happily and impressively. His long and distinguished services as a citizen are well known. The School wishes him many happy returns.

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University Scholarships.—The School's most hearty congratulations are due to the boys who did so well in the last Leaving Certificate Examination, and particularly to I. G. Ross, I. F. Micholson and T. W. Horne, who, as reported elsewhere in this issue, won University Scholarships. These awards are marks of rare distinction. The performance of Ross, in coming top among all candidates in general proficiency, at the age of sixteen, is, of course, remarkable. We look forward in the hope that these boys and others will win further academic distinction.

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Captains.—Captains of the major sports for this year are: Cricket, F. M. MacDiarmid; Athletics, J. J. Coghlan; Football, P. M. Michelmores; Rowing, K. J. Judd.

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Memorial Prize.—A gift has been received from Mrs. A. E. Wood for the foundation of the "Monteith Cowper Wood Memorial Prize," to be awarded annually for VI. Form Physics. Monty Wood is one of the

gallant band who, have given their lives for their country. He was at the School from 1932-1936. He was a member of the Rifle Team and of the Second Crew, and a leading N.C.O. In his last year he was a Prefect and House Captain of School House. He fell in action as a Lieutenant in the 13th Battalion at Tobruk on 17th August, 1941.

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Scholarship Awards for 1943.—Following is the complete list of awards :

A. B. S. WHITE SCHOLARSHIP—J. J. Coghlan.

O.B.U. BURSARIES—J. T. Rodd.

GRAINGER EXHIBITIONS—A. W. T. Edwards, K. F. Tugwell, W. P. Nelson, W. D. Jones.

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS—(i.) Open Entrance : G. H. de Lissa.

(ii.) Under 14 Scholarships : J. H. Skidmore, J.

D. Harley, K. G. Edwards.

CHRISTINA CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP—P. J. Benjamin.

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Numbers in School.—The number on the School Roll for this term is 734, made up as follows :—

School House	80
Hodges House	34
Robson House	35
Barry House	29
Junior House	32
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Boarders	210
Day Boys	524
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Total	734
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This is the greatest number that we have ever had, and is, indeed, in excess of the total for which we usually plan. The excess is due to the fact that many more boys returned to School than we anticipated.

RECORDED MUSIC.

Much to the disappointment of many enthusiasts, there have been no recorded music recitals this term.

A gramophone and pick-up are available, but no wireless through which to play the many records which are also available.

EXAMINATION DISTINCTIONS.

The results of the Leaving Certificate Examination of 1942 were unusually good. They are given in detail in this issue, but their significance may be missed unless attention is drawn to matters which are worthy of special notice. The following boys showed high merit :—

I. G. ROSS secured first place in the State in General Proficiency, with the University Prizes and Scholarship which go with this distinction. He obtained the maximum number of A's and Honours, with 4th place in Chemistry and 11th (equal) in Physics.

T. W. HORNE also obtained the maximum pass, and could not have been far behind ROSS. He won 1st place in Chemistry, with the Scholarship, and 20th place in Mathematics.

D. C. WALLACE fell short of the maximum in one respect only (B in English).

I. F. MICHOLSON obtained firsts in French (3rd place) and German, and shared the Scholarship for French.

J. Y. HARRISON, I. J. HUNTER, J. M. LINTON and D. A. MAGILL all obtained very good honours, and each fell short of the maximum pass in two respects only.

C. A. PORTER and D. RITCHIE were also distinguished.

The School takes special pride in the performance of Ian Ross. In the last twenty years we have topped the State in the Leaving Certificate Examination on no fewer than six occasions, the former winners of this distinction being T. A. G. Holmes, L. F. Fitzhardinge, T. J. Dunbabin, R. E. Makinson and P. R. M. Jenkins, each of whom has gone forward to further honours.

Twenty-three first class honours were obtained, these being spread over the full range of subjects taken in the School. It is important to obtain high-class results in a wide range of subjects, because this indicates both keen interest and also sound teaching throughout the curriculum. The proportion of first class honours to passes was greater than in the case of any other school in the State. The winning of three University Scholarships at the one examination is perhaps not unique, but is at least very rare. It is impossible to arrive at an estimate of the average merit of the 67 boys who passed. The average standard, however, appears to be sound in comparison with other years and with other schools.

Such good things cannot be said of the Intermediate passes, which were not as good as in 1941.

Leaving Certificate Examination, 1942.

Key to Subjects: 1, English; 2, Latin; 3 French; 4, German; 5, Mathematics I.; 6, Mathematics II.; 7, Mechanics; 8, Modern History; 9, Ancient History; 10, Physics; 11, Chemistry; 15, Art; 16L, Lower Standard Mathematics; 16Q, Qualifying Mathematics (for matriculation purposes only); 17, Economics; 18, Music; 21, Greek; 23, Technical Drawing.

(Names in alphabetical order.)

Barsby, J. H. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 10L.
 Biddulph, R. J. : 1A 3B 5B 6B 8A.
 Brodie, A. S. : 1A 3H2(o) 5A 6A 7B.
 Burges, N. G. A. : 1B 3B 8B 16Q 17B.
 Campbell, D. C. : 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 11B.
 Charley, P. N. : 1H2 2A 3H1(o) 5B 6B 11B.
 Clinch, G. E. : 1B 5B 6B 11B.
 Coghlan, J. J. : 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 11A.
 Cooper, E. P. : 5A 6A(x2) 10B 11A.
 Court, R. J. : 1B 3B 5B 6B 7B 10H2.
 Cranna, A. D. : 1B 3B 5B 10L.
 Doyle, K. R. : 1B 3B 5B 6B 8A.
 East, W. C. P. : 1B 3B 5B 6B 7B 10B.
 Emery, N. A. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 8B.
 Frost, P. T. : 1B 3B 5B 6B 10B 11L.
 Geeves, R. B. : 1B 3B 5B 10L 11B.
 Greenwell, J. : 1B 2B 3A 5B 6B 11A.
 Hammond, R. A. : 1B 5B 6B 10H2 11B.
 Hardwick, M. R. : 1B 2B 3B 5B 6A 11B.
 Harris, W. R. : 5B 6B 7B 10B.
 Harrison, J. Y. : 1B 3B 5A 6A(x1) 10H1.
 Hilbery, M. M. : 1A 2B 3B 5A 6B 10B.
 Horne, T. W. : 1A 2A 5A 6A(x1) 11H1.
 Hume, F. W. : 1B 5B 6B 10B.
 Hunter, I. J. : 1B 2A 3H1(o) 4A(o) 5A 11H2.
 Jones, R. D. : 1B 3B 5A 6A 7B 11L.
 Lind, P. F. : 1B 3B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Linton, J. M. : 1A 2H1 3A(o) 5A 6A(x2).
 Lyaill, T. D. : 3L 5B 6B 10L 11B.
 Mackenzie, D. C. : 1A 2B 3B 5B 11B.
 McMinn, J. B. : 1B 2B 3B 5B 21B.
 Macneil, A. H. S. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 7B 10B.
 Macpherson, E. B. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 11A.
 Maddocks, S. J. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 7B 10L.
 Magill, D. A. : 1B 3B 5A 6A(x1) 10H1.
 Mallinson, J. A. : 1A 2B 3B 8A 16Q.
 Matthews, A. W. : 1B 3B 5B 6B 11A.
 Melville, G. L. : 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A* 10A.
 Merewether, R. A. : 1B 3B 4B 6B.
 Micholson, I. F. : 1A 2B 3H1(o) 4H1(o) 5B 11B.
 Mills, R. J. C. : 1B 2B 3B 5A 6B 11B.

Mitchell, G. S. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 10B 11A.
 Muston, D. K. : 1B 2B 3H2(o) 5B 6B 11B.
 Nivison, J. F. : 1B 3B 5B 7B 10B.
 Parkes, B. : 5A 6B 7B 11H1.
 Paxton, E. N. : 1B 3B 5B 8A 17A.
 Payne, J. F. : 1B 3B 5B 6B 7B 10B.
 Perry, R. K. S. : 1B 5B 6B 8A 17B.
 Pickersgill, H. : 1B 8B 15B 17B.
 Porter, C. A. : 1H1 2A 3A(o) 5A 8H2.
 Rhodes, D. : 1B 2B 3B 5A 6B.
 Ritchie, D. : 1B 3H1(o) 4A 5B 10A 11A.
 Robertson, S. B. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 7B 10A.
 Rodd, J. T. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 7A 10A.
 Ross, I. G. : 1A 3A(o) 5A 6A 10H1 11H1.
 Smith, A. C. : 1B 5B 6B 10B.
 Smith, B. H. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 7B 10A.
 South, R. R. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 8H2 17B.
 Stanley, E. S. : 1B 2B 3B 5A 6B 11H1.
 Trenerry, E. J. : 1B 3A(o) 5A 6B 10B 11A.
 Trenerry, J. E. M. : 1B 5B 7B 10A.
 Wallace, D. C. : 1B 3A 5A 8A(x1) 10A 11A.
 Walters, P. : 1A 2L 3B 5A 6B 11B.
 Wiesener, B. W. : 1A 2B 3B 5A 6A* 11B.
 Young, E. R. : 1B 3B 5A 6B 11B 17B.
 Young, H. A. : 1B 5B 6B 7B 10B.
 Yuill, B. F. : 1A 3B 5B 8H1 17B.

UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

John West Medal, Grahame Prize and Aitken Scholarship for General Proficiency : Ian G. Ross.

Garton Scholarship for French : I. F. Micholson.

Liversidge Scholarship for Chemistry : T. W. Horne.

UNIVERSITY EXHIBITIONS.

Faculty of Arts : I. F. Micholson.

Faculty of Law : J. M. Linton, C. A. Porter.

Faculty of Medicine : T. W. Horne, D. A. Magill, D. C. Wallace.

Faculty of Science : I. G. Ross.

FIRST CLASS HONOURS—ORDER OF MERIT.

English : C. A. Porter (22).

Mathematics : D. A. Magill (6), T. W. Horne (20), D. C. Wallace (22), J. Y. Harrison (50).

Latin : J. M. Linton (5).

French : I. F. Micholson (3), I. J. Hunter (16), P. N. Charley (29), D. Ritchie (29).

German : I. F. Micholson (16).

History : B. F. Yuill (11).

Physics : I. G. Ross (11), J. Y. Harrison (17), D. A. Magill (19).

Chemistry : T. W. Horne (1), I. G. Ross (4), E. S. Stanley (7), B. Parkes (27).

Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1942.

Key to Subjects : 1, English; 2, History; 3, Geography; 4, Mathematics I.; 5, Mathematics II.; 7, Latin; 8, French; 9, Physics; 10, Chemistry; 11, Elementary Science (Physics and Chemistry); 13, Geology; 15, Business Principles; 16, Shorthand; 20, Art; 21, Music; 23, German.

(Names in alphabetical order.)

Adams, P. D. : 1B 4B 5B 7B 8B 10B.
 Alvarez, G. B. : 1B 2B 4A 5B 8B 9B.
 Amos, R. S. : 1B 4A 5A 7A 8B 9A 10A 23B.
 Anderson, H. C. : 1B 4A 5A 7A 8A 9A 10A 23B.
 Austin, G. A. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 9A 10B 17B.
 Bagot, E. M. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9B 10B.
 Ballhausen, W. : 2B 3B 4B 5B 15B.
 Barnes, P. J. : 1B 2B 3A 4B 5B 8B 10B.
 Barsby, D. R. : 1B 2B 3B 4A 5A 8B 15B.
 Barry, H. W. : 1B 2B 4A 5B 7B 8B 10B.
 Best, J. P. : 1A 2A 4A 5A 7A 8A 9A 10A.
 Black, C. : 1B 4B 5B 8B.
 Blomfield, W. J. : 1B 4A 5A 13B 15A.
 Bootle, J. C. : 3B 4B 5B 15B.
 Boxhall, R. A. : 1B 2B 4B 5B 8B 10B.
 Boyd, W. : 1B 2B 3B 4B.
 Browne, D. C. : 2B 3B 5B 13B 15B.
 Bucknell, A. D. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9A 10B.
 Bullock, G. H. : 1B 4A 5B 7B 8A 10A 21A 23B.
 Burke, Q. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9B 10B.
 Burns, A. J. : 1A 2B 4B 5B 9B 10B.
 Cameron, J. : 1B 2B 4B 5B.
 Chuck, K. : 3B 4B 5B 15B.
 Collett, B. : 1A 4B 5B 10B.
 Cornwell, K. H. : 1B 2B 4B 5B 9B 10B.
 Coward, P. G. : 1B 2B 4A 5B.
 Crossman, C. J. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9A 10A.
 Davey, W. A. : 1A 2B 4A 5B 7B 8B 9A 10B.
 Davidson, P. J. : 1B 2B 4A 5B 7B 8B 9B 10B.
 Davies, J. C. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 8B 9A 10A.
 Davies, K. W. : 1B 4B 5B 10B.
 Dean, W. M. : 1B 4B 5B 11B.
 Duffett, F. A. : 1B 2B 4B 8B 15B.
 Everett, P. F. : 1B 2B 4A 5B 8B 9B 10B.
 Fennell, J. F. : 2B 3B 5B 13B 15B.
 Finch, J. C. : 1B 2B 3B 5B.
 Fitzpatrick, I. W. : 1B 2B 4A 5B 7B 8B 9B 10B.
 Fuller, P. H. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 10B.
 Garland, D. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9A.
 Gatliff, H. C. : 1B 4A 5B 8B 9B 10B.
 Gilbert, M. : 1B 2B 3B 4A 5B 20B.
 Gilbert, V. K. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9A 10A.

Gilder, W. T. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9A 10B.
 Harris, M. V. : 1B 3B 4B 5B 8B 15B.
 Harris, S. G. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9B 10B.
 Herborn, B. B. : 1B 3B 4B 5B 13B 15B.
 Herborn, J. : 2B 3B 4B 5B 13B 15B,
 Hislop, A. J. : 1B 3B 4B 5B 10B.
 Holliday, R. E. : 1B 2B 4A 5B 10B.
 Hordern, R. L. : 3B 5B 10B 13B 15A.
 Hughes, K. M. : 1A 2B 8B 10B.
 Irving, M. : 1B 3B 5B 15B.
 Jackson, A. : 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B.
 Keating, A. C. : 3B 5B 13B 15B.
 Kelly, A. J. : 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B 8B.
 Lamble, G. : 3B 5B 10B 15B.
 Leslie, D. T. : 4B 5B 13B 15B.
 Leslie, M. F. : 1B 2B 4B 5B 10B.
 Litchfield, I. M. : 1B 2B 4B 5A 9B 10A.
 Littlemore, H. R. : 1B 2B 8B 9B 10B.
 Lloyd, C. R. : 1B 2B 4A 5B.
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 McKeown, J. H. : 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B.
 Macneil, P. R. : 1B 2B 4B 11B.
 Macourt, D. J. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9B 10A.
 Macphillamy, N. : 1B 2A 4B 7B 10B.
 Marquis, P. J. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9B.
 Melville, A. E. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 8A(o) 9A 10B 23B.
 Mills, E. L. : 1B 2B 4B 5B 8B 9B 10B.
 Mills, K. A. : 1B 2B 4B 5A 7B 8B.
 Mitchell, R. I. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7A 8B 9A 10A.
 Morris, D. L. : 1B 4B 5B 9B.
 Moses, R. L. : 1B 2B 4A 5B 9B.
 Newton, P. G. : 2B 3B 4B 5B.
 Paine, J. L. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 9B 10B.
 Parker, A. : 1B 2B 4B 5B.
 Paton, A. B. : 1B 2A 4A 5B 7B 8B 9B 10A.
 Playfair, E. J. : 1B 2B 4B 9B 10B.
 Powell, R. : 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9B.
 Pratt, H. : 1B 2B 4A 5B 9B 10B.
 Richards, G. E. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9A 10B.
 Ross, John B. : 1A 2B 4A 5A 7A 8B 9A 10A.
 Royle, C. P. : 1B 2B 4B 9B 10B.
 St. Clair, J. J. : 1B 2B 3B 4B 10B.
 Schlueter, G. A. : 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Schmidt, R. T. : 1B 4A 5A 7A 8A 9B 10B 23B(o).
 Smith, F. D. : 1B 2B 4B 8B 9A 10B.
 Solomon, A. K. : 1B 2B 4B 5B.
 Stephenson, J. H. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 8B 9A 10B.
 Stewart, M. : 1B 2B 4A 5B 7B 8B 9A 10A.

Swan, R. G. : 2B 3B 4B 5B.
 Taplin, F. C. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 8A(o) 9A 10A 23B(o).
 Thompson, J. R. : 1B 2B 3B 5B 20B.
 Thompson, V. G. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 8A(o) 9A 10A.
 Tooth, V. F. : 1B 2B 4B 5B 10B.
 Trenergy, S. P. : 1B 2A 4A 5B 7B 8B 9A 10B.
 Tugwell, K. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 8A 9A 10B.
 Valkenburg, P. J. : 1B 2A 4B 5B 7B 8B.
 Walker, R. B. : 1B 2A 4B 5B 10B.
 Warden, D. B. : 1B 3B 4A 5A 8B 10B.
 Wardrobe, T. F. : 1B 2B 3B 5B 8B 15A.
 Weissflog, K. G. : 1B 4A 5A 7B 8A 9A 10A 23A(o).
 White, B. : 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B.
 Wilson, G. A. : 1B 2B 4A 10B.
 Wilton, J. T. : 1B 2B 4B 5B 9B 10B.
 Wood, B. O. : 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B 9A 10B.

DEBATING CLUB.

The membership this year is almost entirely of newly interested boys, and so far we have carried along regular weekly debates with up to thirty present. Everyone has had an opportunity to speak, and it has been found that debates of a parliamentary (?) character give more entertainment and easier opportunities to new speakers. We have made very definite progress, just enough to show how much more practice we need to be able to present good arguments about anything grave or gay at short notice. It is hoped that we will be able to find an afternoon on which we can wedge in our meetings between football practices and so many other things for next term when competition debates, if any, should take place.

THE OCTET CLUB.

The Club has been very busy, practising, for the most part, in groups, various items from "Merrie England," Act II. About forty-five members are taking part.

The first competition for trebles was won by Group I., composed of the following : N. Lyall, J. Cornwell, I. Cooper, J. Wallace, Whightman, Benjamin and Sawtell. Group III. came second.

Full practices will be held next term during lunch hours, possibly on the Prep. School lawn, as there is no room really large enough.

Chapel Notes



The Open Sunday Service was held at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday, May 9th, 1943. The preacher was the Headmaster.

The Headmaster gave addresses in Chapel on Monday, 15th, and Tuesday, 16th February, 1943, on the subject, "Religion as the Foundation of Education."

During Passion Week and Holy Week a series of anthems appropriate to this sacred season were sung by the Choir.

On Palm Sunday there was a Service of Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m., and at Evensong "The Story of the Cross" was sung by the congregation, with readings of lessons by the Prefects.

Addresses during Passion and Holy Week, and at Sunday services and on other occasions, were given by the Chaplain, and by the Rev. T. H. D. Kitley.

On December 6th, 1942, the Annual Service of Lodge Torchbearer was held in the Chapel. The sermon was preached by the Very Worshipful Brother the Venerable Archdeacon J. Bidwell, B.A. The lessons were read by Wor. Bro. J. T. Humphreys, W.M., and by Wor. Bro. G. M. Marsh. The service was conducted by the School Chaplain, Rev. N. a'B. T. Backhouse. The Choir, supplemented by Old Boys, sang an anthem.

Old Boys who are serving in His Majesty's Forces are always specially remembered at Holy Communion and on other occasions. Special prayers are also offered at the daily assembly at 11 a.m.

CHAPEL DONATIONS, 1943.

H. R. Tonkin, D. C. Beit, C. K. Hambly, B. E. H. Marris, R. G. Withy, W. A. Pringle, M. T. Morell, F. N. B. Bround, J. M. Sevier, J. McKell, A. K. Dietrich, K. S. Brodie, J. Ives, Mervyn Paine, A. L. Yuille, T. B. Wallace, R. L. Brodie, H. D. Sheehan, R. V. Bourke, J. S. Harricks, F. H. Wallman, D. E. Woods, £1/1/- each; F. W. Catts, G. W. A. Ormiston, E. C. Arnott, R. C. Hall, K. V. Hore, £2/2/- each; N. G. L. Langby, 10/6.

HOLY BAPTISM.

November 28, 1942 : Warwick Richmond Lawson Langby.
 December 27, 1942 : David Graham Tonkin.
 January 2, 1943 : David Frederick Catts.
 February 10, 1943 : Beverley Georgina Hall.
 March 13, 1943 : Michael John Sevier.
 March 14, 1943 : Diana Kennedy Hore.

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HOLY MATRIMONY.

November 19, 1942 : Charles William Davis to Jean Sutherland Scott.
 November 21, 1942 : Donald Chisholm Beit to Betty Claire Kinnimont.
 December 1, 1942 : Colin Keith Hambly to Marjorie Rodrom.
 December 5, 1942 : Basil Edward Homer Marris to Muriel Agnes Abbott.
 December 19, 1942 : Richard Geoffrey Withy to Elizabeth Blanche Johnson.
 January 1, 1943 : Michael Throsby Morell to Esmá June Pilley.
 January 2, 1943 : William Alexander Pringle to Jacqueline Loris Anslow.
 January 4, 1943 : Fenton Norman Blakiston Braund to Sheila Muriel Falkiner.
 January 8, 1943 : James McKell to Sheila Hester Matthews.
 January 11, 1943 : Alexander Keith Dietrich to Mollie Elizabeth Macpherson.
 February 2, 1943 : Kenneth Spofforth Brodie to Ruth Mary Moylan.
 February 4, 1943 : John Ives to Elizabeth Edith Smith.
 February 6, 1943 : George William Andrew Ormiston to John Lennox Dalziel.
 February 6, 1943 : Alexander Loddon Yuille to Joan Rogers.
 February 13, 1943 : Mervyn Paine to Dulce Dyne.
 February 13, 1943 : Thomas Bevan Wallace to Peggy Clare Rawson.
 March 13, 1943 : Ronald Lindsay Brodie to Gabrielle Cecilia May Keene.
 March 29, 1943 : Henry Donald Sheehan to Anne Hamline Treweeke.
 April 3, 1943 : Roger Vincent Bourke to Patricia Moffitt Morris.
 April 12, 1943 : Donald Eberle Woods to Helen Kathleen Grant.
 April 16, 1943 : Peter Halcomb Wallman to Joyce Machin.
 April 17, 1943 : John Smyth Harricks to Joan Elizabeth Enemark.

CHESS CLUB.

There has been no chess activity so far this year, but the Club will be reinaugurated at the beginning of next year.

Many boys from both the Upper and Lower Schools are evidently keenly interested, and the Club should see a great deal of activity in the course of the next two terms.

A chess tournament will be conducted, and a School team chosen which may take part in inter-school matches.

Chess is a very fine game which teaches many lessons, and from which a great deal of enjoyment can be derived. All boys are invited to join the Club next term.

MOUNT VICTORIA BRANCH.

Towards the end of last year it became apparent that a relatively small number of boys would wish to continue at Mount Victoria during 1943. Accordingly the Council decided, with some reluctance, that it would be impossible to carry the Branch School on with due economy, and it was closed at the end of the year. At the time the danger of invasion did not seem to be grave : whether it has been entirely removed remains to be seen. The building it still in the possession of the School, with a caretaker in residence. Of course, it represents a grave financial loss to the School. However, against this there must be set a very real pride in the fact that we did not hesitate, at a time of serious apparent emergency, to take decisive steps to provide for the safety of younger boys. Even if we have no occasion to use the building in the future, this fact must stand to our credit.

In retrospect, there is a great deal to be said for the Branch School. It was at all times quite full. The boys had a happy time, and their health was remarkably good. Many of them developed amazingly in the mountain climate. The school work was exceedingly well done : in this respect there was no loss whatever, except in a certain amount of practical science. They did miss regular games, for which the facilities were primitive. On the other hand they gained in bush knowledge and in adaptability and resourcefulness. They learnt to combine instruction with keen entertainment by musical and dramatic performances, in which they reached a high standard. It is probably true of all of them to say that, while they are glad to be back in the swing of normal school life, they do not in the least regret the year spent in their mountain retreat.

It would be sheer ingratitude to omit to say that the success of the venture was due to Mr. Keith Anderson and his staff and the Bursar. Mr. Keith Anderson was called upon to adapt and improvise accommodation at short notice, and to organise the complete economy and the teaching routine of a school of no small size. Few people know the difficulties which he had to encounter, and which he overcame in spite of difficulties of supply, service and equipment. Fortunately, in Mr. Gilfillan he had the very man to make the best use of the surrounding country for pleasure and exercise, and in Mr. Terry the very man for the planning of indoor activities : while Mr. Prince's long experience made him invaluable in the general organisation. The Bursar also was indefatigable in the many

tasks of management and finance. We owe to this team far more than can readily be estimated.

The personnel of the Branch have now all been absorbed again into the normal organisation of the School at North Sydney.

PRIZE LIST, 1942.

	DIVINITY.	FORM.	DIVISION.
FORM VI.A.	(Linton, J. M.)	(Micholson, I. F.)	{Magill, D. A. aeq.}Horne, T. W.
VI.B.	Brodie, A. S.	Yuill, B. F.	Ross, I. G.
VI.C.	Friend, T. O.	Court, R. J.	South, R. R.
FORM V.A.	Gall, J. F.	(Ritchie, W.)	Goswell, R. G.
V.B.	McCaskill, T. J.	Goldby, D. P.	Warby, K. C.
V.C.	Muston, J. A.	Moses, T. J.	Judd, K. J.
FORM U.IV.A.	Best, J. P.	(Amos, R. S. P.)	Best, J. P.
U.IV.B.	Valkenburg, P. J.	Bullock, G. H.	Trenergy, S. P.
U.IV.C.	Littlemore, H. R.	Littlemore, H. R.	Alvarez, G. B.
U.IV.R.			Warden, D. B.
U.IV.M.	McCutcheon, J. E. J.	Blomfield, W. J.	Blomfield, W. J.
FORM L.IV.A.	Foster, M. L.	(Foster, M. L.)	Foster, M. L.
L.IV.B.	Todd, R. G.	Woollett, R. W.	Woollett, R. W.
L.IV.C.	Uther, W. B.	Uther, W. B.	Kirby, K. J.
L.IV.M.	Shaw, W. G.	Evans, H. W.	Evans, H. W.
L.IV.	Jamieson, H. H.	Valder, P. G.	Valder, P. G.
(Mt. Vic.)			
FORM III.A.	Flecknoe, W. J.	(Edwards, K. G.)	Edwards, K. G.
III.B.	Shand, J. W.	Stanley, H. M.	Shand, J. W.
III.M.	Bysantson, G. K. J.	Elock, J. B.	Block, J. B.
III.	Blackwell, J. B.	Richardson, W. R. F.	Richardson, W. R. F.
(Mt. Vic.)			
FORM II.	Cameron, I. C.	Loder, J. W.	Cameron, I. C.
II.	Cooper, I. A.	Boydell, I. C.	Playfair, W. N.
(Mt. Vic.)			
REMOVE A.	Willis, D.	Willis, D.	Willis, D.
REMOVE B.	Blackburn, B. E.	Harrison, J. W.	Cathels, D. C.
REMOVE	Fitzhardinge, G. B.	Pringle, M. J.	Pringle, M. J.
(Mt. Vic.)			
FORM I.		Kirby, M. J.	Jamieson, H. T. U.
I.		Blackmore, C. G.	
(Mt. Vic.)			

GENERAL MERIT—Vogan, A. G. de B.; Rigg, C. A.; Martin, R. W.; Armstrong, D. A. T.; (Weissflog, K. G. A.); Davey, W. A.; Forsyth, A. A.; Bruce, C. J.; Neely, D. G.; Raupach, D.; Hirst, J. D.; Crane, D. H.; Keeling, R. L.; Williams, J. R.; Harry, D. L.; Bysantson, G. K. J.; Chippendall, J. K.; Benjamin, P. J.

(a) **Form VI.—**

Brian Pockley Memorial Prize	Emery, N. A.
Burke Prize and United Services Prize	Horne, T. W.
(For General Proficiency.)	
War Memorial Prize (2nd in General Proficiency)	Ross, I. G.
Percival Sharp Memorial Prize (With Form)	Micholson, I. F.
Harold Dean and R. S. Reid Prizes (Maths.)	{ Magill, D. A.
	aeq. { Horne, T. W.
A. H. Wade Prize (Modern)	Wallace, D. C.
Charlton Prize (Divinity)	Linton, J. M.
J. S. Wilson Prize (English)	Porter, C. A.
Russell Sinclair Memorial Prize (General Merit)	Harrison, J. Y.
David Cowlshaw Prize (Latin)	Linton, J. M.
Herbert Kendall Prize (French)	Micholson, I. F.
Ian Menzies Memorial Prize (History)	{ Yuill, B. F.
	aeq. { Porter, C. A.
Greek Prize (Mrs. Dixon Hudson)	McMinn, J. B.
German Prize	Micholson, I. F.
Physics Prize	Ross, I. G.
Chemistry Prize	Horne, T. W.

(b) **General—**

Alan Ludowici Memorial Form Prizes :

V.A.	Ritchie, W.
U.IV.A.	Amos, R. S. P.
L.IV.A.	Foster, M. L.
III.A.	Edwards, K. G.
Roy Milton French Prize	McCutcheon, J. E. J.
Hunter Stephenson Mathematics Prize	Ritchie, W.
Hunter Stephenson French Prize	Foster, M. L.
Uther Prize (Church Catechism)	McCredie, R. M.
David Davies Memorial Choir Prize	Barnes, J. F.
"Torch-Bearer" Prize	Ross, I. G.
Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize	Weissflog, K. G. A.
(General Merit, U.IV.A.)	
Physics and Chemistry—Upper Fourth Forms	Amos, R. S. P.
Lower Fourth Forms	Skidmore, J. A.
General Knowledge (Dr. H. L. St. V. Welch)	aeq. { Ross, I. G.
	{ Clarke, G. S.
	{ Rothwell, B. L.
"Lodge Torchbearer"	Merewether, R. A.
Debating Prizes (the Headmaster)	aeq. { Porter, C. A.
	{ Hunter, I. J.
	{ Ritchie, W.

Choir Prizes		{Lyll, N. D.
		aeq.} Willis, D.
"Play Day" Award—Open Division		Robson House
Play written by Shore Boy		Form V.A.
Writing Prizes (the Headmaster)	aeq. {	Judd, K. J.
		Goldrick, R. B.
		Allsop, J. C.
Physical Efficiency—Over 14		Proctor, P. N.
Under 14		Jacques, K. W.
Music Prizes—Practical (Senior)		Bullock, G. H.
(Junior)		Lynch, R.
Theory		Bullock, G. H.
Drawing—Freehand		Davis, G. D.
Mechanical		Hume, F. W.

The School gratefully acknowledges the gift of the special prizes mentioned above.



Some fine poster work has been done by G. Davis, C. Black, Nicolson and Cameron, to advertise various activities.

Members are urged to do much more work, which, if of a good standard, will be exhibited in the frames under the Arch.

B. S. Robertson must be congratulated on his fine seascape in oils, and also Von Willer on some excellent pen and wash drawings of ships, which will be exhibited later on.

LIBRARY.

There have been several new books and magazines added to the Library this term. Mr. Hunter-Stevenson has kindly donated several different copies of *Hutchinson's Pictorial History of the War*. We have also received quite a large number of copies of the *London Weekly Times*.

Good books are extremely hard to get nowadays, and it is therefore essential that boys take the greatest care with all books and magazines.

JOHN CITIZEN'S PRAYER.

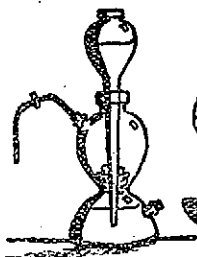
May God preserve our gracious King,
 His wife and lovely daughters,
 His Army and his Air Force and
 His Fleet upon the waters.
 A blessing on his Ministers
 Charged with the cares of State;
 Who plan the war and feed the guns
 And fill the people's plate.
 And blessings on the people, too,
 Who swink and sweat and pay,
 Though some at times go out on strike,
 Led knavishly astray.
 For well Thou knowest the people, Lord,
 Those sheep who blindly bleat
 The silly things we glean in trains,
 Or from our daily sheet.
 A mutton-headed people, we,
 With here and there a hog,
 And lots of frothy, noisy fools,
 Moronic bandar-log.
 Our crass misunderstanding, hate,
 Prejudice, greed untamed—
 Lord, show us clear these ugly things,
 And make us feel ashamed.
 So make us worthy, Lord, of those
 Who really do the task,
 That—clear and clean, stedfast and one—
 Victory we may ask. Amen.

DUSK.

(By R. P.)

Here as I stand upon this cliff, I see
 The broad sun sink—and disappear behind
 The farthest hill. Gazing about, I find
 Above, beneath, to left and right, a free
 Expanse of heaven—glitt'ring, sparkling sea.
 Still roar the breakers on the rocks below;
 The skies above, now still and silent, glow

In splendour, then in dark tranquillity,
Grow purple-black. With distant misty gleam,
The waxing moon now falters faintly, till,
The glimmering twilight shade softly descends
To shroud the earth in peace. The breakers seem
To quieten as the strong nor'-easter sends
Its last enfeebled breath—now all is still.



SCIENCE CORNER.

CORROSION OF METALS.

Few people realise the destruction of material that is going on around us all the time due to corrosion. The value of this loss is enormous; in 1920 it was estimated that £700,000,000 was spent in replacing rusted steel alone. There are several obvious ways of preventing this corrosion; one is to cover the surface, another is to use a substance which will not corrode under the circumstances of its use.

A common method of protecting steel is to paint it, but this is costly, and the protection is only temporary; instead we may use galvanised iron, but although this lasts many years it is to a certain extent only temporary. At one time ships' hulls were protected by fastening lumps of zinc on the hulls, and because of the nature of corrosion this dissolved before the steel was attacked and could then be replaced. In these days of cheap electric power there are in common use many sorts of plates—zinc, cadmium, nickel; and these are all very effective, as well as looking attractive.

Many steel articles have a matt blue-grey lustre. This is a form of treatment known as "Coslettizing"; here the steel is boiled in phosphoric acid for some ten minutes. Similar treatments are common, the only difference being the reagent used; frequently it is fuming nitric acid or a mixture based on nitric acid.

Magnesium alloys are protected by boiling in a solution of potassium dichromate and alum made acid with sulphuric acid. An electrolytic

method produces on aluminium a thick coating of oxide which, besides producing an effective protection, renders the presence of minute cracks very obvious. This is known as anodising. Unfortunately pure metals which are resistant to corrosion are mechanically weak. This is overcome by covering the stronger alloys with a sheath of pure metals. The commonest case is "Aldad," a material made by hot rolling sheets of 99.95% aluminium on sheets of the stronger duralimin.

We have considered ways of reducing corrosion to a minimum, but it is remarkable to think that we can prevent it at all when we remember that all common metals are found in nature in that stable form to which they tend to revert by corrosion when exposed to the elements of nature.

A. G. V.

MATCHES.

These days, when matches are scarce, one begins to realise how much we depend on them, and what an invaluable commodity they are. Have you ever wondered how the modern match was evolved, or how it is made?

Matches were first sold in England in 1830, and were ignited by friction on a rough surface. The head consisted mainly of potassium chlorate, and they were similar to the present-day safety match, but incomparable in efficiency. The phosphorus "strike anywhere" match was not in common use until early in the twentieth century, and was very dangerous in the manufacturing, due to poisoning by the yellow phosphorus used, and their tendency to ignite, causing fires. It is against the law to make these matches now.

The "strike anywhere" match of to-day has a head consisting of phosphorus sesquisulphide and potassium chlorate, ground glass and glue. The heat of friction easily ignites this mixture.

The modern safety match is a very complicated affair, the head being a mixture of potassium chlorate, ferric oxide, manganese dioxide, potassium dichromate, and/or other oxidising agents, together with gum, glue, ground glass and a little sulphur. The side of the box is coated with a mixture of red phosphorus (non-poisonous form), antimony sulphide and gum. When struck, the heat of friction sets light to the phosphorus actually in contact with the oxidising mixture, and this in turn lights the sulphur, which lights the wood.

The match splint is soaked in a chemical, usually borax, before heating, to prevent it glowing after being blown out. The wood used in the splint was poplar or a special pine, but substitute woods grown in Australia are now being tried, with success.

Each time you strike a match you are contributing to the total of five thousand million said to be used daily !

D. P. G.

ELECTROLYTIC PREPARATION OF SODIUM AND SODIUM HYDROXIDE.

When electric current flows through water, the water is decomposed into oxygen and hydrogen, as you probably have seen happen in a Hoffman's Voltmeter. Salt solution is decomposed by electric current into chlorine and sodium, which is decomposed by the water into sodium hydroxide and hydrogen.

In industry, electrolytic cells are so devised to prevent the chlorine mixing with the caustic soda, the cathode and anode being separated by porous diaphragms. Salt from sea water (or salt mines) in solution gives chlorine at the anode and caustic soda solution at the cathode. Where electric power is cheap, paper mills, etc., have hundreds of these cells to produce chlorine to bleach their paper, etc.

Mercury cathodes (—) are often used, in which the sodium dissolves without being attacked by the water. This sodium amalgam is pumped out of the cell and the mercury may be distilled off to leave metallic sodium, or the amalgam may be shaken off with water to give concentrated caustic soda solution. This is evaporated down and gives 99% pure sodium hydroxide, with slight loss of mercury. The only drawback is the cost of obtaining 70 tons of mercury to start a big plant, and the periodic cleaning of it.

Metallic sodium is obtained cheaply by electrolysis of fused sodium hydroxide, chloride or nitrate. The cells are usually divided into separate anode and cathode compartments to stop the products of electrolysis mixing, and to stop the sodium liberated from being oxidised by the air.

The electrolysis of fused caustic soda is rather old fashioned, and, although it melts at a low temperature, the caustic soda is rather expensive (compared with the price of salt), the by-product hydrogen is useless, there are a lot of explosions, and the sodium tends to dissolve in the molten caustic soda.

As salt melts at a higher temperature, the sodium chloride cell works at 600°-650°, but its cheapness, the valuable chlorine by-product, and the fact that the metallic sodium does not redissolve, make it the best type used.

Sodium nitrate cells are not in common use, but it is interesting to note that nitric acid is formed as a by-product by dissolving the anode gas (nitrogen dioxide and oxygen) in water.

Most of the cells above are run from 4-volt direct current generators run by A.C. electric motors driven from the mains. Current is cheapest in Tasmania, Niagara Falls, etc., and this is where most of the manufacturing cells are situated.

K. B.

SHORE SCOUT TROOP.

The Troop is as active as ever. Since Scoutmaster R. A. Gilfillan's return from Mount Victoria there have been several outings at Ball's Head, and successful attempts have been made to scale precipitous cliffs with the help of rope.

The Camp at Bay View at the beginning of the Christmas holidays provided opportunity for surfing, boating, hiking and cycling. The property of Mrs. Clunies Ross overlooking Pittwater and Broken Bay was an ideal site for a camp. Shore Scouts who were in camp wish to thank Mrs. Clunies Ross for her kindness in making the property available.



WAR FUNDS.

The collections this term have been very satisfactory. All forms are contributing regularly, and the amounts received from the individual forms are very even. The total amount collected this term was in the vicinity of £130.

SALVAGE.

This term the Salvage Committee has worked hard to bring about a better response to the call for newspapers. Arrangements were made with representatives in each form whereby it has been possible to publish each week in *The Record* a weekly salvage return showing each form's effort as a fraction, the numerator of which indicates the actual number of papers brought in and the denominator the minimum number expected on the basis of four papers per day-boy per week and one paper per boarder per week.

The Committee would like to point out that the newspaper brought by boys to the School is sold, not as waste paper to be re-pulped, but as wrapping paper, and as such is worth much more to the community and much more to the School War Fund. Waste paper in all its forms is also collected every day from the School kitchen and from the class-rooms. No paper is wasted.

A metal drive held during the term brought in some valuable aluminium. Altogether over £20 will have been made this term, bringing the total amount made by salvage so far to close on £280.

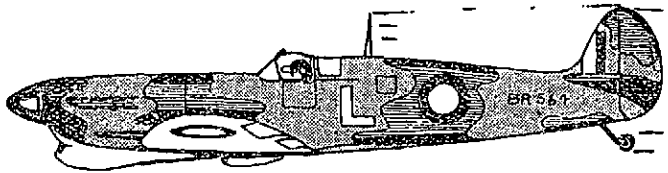
CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

Camouflage nets are still being made, but the output is well below that of the record-breaking first term of 1942. To some extent the falling off has been caused by shortages of rope and twine, but the main reason is that net making has not "caught on" this year in many sections of the School. The Houses are still the principal manufacturing centres, School House in particular maintaining a steady output. There has been relatively little activity in the forms, the III.'s being the exception. However, the work that is being done is a useful contribution—165 nets so far this year, of which School House has made 77.

These notes were written on the second anniversary of the School's net making effort. During the two years 2413 nets have been made. The rise to the peak of Term I., 1942, and the subsequent decline is shown in the following table :—

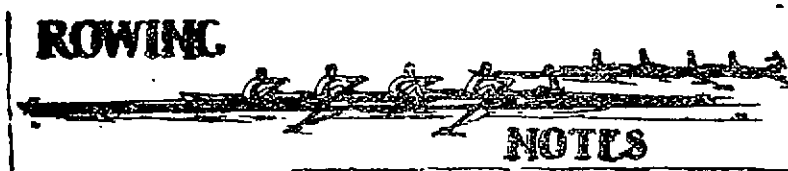
	1941	1942
Term I.	12	826
Term II.	310	465
Term III.	392	243
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Total	714	1534
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**BUILD THEM
WITH**



BOTTLE TOPS

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Another extremely successful rowing season has been completed. The School's record over the last few years has been very good. In the last nine regattas the Eight has had seven firsts and two thirds, the First Four five firsts and three seconds, and the Second Four five firsts, one second and two thirds. This year we won six of the nine races, including all the most important, and were second in the other three. Before describing the events of this season, it may not be out of place to state again why we encourage rowing at the School and what we seek to achieve by it. The mere winning of races is not in itself a sufficient justification, and the idea behind the sport should be clearly realised.

Rowing, at its best, is an art and a science, as well as a vigorous physical exercise and a pastime. Efficient performance depends upon an understanding of certain principles, and upon the acquisition of a number of skills, of hand and body and balance. Sequence of movement and control, both of power and of relaxation, must be learnt and practised, and the effect in producing movement and speed must be studied. The result depends, in rowing at least as much as in other games, upon "timing." All this needs great persistence, often in spite of fatigue or discouragement. In the blending together of a good crew there are rhythmic effects to be sought and discovered, which have in them the qualities of the rhythmic arts. The really good crew must have three attributes: it must be good to look at, for its beauty of movement; it must be pleasant to row in, for the sheer pleasure of the balanced swing; and it must be efficient in speed and endurance. We have tried to establish our own standard of comparison, not so much by performance relative to other crews, but rather in relation to the ideal towards which we strive year by year. It is to be hoped, therefore, that boys will take away from School rowing something more than the memory of effort in training and excitement in racing—an idea rather of an attempt towards perfection, with satisfaction in the measure of success attained.

Rowing also makes demands upon character which are slightly different from the demands made by other games. An oarsman is seldom successful if he is selfish, or slack, or unpleasantly temperamental, or boastful, or casual, or lacking in thought for others. The association of boys in a crew is too close to allow these qualities. A crew will succeed only if it keeps on learning, if its members learn to tolerate one another's foibles, and if they are considerate of one another. There is no room for the odd man who grouses, or who keeps his crew waiting, or who becomes impatient when things are going badly.

It has taken no small effort to keep rowing going recently. Transport is difficult, there are no launches for coaching, and there are many demands upon time. We have made up our minds to keep it going as well as we can for two reasons: first, because it gives the kind of training which is now, as never before, important; second, because it is from every point of view to be desired

that boys should continue to have normal school lives as far as possible. It is a matter for satisfaction that our four wartime crews have been really good, certainly as good in every way as those of pre-war days.

This year we had a Christmas Camp, as usual. Thereafter we ran an Eight and four Fours at Gladesville, and many juniors at Berry's Bay. In general, rowing at Gladesville has taken place on three week-days only. We have been allowed enough petrol to take the 'bus from Lane Cove terminus, where it has been garaged, and have used the tram to get to Lane Cove. We departed from normal policy by racing on every available occasion from February onward. An account of all the races is given below. The Eight has been unbeaten—indeed, it has not really been extended—in four races against clubs and schools, and the Fours have had good success. The Eight has been unchanged, except when Eedy could not row on March 27; Zehnder was brought from the Third Four to replace him on the day of the race, and acquitted himself remarkably well. The First Four has had a few changes. Freeburn was specially unlucky to be unable to row in the G.P.S. Regatta. The Second Four has been constant in composition since February, but the lower crews have had to suffer changes from time to time.

The Eight was a really good crew. It won all its races most convincingly. It was built more than usual on rhythm, swing and hard finish. Its principal virtue, however, was that its members worked together with scarcely a discordant note; it cannot be too strongly emphasised that this is the first requisite for success. Leslie was another in the long line of very good sevens; Judd was a powerful and skilful six, as well as a good captain. The others were all skilful oarsmen, who studied their work with persistence. It ranks with our best crews. In the G.P.S. Regatta the rowing was first class. The timing was so good that the crew seemed to be going well ahead without effort, though the power was considerable. The race was rowed, starting at 37 and never falling below 34, but the rate did not appear high. These are the hall marks.

The Fours, though a little rough at times, were well up to standard. The first did very well indeed on April 17. They lost Freeburn during the preceding week, and were up against a St. Joseph's crew which already had two good wins in open races to its credit. Warden came back into the reorganised crew, and they all rowed and finished with great spirit. The Second improved well in the last few days. The Third deserves special credit. Its members were always very keen, though they had to suffer several changes from time to time, and often had to be neglected in favour of the more senior crews. The Fourth and Fifth also did useful work. For the final regatta we made up a Junior Eight from the Third and Fourth Fours, and they did very well to win after only two rows in combination.

Following is a complete record of the season's racing:—

SYDNEY ROWING CLUB REGATTA,

February 27. Half-mile.

Open Eights: Shore, 1; Haberfield Rowing Club, 2; Leichhardt Rowing Club, 3. Won by 3 lengths.

Youths' Fours: Shore 2nd IV., 1; Haberfield Rowing Club, 2. Shore 1st IV. finished first by a margin of 3 lengths, but were disqualified for finishing outside the judge's boat.

N.S.W. ROWING ASSOCIATION REGATTA,

Lane Cove River, March 27. Half-mile.

Open Eights : Shore, 1; St. Joseph's, 2; Combined Clubs, 3. Won by 1½ lengths.

Open Fours : Glebe Rowing Club, 1; Shore 1st IV., 2.

Youths' Fours : St. Joseph's 1st IV., 1; Haberfield Rowing Club, 2; Shore 2nd IV., 3; Shore 3rd IV., 4.

RIVERVIEW REGATTA,

Lane Cove River, April 10.

Open Eights (Three-quarter Mile) : Shore, 1; St. Joseph's, 2; Grammar, 3. Won by 1½ lengths easily. Time, 4 mins. 11 secs.

Open Fours (Half-mile) : Shore 1st IV., 1; Scots and North Shore Rowing Club, 2. Won by 6 lengths.

Youths' Fours (Half-mile) : First Heat—S.J.C., 1; Shore 2nd IV., 2; Grammar 1st IV., 3. Second Heat—Shore 3rd IV., 1; Riverview, 2. Final—St. Joseph's, 1; Shore 3rd IV., 2; Riverview, 3. (Shore 2nd IV. did not compete.)

INFORMAL G.P.S. REGATTA,

April 17. (All races ½ mile, except Senior Eights ¾ mile.)

Junior Eights : Shore, 1; St. Joseph's, 2; Riverview, 3. Won by ½ length. Time, 3 mins.

Second Tub Fours : Grammar, 1; Shore No. 3, 2; Scots, 3. Won by 1½ length.

First Tub Fours : Shore No. 1, 1; Shore No. 2, 2; Scots, 3. Won by 4 lengths.

Fifth Fours : Riverview, 1; Shore, 2. Won by ½ length.

Fourth Fours : Riverview, 1; Shore, 2; High, 3. Won by ¾ length. Time, 3 mins. 22 secs.

Third Fours : Shore, 1; High, 2; Scots, 3. Won by 5 lengths. Time, 3 mins. 13 secs.

Second Fours : Shore, 1; Riverview, 2; Scots, 3. Won by 3 lengths.. Time, 3 mins. 4 secs.

First Fours : Shore, 1; St. Joseph's, 2; Grammar, 3. Won by ¾ length. Time, 3 mins. 4 secs.

Eights : Shore, 1; High, 2; St. Joseph's, 3; Grammar, 4; Riverview, 5; Scots, 6; King's, 7. Won by 5 lengths. Time, 4 mins. 1 sec.

All races were rowed against an incoming tide with a light westerly wind.

Names of School crews were as follow :—

Eight : Bow, D. B. Cormack, 10.8; A. D. Eedy, 10.8; P. M. Michelmore, 11.7; J. W. Stanistreet, 11.2; R. L. Selman, 12.10; K. J. Judd, 11.2; D. T. Leslie, 11.10; stroke, A. G. Robson, 9.8; cox, F. M. Manning, 7.7. (On March 27, J. O. Zehnder replaced A. D. Eedy.)

1st IV. : Bow, G. Beesley, 9.12; D. B. Warden, 10.8; P. Holmes à Court, 12.0; stroke, J. O. Zehnder, 10.12; cox, R. Borrowman, 6.6. (P. Freeburn was a regular member of the crew until ill on April 12.)

2nd IV. : Bow, P. J. Barnes, 11.2; C. B. M. Lloyd, 11.10; P. Valkenburg, 11.2; stroke, I. F. Warren, 11.5; cox, N. Macphillamy, 7.4.

3rd IV. : Bow, W. D. Jones, 10.12; P. H. Fuller, 10.0; G. J. Clare, 11.6; stroke, R. G. Backhouse, 10.3; cox, M. E. Gall, 6.6.

4th IV. : Bow, R. J. McCormack, 9.8; W. A. D. Morgan, 10.5; E. D. Spooner, 10.10; stroke, R. E. Powell, 9.7; cox, J. B. Studdy, 6.12.

5th IV. : Bow, J. R. Gilder, 9.8; A. E. Blomfield, 9.10; C. H. Shaw, 11.0; stroke, H. W. Evans, 10.0; cox, B. T. Jordan, 6.0.

Junior VIII. : Bow, R. J. McCormack, 9.8; R. E. Powell, 9.7; E. D. Spooner, 10.10; W. A. D. Morgan, 10.5; W. D. Jones, 10.12; P. H. Fuller, 10.0; G. J. Clare, 11.6; stroke, R. G. Backhouse, 10.3; cox, J. B. Studdy.

Tub IV., No. 1 : Bow, D. F. Freeman, 9.12; J. T. Wilton, 11.0; C. P. Royle, 9.4; stroke, R. E. Holliday, 10.2; cox, I. R. C. Hordern, 5.6.

COX'S RACE.

The record would not be complete without mention of the Cox's Race which was held on the morning of the Regatta. According to tradition, our crew was coxed by the Captain of Boats, and consisted of F. M. Manning (7.7, stroke) and R. Borrowman (6.6, bow). The result was : Shore, 1; Grammar, 2; Scots, 3.

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BOAT RACE RECORDS.

The following table, showing the results of boat races over the last twenty years, may be found interesting. In each case the winner is given, and, if the winner is not Shore, the number in brackets shows the position which our crew filled. A star means that our crew did not qualify for the final.

Year	Eight	1st Four	2nd Four
1924	S.G.S. (2)	S.H.S. (*)	Shore
1925	S.H.S. (2)	N.C. (2)	S.H.S. (*)
1926	S.H.S. (3)	T.K.S. (4)	T.K.S. (4)
1927	S.H.S. (4)	N.C. (*)	Shore
1928	Shore	Shore	Shore
1929	S.H.S. (4)	S.H.S. (3)	S.I.C. (*)
1930	S.H.S. (3)	S.J.C. (*)	S.J.C. (*)
1931	Shore	S.H.S. (2)	S.J.C. (3)
1932	S.J.C. (2)	S.J.C. (3)	S.H.S. (3)
1933	S.J.C. (2)	S.H.S. (2)	T.S.C. (3)
1934	S.G.S. (2)	S.G.S. (*)	Shore
1935	Shore	S.J.C. (3)	S.H.S. (2=)
1936	S.J.C. (3)	S.J.C. (2)	Shore
1937	Shore	Shore	Shore
1938	Shore	S.H.S. (2)	S.J.C. (3)
1939	Shore	S.H.S. (5)	S.H.S. (4)
1940	S.G.S. (3)	Shore	Shore
1941	Shore	Shore	S.J.C. (2)
1942	Shore	Shore	Shore
1943	Shore	Shore	Shore
	9 First.	6 First.	9 First.
	5 Second.	5 Second.	2 Second.
	4 Third.	3 Third.	4 Third.

BOAT CLUB DANCE.

A Dance was held in the Warringah Hall, Neutral Bay, on April 17, the evening of the Regatta. The conditions were, of course, more "austere" than in pre-war days. Nevertheless, it was a great success; 380 people attended, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Many parents helped, and a good number attended. The Boat Club thanks sincerely all those who contributed to the success of the evening. The profit on the dance will be given to Boat Club funds. It was felt that this could be done this year without serious prejudice to the War Fund: the rowing shed needs many things which are usually purchased without calling upon the official grant. The following is a brief financial statement:—

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
380 Tickets (at 3/6)	66 10 0	Supper	30 1 8
Donations	6 4 0	Hire of Hall	5 5 0
		Printing	15 8
		Balance	36 11 8
	<u>£72 14 0</u>		<u>£72 14 0</u>

BERRY'S BAY.

An ambitious start was made this term with just over one hundred boys enrolled. As the boats available were four tub-fours, a tub-pair and (for part of the time) a four-pair "butcher-boat," the masters had many invidious decisions to make on the question of priority. During the term a number of people realised that they were getting less rowing (or, in some cases more detentions!) than they had bargained for; and they dropped out.

Even so, it was necessary to ask many keen triers to stand down before Friday, 16th April, so as to reduce to eight the crews who were to contest the right of representing the School next day. In the unofficial Regatta, Holliday's crew won, with Marquis's crew second in the same race; and in the other race Perry's crew was second to Grammar (whom we congratulate).

These results—a first and two seconds—are attributable to the keenness of rowers and coxes, and to the strong rowing tradition which now exists throughout the School. But on the other hand it must be stressed

that "wear and tear" have been excessive; this indicates utter thoughtlessness. I appeal urgently to next season's oarsmen to start reflecting now that all workmanship is hard to get, and that if they break such metal parts as swivels, rowing may quite soon become impossible.

The thanks of the School are due to an Old Boy, Mr. G. Cox, who for some while came often to the shed in his own time and put in some good work. Unfortunately, he was obliged to give this up several weeks ago.

In conclusion, the masters concerned with the Berry's Bay shed feel safe in saying that the term has been well spent by many boys, and that there will be about fifty really keen fellows with some experience waiting for the start of the next rowing season.

COMING HOME.

(By J. B. Burrell.)

Night is coming on, and with impatience we are waiting for the pontoon to be clear of boats, for our lighter is standing by to be loaded with two cedar ships, and to take in tow an eight and two fours. But first these three must be placed in the water, their riggers strapped together—and it all takes time. Meanwhile the sun is rushing away westwards as the two boats are laid on top of the lighter with their bows slanting heavenwards, and the tow rope is taken aboard, where, in the spacious after-deck, are the oars and gear. Fortunately, the wind has died away; the sea is calm, as twilight comes and dies.

While the tow boat with its light burning gathers way, the towed craft gradually fall astern to the length of the long tow rope, long to allow for easy riding. But fear knocks at the heart lest some iron ship pass close to our stern, and in the darkness imperil our costly tow.

Through the mouth of the river the lighter passes, easing up its speed to lessen the buffets of the incoming tide; as we draw near to the main channel a ferry-boat comes out suddenly from its wharf and comes towards us. But we breathe again; its course is yards astern of our tow, and soon the open river takes us on our way home. Our fear is now lest an M.L. speeding out to sea on patrol, and sending aside a mighty wash, should joggle violently the craft tied together and cause damage to the frail cedar. Up and up the river we pass; darkness glooming the shores; our towed boats looking like the refugees' craft, creeping from the enemy's

hate and malice; our own lights symbolical of the safety to which we are taking them.

As we come to the Bridge the lighter slows down, for the uplifted ends of the carried boats might strike the down reaching girders. But all is well. Another three-quarters of a mile to reach security. The minutes soon pass, and there, glistening in the darkness, are the sheltered waters of Looking Glass Bay, a dark mirror reflecting faint pin points in the sky. Now, with engines barely turning over, the lighter edges its way in; the towed craft are carefully fended off. At last the pontoon; one man jumps across the black chasm, then another, all landing safely in the darkness. Then a cry, "Watch the bow of the eight. She's held!" The lighter idles on and faces round, looking in the blackness, with its red, green and white lights, throwing into a fantastic world the upreared ends of the boats, like some futuristic monster, carrying strange lethal weapons. Meanwhile on the pontoon is feverish activity, fingers fumbling in the darkness with knots until a lantern from a friendly Greek lessens the difficulty. Then each boat is carefully lifted up and borne on to its rack within the shed. At last the lighter comes and the precious cargo removed and taken within to safety. Soon the lighter sheers off into the night, leaving suspended a glow of green, red and white light, when a bend in the river hides even this from sight—and we have come home!

CRICKET NOTES

Although the 1st XI. proved weaker than last year's team, there was a general improvement in the cricket of the lower teams. The 2nd XI. is strong, and there is a good deal more promise shown in teams lower down. The weakest feature still seems to be careless, disinterested fielding and haphazard out-cricket generally.

The 1st XI. has been disappointing. A good deal of sickness was upsetting, and prevented the team from settling down, but this does not fully account for the weakness. One noticeable point was that the most painstaking and assiduous practicers—in fielding as well as in other departments—were the safely-established and most skilful members of the team—MacDiarmid, Burns, Baker. Too many of the others gave the impression that getting into the 1st XI. was the summit of their ambitions, and they did not tackle hard enough

the further job of making themselves thoroughly efficient and indispensable members of the team.

The batting was undependable. Severe illness prevented Burns and Faram getting going as well as we expected, but even so they were, with MacDiarmid, the only dependable batsmen in the team. Baker made one good score, but is not concentrating in his batting quite as much as he was. Of the newcomers, McGregor and Moses perhaps did best, but they must both develop more certainty and more strokes.

The bowling was, on the whole, good, but it was not backed up by the splendid wicketkeeping and safe fielding of the last few years, and so figures suffered a good deal. Kirby is a promising fast bowler; Baker and MacDiarmid are still steady and reliable; Marchant is still potentially the best School slow bowler of recent years, but he still has very bad days. Meikle is a fair change bowler.

Apart from MacDiarmid, Burns, Baker, and usually Meikle, the fielding has been a long way below standard. There has been no really efficient slip fieldsmen, and the bowlers have suffered. Most of the team get moving too slowly, are uncertain in their handling, and throw inaccurately and sometimes stupidly. Faram's illness prevented him from settling down as wicketkeeper, but he showed some improvement during the term.

MacDiarmid had a difficult team to captain, but he did well in the circumstances. The lead he gave in the field should have been inspiring. At first he was inclined to leave his bowlers on too long, but with experience he rectified this fault, and at the end of the season he was making his changes with good judgment.

Some of the boys, led by Burns, managed the issue of material at North-bridge this term with outstanding success. Burns got the scheme under way, and during his illness Bennett and Paterson carried on keenly and efficiently. By their aid the cricket was conducted most economically, and we should have sufficient material to see us through next summer, even if supplies become entirely unobtainable.

v. The King's School.

School.—First Innings.	
A. Burns, c. Annetts, b. Rudd	14
K. Baker, b. Annetts	14
F. MacDiarmid, c. Holmes, b. Annetts	27
B. Faram, l.b.w., b. Annetts	4
W. Marchant, b. Annetts	3
B. McDowell, b. Woods	0
D. Bennett, l.b.w., b. Annetts	0
R. McGregor, c. Woods, b. Annetts	18
R. Moses, not out	37
L. Meikle, b. Annetts	0
R. Elvy, c. and b. Woods	5
Sundries	11
Total	133

T.K.S.—First Innings

Bowling.—F. MacDiarmid, 3-18; K. Baker, 4-28; L. Meikle, 1-24; W. Marchant, 2-36; R. Elvy, 0-2.

T.K.S.—Second Innings

Bowling.—F. MacDiarmid, 0-20; K. Baker, 4-27; W. Marchant, 6-48.

School.—Second Innings.	
A. Burns, st. Jeffrey, b. Annetts	36
W. Marchant, c. Collins, b. Holmes	1
F. MacDiarmid, not out	38
B. Faram, not out	9
Sundries	7

Total ... 2 wickets for 91
School won outright.

v. Sydney Grammar School.

School.—First Innings.	
R. McGregor, b. Walker	2
W. Marchant, c. Taylor, b. Walker	1
K. Baker, c. Delarue, b. Crawford	1
F. MacDiarmid, c. Taylor, b. Delarue	18
A. Burns, run out	28
B. Faram, c. Taylor, b. Walker	7
B. McDowell, c. Killip, b. Delarue	2
D. Bennett, c. Crawford, b. Delarue	0
B. Collett, c. Downes, b. Harris	6
L. Meikle, not out	2
R. Elvy, c. Taylor, b. Walker	0
Sundries	3
Total	70

Bowling.—F. MacDiarmid, 0-35; K. Baker, 2-54; W. Marchant, 1-139; L. Meikle, 1-23; R. Elvy, 1-14.	
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School.—Second Innings.	
R. McGregor, c. Newman, b. Walker	13
D. Bennett, c. Coppleson, b. Harris	8
A. Burns, l.b.w., b. Farnsworth	23
F. MacDiarmid, b. Harris	2
K. Baker, b. Farnsworth	8
W. Marchant, c. Harris, b. Delarue	9
B. McDowell, b. Delarue	4
B. Collett, c. Delarue, b. Harris	19
L. Meikle, c. Coppleson, b. Delarue	3
R. Elvy, not out	42
Sundries	7
Total	108

S.G.S.—First Innings 287

Sydney Grammar School won outright.

v. The Scots College.

School.—First Innings.	
K. Baker, c. Scribner, b. Gilder	80
R. McGregor, b. Williams	2
F. MacDiarmid, run out	46
B. Faram, c. Scribner, b. Gilder	15
W. Marchant, l.b.w., b. Gilder	28
R. Moses, run out	7
D. Bennett, c. Williams, b. Gilder	3
P. Love, b. Whittaker	7
B. McDowell, b. Williams	3
L. Meikle, not out	12
K. Kirby, l.b.w., b. Whittaker	0
Sundries	8
Total	211

School.—Second Innings.	
R. McGregor, b. Mortlock	17
K. Baker, b. Mortlock	0
F. MacDiarmid, c. Mackay, b. Whittaker	38
B. Faram, c. Scribner, b. Gilder	18
W. Marchant, c. Mortlock, b. Gilder	1
R. Moses, l.b.w., b. Kershaw	0
D. Bennett, h.w., b. Kershaw	0
P. Love, b. Kershaw	0
B. McDowell, not out	4
L. Meikle, c. and b. Kershaw	0
K. Kirby, c. Kershaw, b. Gilder	0
Sundry	1
Total	99

T.S.C.—First Innings 255

T.S.C.—Second Innings 1-58

Bowling.—K. Kirby, 1-60; F. MacDiarmid, 0-34; K. Baker, 1-37; W. Marchant, 4-106; L. Meikle, 0-4.

The Scots College won outright.

v. Newington College.

School.—First Innings.	
A. Burns, c. Robinson, b. Oberg	82
R. McGregor, c. Rofe, b. Darke	3
F. MacDiarmid, c. and b. Meadham	23
B. Faram, c. Murdock, b. Oberg	45
K. Baker, c. Meadham, b. Darke	6
W. Marchant, c. Murdock, b. Darke	5
R. Moses, c. Murdock, b. Darke	4
K. Tugwell, b. Forbes	4
P. Love, c. and b. Forbes	3
L. Meikle, not out	6

K. Kirby, c. Murdock, b. Forbes	19
Sundries	17
Total	217

N.C.—First Innings 103

Bowling.—K. Kirby, 0-15; F. MacDiarmid, 1-30; K. Baker, 1-24; W. Marchant, 0-26.

School won on the first innings.

2nd XI.

v. T.K.S.—School 1st innings, 6-169; Taylor 93, D. Playfair 15, Love 27. T.K.S. 1st innings, 92; Warby 3-15, Collett 3-23 (including the hat trick), Kirby 2-24. School 2nd innings, 1-35; Taylor 15 n.o., Love 17 n.o. T.K.S. 2nd innings, 109; Kirby 4-28. School won outright.

v. S.G.S.—School 1st innings, 68; Tugwell 24, Love 17. S.G.S. 1st innings, 84; Kirby 8-15, E. Playfair 1-1, Warby 1-26. School 2nd innings, 5-103; Love 38, Edwards 23 n.o., E. Playfair 18. S.G.S. 2nd innings, 79; Kirby 6-20, Love 3-31. School won outright.

v. T.S.C.—School 1st innings, 217; Tugwell 100, Collett 33, Taylor 17. T.S.C. 1st innings, 97; Edwards 5-22 (including the hat trick), Collett 3-25. School 2nd innings, 0-22; Collett 18 n.o., Tugwell 4 n.o. T.S.C. 2nd innings, 137; Collett 4-33, Elvy 2-13, Edwards 2-26. School won outright.

v. N.C.—School 1st innings, 7-104; Taylor 26, Edwards 20, McDowell 33. N.C. 1st innings, 58; Elvy 3-12, Bennett 3-6, Collett 2-9. N.C. 2nd innings, 3-28; Collett 1-7, Edwards 1-4, Bennett 1-5. School won on the first innings.

2nd "B" XI.

v. S.G.S.—School, 107; Hansen 27, Wood 21. S.G.S., 164; Ferguson 2-34. Lost by 57 runs on the first innings.

v. S.G.S.—School, 131; Paton 28, Martin 21, Wood 20. S.G.S., 111; Mitchell 2-19, Ferguson 2-21. Won by 20 runs on the first innings.

v. Scots.—School, 58 (Bellhausen 26) and 138 (Dalrymple 53). Scots, 198. Lost outright.

v. N.C.—School, 134 (Dalrymple 59 n.o., Hansen 25) and 110 (Dalrymple 36, Hansen 22). N.C., 211 (Kelly 2-38) and 77 (Kelly 2-3, Hansen 2-17). Lost outright.

v. Riverview.—School, 34 and 62 (Dalrymple 29). Riverview, 78 and 1-19. Lost outright.

3rd XI.

v. T.K.S.—School, 166; Irving 37, Brown 27, Warby 24, Garland 23. T.K.S., 178; Petrie 3 wkts., Paterson 2 wkts. Lost on the first innings.

v. S.G.S.—School 1st innings, 91; Warby 25, Lloyd 17. S.G.S. 1st innings, 195; Hammond 6-66, Petrie 1-27, Irving 1-25. School 2nd innings, 72; Solling 18, Irving 12. Lost outright.

v. Scots.—School 1st innings, 87; Duffett 17, Wood 16. Scots 1st innings, 146; Warby 3-35, Paterson 2-24, Langmead 2-14. School 2nd innings, 110; Duffett 42, Irving 15. Scots 2nd innings, 2-105; Brown 1-3, Duffett 1-30. Lost outright.

v. N.C.—School 1st innings, 7-134; Duffett 51, Playfair 19. N.C. 1st innings, 67; Warby 3-12, Irving 3-17, Garland 2-2. N.C. 2nd innings, 8-47; Wood and Langmead 4 wkts. each. Won on the first innings.

4th XI.

v. S.G.S.—S.G.S. 1st innings, 214; 2nd innings, 114 (Chambers, Edwards and Crane 2 wkts. each). School 1st innings, 181; 2nd innings, 168 (Chambers 64). Won outright.

v. T.S.C.—School 1st innings, 139; Hoeknell 29 n.o., Crane 25 n.o. T.S.C. 1st innings, 126; Edwards 4 wkts., Chambers 3 wkts. School 2nd innings, 8-96; Chambers 38, Shmidt 21. T.S.C. 2nd innings, 158; Crane 6 wkts. Won on the first innings.

v. Cranbrook School.—School, 5-107; Shore 39 n.o., Watson 30. Cranbrook School, 7-73; Edwards and Crane 3 wkts. each. Won on the first innings.

5th XI.

v. T.K.S.—School, 4-115; Chambers 52 n.o. T.K.S., 102; Solling and Hall 3 wkts. each. Won on the first innings.

v. S.G.S.—School, 75; Hall 15, Butler 14 n.o. S.G.S., 165; Keeling 6 wkts. Lost on the first innings.

v. T.S.C.—School, 57; F. E. S. Hall 17. T.S.C., 102; Keeling 6 wkts., Harris 4 wkts. Lost on the first innings.

v. T.S.C.—School, 118; Boyd 40, Harris 25. T.S.C., 46; Keeling and Harris 4 wkts. each. Won on the first innings.

U. 14 "A" XI.

v. T.K.S.—School, 6-148; De Lissa 65 ret., Banks 19 ret. T.K.S., 4-82; De Lissa 2 wkts. Won.

v. S.G.S.—School 1st innings, 92; De Lissa 53. S.G.S. 1st innings, 8-95; Banks 4 wkts., De Lissa 3 wkts. School 2nd innings, 47; Morey 21. S.G.S. 2nd innings, 83; A. Shand 3 wkts. Lost.

v. N.C.—School, 86; Scott 18, De Lissa 17. N.C., 33; Blanchard 4 wkts., A. Shand 3 wkts. Won.

U. 14 "B" XI.

v. T.K.S.—School, 61; Arnold 21, Heron 15 n.o. T.K.S., 50; Stanley 5 wkts., Cooper 3 wkts. Won.

v. S.G.S.—School, 33; Cooper 11, Barnes 10. S.G.S., 128; Neave 3 wkts., Blackett 2 wkts. Lost.

v. T.S.C.—School, 69; Jones 23, Arnold 10. T.S.C., 44; Blackett 3 wkts., Stanley 2 wkts. Won.

v. Cranbrook School.—School, 27; Barnes 7, Horley 6. Cranbrook School, 79; Arnold 4 wkts., Neave 3 wkts., Robinson 2 wkts. Lost.

6th XI.

Matches have been played against very much stronger teams. Palmer has captained well. Cameron has shown the most all-round improvement in a team whose standard is at present rather low.

This team has lost most of its matches, but there are some promising members. Laurie, Haydon, Messmer, Irving, Allworth and K. J. Palmer have all much improved. Laurie and Haydon have been good captains.

CADET CORPS.

The year commenced with over 200 of last year's Cadets back at School. After sundry transfers to the A.T.C. and adjustments to the School roll, it was found that our strength was: 201 from '42, 110 recruits—311 in all.

A coupon-free supply of khaki drill cloth is now available to Cadet Corps, and so all were issued with a shirt and pair of trousers, returnable on leaving school,

Our own distinctive woollen uniform has fortunately been procurable (second-hand) in sufficient quantities for all to be fitted out with it, but a time must come when the supply is exhausted. Cadets are urged to take care of their uniforms in order to postpone that day.

All those who possess woollen Cadet uniforms that they do not require are urgently requested to forward them to Lieut. I. F. Jones for distribution. Grateful acknowledgment is made to all those who have already done so.

A shortage of belts has developed, and it is impossible to replace them. **Ex-members of the Corps who have not yet returned their belts are urgently requested to do so as soon as possible.** This is a matter of great importance to the Corps.

Long Service.—Of those who severed their connection with the Corps during 1942, many had upwards of four years' service to their credit. Lieut. G. H. Broinowski resigned his Commission after 13½ years' service with the Corps. Cdt.-Lts. P. N. Charley and M. R. Hardwick served for five years; Cdt.-Lts. R. E. Biddulph, N. A. Emery, J. C. Ferris, R. B. Geeves, R. D. Jones, S. B. Robertson, E. J. Trenerry, W.O.'s S. Aboud, K. R. Doyle, Sgts. A. S. Bull, W. C. P. East, B. Parkes, L/Sgt. A. D. Cranna, Cpls. J. G. Alzare, T. O. Friend, F. W. Hume, D. A. Magill, H. C. Pickersgill, Cdts. L. B. Manning and A. P. Thompson for four years.

Courses of Instruction.—Nos. 14, 15 and 16 were conducted by N.S.W. L. of C. Area at Warrawong Camp, near Port Kembla, last January. Eleven of our boys attended No. 14, which was for Cpls.; ten, No. 15 for potential Cdt.-Lts.; and one master No. 16, for Offrs. and Cdts. The totals attending these courses from all dets. were about 200, 150 and 50 respectively.

Course No. 17, for potential Cdt.-Lts., is to be held at Glenfield next May. Ten N.C.O.'s from the Corps will attend it.

Officers and N.C.O.'s.—Rather fewer Offrs. and N.C.O.'s than usual returned to School this year, there being only one Cdt.-Lt. and twenty-one N.C.O.'s from the previous year. One additional Cdt.-Lt. was appointed early in the term, and, following on the publication of the results of the Courses mentioned above, four N.C.O.'s were promoted to be W.O.II. and five to be Sgts., while six were appointed Cpls. and five L/Cpls.

N.C.O. classes occupied the first three parades. Of the 90 who attended the classes, 46 passed for Cpl. on 9 Mar. Further training was given to candidates for promotion, of whom 20 out of 25 passed for Sgt. Additional classes were held for those aspiring to commissions in preparation for an examination to be held early in next term.

In addition to the training given at these classes during and after parade, 21 Cdt.-Lts. and N.C.O.'s have attended the Courses referred to above. This number will increase during the year.

Training.—A Coy. : M.G., Map Reading, Bayonet Training, Communication Drill and Sand Table. B Coy. : Guards and Sentries, Rifle Training, Messages and Reports, Characteristics of Small Arms. Recruits : Squad and Arms Drill.

A Camp was held last December, to our great satisfaction. The Corps, together with the dets. of S.H.S., N.S.B.H.S., N.S.T.H.S., Canterbury H.S. and Fort Street H.S., were conveyed by special train to Hexham, and thence by motor convoy to a site at Bob's Farm. The bulk of the boys were in tents, but some were in huts. Huts were used for messing, etc. Camp life was novel to most of those who were present. The advantages of continuous training in camp were soon apparent. Owing to sickness the camp closed a day early.

STRENGTH.—5 Officers, 6 W.O.'s, 40 N.C.O.'s, 260 O.R. Total, 311.

POSTINGS.—A Coy. : Cdt.-Lt. R. A. Hammond. B Coy. : Cdt.-Lt. A. D. Eedy. Recruit Training Group : W.O. T. P. Nelson.

1st APPT. TO COMMISSIONED RANK.—W.O. A. D. Eedy, 26 Dec. '42. (Gaz. 14A, '43.)

PROMOTIONS.—To be W. O.II. : Sgt. A. D. Eedy, Cpls. J. M. B. Cooke, C. H. Lemann, T. P. Nelson, Sgt. F. M. MacDiarmid To be Sgt. : Cpls. A. J. Burns, G. Beesley, D. B. Cormack, H. P. M. Forbes, R. A. McGregor, W. A. D. Morgan, J. A. Muston. To be L/Sgt. : Cpls. W. Boyd, D. T. Lyall. To be Cpl. : L/Cpls. R. L. Selman, L. Meikle, Cdts. H. C. Anderson, C. A. Buck, R. F. Elvy, B. J. Faram, T. J. Moses, F. S. Venn, K. C. Warby. To be L/Cpl. : Cdts. B. Garland, D. H. Kent, C. B. Lloyd, J. F. J. McCutcheon, C. A. Rigg (23 Feb. '43). To be Cpl. : Cdts. P. T. Frost, J. T. Rodd (12 Mar. '43).

EXAMINATIONS AND PROMOTIONS.—Passed for Cpl., 9 Mar. '43 : Cdts. P. J. Everett, D. B. Warden, W. H. Fay, R. W. Martin, B. S. Mackenzie, T. J. McCaskill, I. F. Warren, R. G. Backhouse, P. J. Barnes, R. E. Powell, M. J. Elliott (appointed L/Cpl. 12 Mar. '43), J. Davidson, R. L. Hordern, R. I. Mitchell, B. O. Wood, J. P. Best, B. L. Collett, A. S. Paton, S. P. Trenerry, P. E. Warren, B. Goswell, W. A. Davey, J. C. Davies, J. Monaghan, R. S. Packard, B. S. Robertson, W. Regan, P. D. Adams, W. F. Buckle, N. M. Macphillamy, J. H. Stevenson, V. F. Tooth, R. S. Bull, R. S. P. Amos, G. J. Clark, W. P. Nelson, A. G. Vogan, A. B. Blomfield, J. C. Bedingfeld, G. R. Coghlan, J. F. Gall, J. R. Gilder, W. G. Magill, R. G. Swan, J. M. Taylor, W. T. Gilder. Passed for Sgt., 20 Apr. '43 : L/Cpls. D. B. Warden, P. F. Everett, L/Sgts. D. T. Lyall, W. Boyd, Cpls. H. C. Anderson, J. C. M. Cook, B. J. Faram, T. J. Moses, J. R. Nelson, W. A. Paterson, A. G. G. Robson, R. L. Selman, F. S. Venn, K. C. Warby, L/Cpls. B. Garland, D. H. Kent, B. S. Mackenzie, R. W. Martin, T. J. McCaskill, I. F. Warren. To be Sgt. : L/Sgts. W. Boyd, D. T. Lyall. To be L/Sgt. : Cpls. J. C. M. Cook, J. R. Nelson, W. A. Paterson, A. G. G. Robson, R. L. Selman, L/Cpls. P. F. Everett, D. B. Warden. To be Cpl. : L/Cpls. B. Garland, D. H. Kent, B. S. Mackenzie, R. W. Martin, T. J. McCaskill, I. F. Warren.

COURSE No. 14.—F. S. Venn, R. F. Elvy, K. C. Warby, C. A. Buck, H. C. Anderson, J. T. Rodd, B. J. Faram, T. J. Moses (qualified); B. Garland, D. H. Kent, C. B. M. Lloyd (passed).

COURSE No. 15.—T. P. W. Nelson, C. H. Lemann, P. Freeburn, J. M. B. Cooke (qualified); A. J. Burns, J. A. Muston, R. A. McGregor, W. A. D. Morgan, H. P. M. Forbes (passed); W. A. Paterson.

COURSE No. 16.—Lieut. H. W. Grigg.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

At the end of last year the strength of the Flight was reduced by the loss of 35 Cadets, mostly consisting of those who had been sitting for the Leaving and Intermediate Certificate examinations. Recruiting this year has provided so far 25, with one boy who transferred from the Bathurst Squadron on his return from the branch at Mount Victoria, the present roll being 47. It is anticipated that further additions will be made of boys who attain their sixteenth birthday between June 1st and December 31st. Delays of one kind or another have occurred in the enlistment routine, with the result that the supply of uniforms has been slow, but it is hoped that all at present on the roll will be in uniform at the end of the term.

A. C. Smith, senior remaining non-com., has been appointed Acting Flight-Sergeant, and has carried out his duties with a quiet enthusiasm and a satisfactory degree of efficiency; he has been ably seconded by Acting Sergeants Judd and Holmes à Court.

In the two parades held this term for Squadron 48, Smith carried out the duties of Warrant Officer for the Squadron very effectively, while Judd took his place as Flight-Sergeant.

J. W. Stanistreet and J. P. Clark have been appointed Acting Corporals, their seniority dating from last July; while G. D. Davis and P. V. Brown have Acting Corporals' rank as from March, 1943.

Eight of the Flight are in Stage II. of Training; thirteen others are to sit for Proficiency at the end of this term. Another eighteen have just commenced their Stage I. (Proficiency), while eight have just sat for their Preliminary Examination.

The standard of work is very satisfactory, as only one boy failed to satisfy in the Preliminary Examination in March, and that in one subject only; while the Competition Drill Squad came second to the Scots College in the Term I. Competition. Attendances at parades, both domestic and public, have been excellent, showing a high degree of team spirit. The

Flight attends camp at Avalon during the first week of the coming vacation, and very few have requested leave from attendance, and then to give help in pastoral work.

A handicap that has been severely felt in the administration has been the loss of the room which last year was being enlisted as an A.T.C. Room for Orderly Room work and Aircraft Recognition, this being occasioned by the return of boys from Mount Victoria. For Aircraft Recognition instruction to be carried out effectively, diagrams, photographs, silhouettes and models must be displayed, and be available to Cadets during their spare time as well as during classes.

For a short time we had the welcome assistance of Mr. Frank Henry, but his resumption of University studies has deprived us of his services.

We would conclude with appreciative reference to the interest and help of Drs. H. L. St. Vincent Welch and A. Distin Morgan, who have "vetted" the applicants for membership of the Flight, and have thus saved much time and inconvenience.

From last year's Flight, we hear that N. G. A. Burges and W. L. Hunt have been categorised as Air Gunners, and Mallinson, Macneil and Marquis as Pilots. We take this opportunity of wishing them good luck and safe landings.

THE ORCHESTRA.

There are now nineteen members rehearsing weekly, as well as a number of boys who are attending violin and clarinet classes and hoping to play in the Orchestra before very long. Several masters, too, are studying instruments which are rarely used for solo work, but are indispensable to an orchestra.

The present School Orchestra owes its existence to R. A. Merewether, who did such fine work in various branches of music during his school days. Before the War Funds Concert, 1941, he gathered together half a dozen keen boys, the nucleus of the present Orchestra, and enlisted Mr. Allman's help.

Our thanks are due, too, to Mrs. D. E. Elliott for her gift of a 'cello and bow; to Mr. and Mrs. Merewether for the loan of a French horn, as well as to other friends who have lent violins and a 'cello; and to the Director and staff of the Sydney Conservatorium for scholarships made available and interest shown.

Younger boys are specially urged to begin learning an instrument before the pressure of school work is heavy. Anyone wishing to join a class or apply for a scholarship should consult Mrs. Allman, who is in touch with the Conservatorium staff.

The Orchestra made its first public appearance under Mrs. Allman's baton on Play Day, December, 1942, playing the "March from Scipio" (Handel) and extracts from "Rosamunde" (Schubert), "Faust" (Gounod) and "Tales of Hoffman" (Offenbach), and also accompanied the singing led by the Choir on Speech Day.

The players are now really beginning to follow their conductor, instead of going each his own sweet way, and this is a big step forward. They are studying compositions which will repay the effort expended—works by Mozart, Schubert, Puccini, for instance. Mrs. Allman is always ready to help and advise, and, if the rival claims of school work, sport and music can be satisfactorily adjusted, some really good work should be accomplished.

SWIMMING.

The Annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Olympic Pool on Monday, 7th March. The results are as follows:—

200 Metres G.P.S. Teams Relay—1, Shore; 2, High; 3, Grammar. Time, 2 mins. 1 sec.

50 Metres Open Handicap—1, Newton; 2, Zehnder; 3, Woods. Time, 33.4 secs.

50 Metres Under 13 Championship—1, Blanchard (H.); 2, Matthews (S.); 3, ——. Time, 36 secs.

100 Metres Under 16 Championship—1, Adams (H.); 2, Jude (B.); 3, Limbers (R.). Time, 1 min. 10½ secs.

50 Metres Under 14 Championship—1, Allen (H.); 2, Limbers (R.); 3, Miller (B.). Time, 32½ secs.

50 Metres Open Championship—1, Boyd (H.); 2, Smith (R.); 3, Davis (H.). Time, 29.9 secs (record).

Diving Championship, Under 16—1, Collett (B.); 2, Playfair (B.); 3, Langmead (H.).

50 Metres Under 14 Handicap—1, Maclean; 2, Curlewis; 3, Swain. Time, 52½ secs.

50 Metres Under 16 Championship—1, Collett (B.); 2, Adams (H.); 3, Limbers (R.). Time, 30.6 secs.

50 Metres Under 16 Handicap—1, Langmead (H.); Davey (B.); 3, Crawford (S.). Time, 36 secs.

House Relay, Under 14—1, Hodges; 2, Barry; 3, School. Time, 2 mins. 34.3 secs.

100 Metres Open Championship—1, Boyd (H.); 2, Cooke (S.); 3, Davis (H.) and Smith (R.), *aeq.* Time, 1 min. 7.7 secs.

Diving Championship, Open—1, Playfair (E.); 2, Smith (R.); Robertson (S.).

50 Metres Under 12 Championship—1, le Gallien; 2, Zehnder; 3, Cooper and Kristenson, *aeq.* Time, 45 secs.

50 Metres 12 and 13 Yrs. Championship—1, Davey; 2, Bristow; 3, Mears. Time, 40.2 secs.

30 Metres Under 11 Championship—1, Barnes; 2, Palmer; 3, Kristenson. Time, 24.8 secs.

30 Metres Under 10 Championship—1, Pritchard; 2, Stone; 3, Gallop. Time, 33.8 secs.

25 Yards Breaststroke Championship—1, Bristow; 2, Barnes; 3, Doyle. Time, 21½ secs.

25 Yards Backstroke Championship—1, Pratten; 2, Bristow; 3, Hamilton. Time, 23.5 secs.

Diving Championship—1, Barnes; 2, Pratten; 3, Davey.

150 Metres Medley Open Championship—1, Adams (H.); 2, Smith (R.); 3, Love (R.). Time, 2 mins. 10.8 secs. (record).

50 Metres Under 16 Breaststroke Championship—1, Playfair (E.); 2, Adams (H.); 3, Morell (B.). Time, 42.3 secs.

100 Metres Open Handicap—1, Warby (S.); 2, Langmead (H.); 3, Woods (R.). Time, 1 min. 22.3 secs.

50 Metres Under 14 Handicap—1, Arnold; 2, Powell; 3, Curlewis. Time, 33.4 secs.

50 Metres Backstroke Open Championship—1, Boyd (H.); 2, Skidmore (H.); 3, Love (R.). Time, 39½ secs.

100 Metres Under 16 Handicap—1, Stewart; 2, Powell; 3, Harris. Time, 1 min. 27½ secs.

200 Metres Under 16 Championship—1, Adams (H.); 2, Jude (B.); 3, Collett (B.). Time, 2 mins. 44.9 secs.

50 Metres Open Breaststroke Championship—1, Adams (H.); 2, Wilson (H.); 3, Morell (B.). Time, 42.9 secs.

Novelty Event—1, Cameron; 2, Mackerras; 3, Stewart.

200 Metres Open Championship—1, Boyd (H.); 2, Cooke (S.); 3, Davey (H.). Time, 2 mins. 42½ secs.

50 Metres Old Boys' Championship—Not held.

50 Metres Under 16 Backstroke Championship—1, Love (R.); 2, Skidmore (H.); 3, Collett (B.). Time, 41½ secs.

100 Metres Under 14 Championship—1, Allen (H.); 2, Limbers (R.); 3, Matthews (S.). Time, 1 min. 19.2 secs.

House Relay, Under 16—1, Barry; 2, Robson; 3, School. Time, 2 mins. 16½ secs.

House Relay, Open—1, Hodges; 2, School; 3, Robson. Time, 2 mins. 10 secs.

800 Metres, Open—1, Boyd (H.); 2, Adams (H.); 3, Cooke (S.). Time, 12 mins. 9½ secs. (record).

400 Metres, Open—1, Boyd (H.); 2, Cooke (S.); 3, Smith (R.). Time, 5 mins. 49½ secs.

400 Metres, Under 16—1, Adams (H.); 2, Jude (B.); 3, Allen (H.). Time, 5 mins. 55½ secs.

Championships—Senior : 1, Boyd (H.), 48 points; 2, Adams (H.), 21; 3, Smith (R.), 19½. Under 16 : 1, Adams (H.), 21 points; 2, Collett (B.), 14; 3, Jude (B.), 7. Under 14 : 1, Allen (H.), 10 points; 2, Limbers (R.), 6.

House Points.

1. Hodges	142½ points
2. Barry	54 points
3. Robson	46½ points
4. School	35 points

LEGEND OF DEATH.

(By J. C. M. Cook.)

As Jack finished his story, someone sitting out in the darkness spoke : "Yes, I know a story about Wadgee that follows on from that one. I was riding along the Birdsville track a couple of years ago. One night I slipped in to a drover's camp for a yarn.

"The camp fire flickered and died, to leave a heap of glowing ashes that threw out a dull red glow, lighting up the faces of the men squatting around it. A deathly stillness reigned—that strange silence of the dead heart. Overhead the stars twinkled cold and hostile.

"Someone muttered, 'Anyone know any more yarns?'

"There was a pause. Then Bill Wright replied : 'Yeah, I know one; heard it from a feller one night while droving near Winton. There was a certain tribe of ——'

"I jumped up. 'Shut him up! Shut him up, someone!'

"An angry voice demanded, 'What's the matter with you, Jim?'

"He can't tell you that yarn. He'll die if he does; old Wadgee'll get him! I've heard it three times so far, and each time the teller has died. Young Jack Hopkins told it to us originally; he was Wadgee's own son. Anyway, next day we found him dead, just as the niggers Wadgee killed were found. That was three years ago. A year later I heard it again from an old shepherd. He had only just finished it when a dingo howled, somewhere out in the hills. The poor devil slowly rose, wildly staring past and through me, and stumbled outside. I was too scared to move. Next day I found him dead, too.'

"Last year a station manager told us about the legend that had sprung up around Wadgee. He was struck dead before anyone could move. To-night's the anniversary. The fourth year is up, and if he tells that

story he'll die. Look! Wadgee is controlling him already—look at his eyes.'

"The drover had a wild, vacant look in his eyes as he gazed into the half-dead fire. His lips moved slightly, and no one stirred as he commenced to speak. I could have cried, but I was powerless, unable to move. A cry drifted in from the dunes, like the wild cackling laugh of some long dead witch; it mocked me as I sprang up and fell upon the man, but he pushed me off and recommenced.

"Through a lifetime of suspense I heard that story repeated for the fourth time. Then he stood up. No one stirred as he moved away towards the desert. Again I found the strength to jump up and catch him. I yelled: 'Come and help me!' Still no one moved, but all sat there like carved stone. However, our movements finally stirred them, and they came to my help. Bill fought like one possessed, but we tied him up and built a blazing fire around him, while I sat guard over him with my rifle.

"The others turned in. Towards dawn I dozed off. I came to with a start; the fires were nearly out, and there standing over us was a native. He was tall, strong, and was covered with the ceremonial paint of the witch doctor. He grinned and bent towards Bill. Wildly I fired the rifle at him and threw some fuel on the fires. Flames sprang up enveloping him, and, with an angry snarl, he withdrew back into the night. The others rushed across to us, and we all sat up wide-eyed until dawn.

"Jack and I left the drovers that day and rode on alone, with Wadgee after us. For a week of sleepless nights I kept him off, but he won in the end. One day Jack was delayed out on the run and couldn't get back before dusk. I galloped out to get him, but missed his tracks. Finally I found him. He was dead, with a little spot of blood on his forehead. Wadgee has never been seen or heard of since."

ARE WE SNOBS?

INTRODUCTION.

It is often said, both by impartial thinkers and by persons with an emotional bias, that schools of one type to which we belong—that is, schools not under Government administration, and in which admission depends on the payment of considerable fees—produce a type of person who places more importance on degrees of social position than on the common features

of social unity. The *Torch-Bearer* Committee believes that the question is one at which we should look squarely, and on which we ought to hear opinions. Therefore, they welcome the challenge contained in the first of the following opinions; and hope that both it and the replies by representative persons will provoke discussion, thought, self-examination, and other healthy activities.

It should be understood that the opinions expressed are purely personal and do not represent the official attitude of *The Torch-Bearer*, which in this case is that of referee, or host at a symposium.

The writer of the first article is an Old Boy of considerable seniority and high academic distinction.

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ARE WE SNOBS ?

Are we snobs ? I am afraid we are. At least we were when I went to Shore, and I suspect that the School has not changed much since then. In my day I know that we felt a little superior to boys from other schools. This became clearer when we went on from School to University. Boys from the private schools held themselves rather aloof. It was worse among the girls. We combined the clubs for the old scholars of several of the Great Public Schools. The combined club was not open to boys from other schools, though, to be sure, it would not be easy to show that this exclusion was intentional, since some public schools were also not included.* At elections at the University we tended to vote for a boy wearing an old school tie, irrespective of his merits. In fairness it should be said that boys from other schools were just as snobbish, and we were faintly amused with one another.

Our snobbishness was shown also by our attitude towards strikes. We always thought the men were wrong. We never bothered to find out; we just assumed that, where there was wealth and authority, there also was right.

Then there was the snobbishness of the playing fields. There is much that is to be admired about the team spirit, but there is much that is not. It is on the playing fields that the essence of the old school tie is most strongly marked. It is there that we learn to defer to blimps in authority. In my day the aristocrats of the playing field were frankly contemptuous of "swots." I remember occasions when the team spirit broke out into open hooliganism, worthy of the Nazi Gestapo, and boys who did not go to watch a football match were ducked on the following Monday.

Of course, the snobbishness of the intellectual prig is just as offensive. We had our share of them, too, though they were not so common.

In my day we despised all the arts that mean civilisation—book-learning, poetry, music and painting. They were effeminate. We admired only brawn. We were always on the side of those with wealth and authority. We never championed the poor. We never felt that slums and poverty were a challenge to the self-respect of the nation. We felt slightly superior to those not so well endowed with the world's goods as we were, believing, I suppose, that in some way it must be due to their own faults or our virtues. We measured success in terms of vulgar material gain, instead of contributions to the thought or welfare of the nation.

Yes, we were snobs all right! Is it very different to-day?

[*EDITOR'S NOTE.—It is surely only fair to the Old Boys' Club to say that this implication is not in accordance with fact. Shore and Grammar Old Boys' Clubs were founded by the enterprise of certain Old Boys of the respective schools many years ago. Other clubs followed, and all were at first, and are still, separate institutions. After some years the various clubs entered into an economical arrangement which enabled them, while maintaining individuality, to share certain rooms and facilities in common. No school clubs existed outside this group, nor, we believe, have any others yet come into existence. Hence there was not, at any time, any other club either to be admitted or to be excluded; the question has not arisen, and cannot arise. The O.B. Clubs are, of course, quite separate from the Old Boys' Unions, which are not combined in any way.]

The Committee showed the above article to the Senior Prefect, to one of the Senior Masters, and to the father of a former Senior Prefect. The following are their replies :—

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ARE WE SNOBS ?

I don't think so. The writer of the opening essay on the subject has got the meaning of the word "snob" confused with that of "pride." It is the fact that we are proud of our School, proud of our Country and our family that has led him to believe that we are snobs. When we play sport for the School it is because we want to keep up the good name of the School, and we feel justified in criticising those who have no school spirit. You can hardly call the Army snobs because they are proud of their country, and criticise those who sit at home with scarcely any patriotic feeling.

The writer mentions the matter of elections at the University as an instance of our snobbishness, but can you expect a person to vote for someone he knew nothing about and vote against someone who belonged to an association that he himself had belonged to and for whom he probably had a great admiration? For sake of an example to show that this is only another form of pride, let us take the case of an Australian who is up for election in a foreign country, such as Italy. Is it snobbishness if one of his fellow-countrymen votes for him? I definitely think that it is just another case of patriotism, of pride in your country.

The writer goes further to mention our snobbishness in connection with strikes. But here again it is only our patriotic feeling for our country in time of war that makes us think that men are wrong in striking. If the men were patriotic they would try and settle their grievances without helping the enemy and without hindering their country's war effort. I am quite certain that there are other methods of settling their grievances, and if there aren't—well, why not grin and bear it, and have the feeling that at least you are helping your country more than you would be if you did strike.

Things must have changed a good deal at School since the writer was there in regard to our attitude towards the arts, especially music and painting. I find that there is practically no boy in the School at present who is not interested in music of some sort. An example of this is the wholeheartedness with which all the boys in the newly formed School Orchestra go in for their practising. I have yet to hear anyone who despises those in it, while I hear many envious remarks passed by those who only wished they were able to play some musical instrument. In regard to painting, I do not mind admitting that I only wish I could paint; and I think that, from the large number of boys who always attend the art exhibitions at School, there are many who have the same envious wish.

In G.P.S. schools, besides learning, we are also taught we are members of a team, of a community in which we are to be proud. Whereas in public schools, where there is sport but no team spirit, the boys become self-centred and jealous of our pride in the community in which we live.

So it seems that owing to the war, and hence to the nearer equating of the different classes of the community, the snobbishness of the writer's day has merged into the pride of to-day. J. J. C.

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Were we snobs in the early years of our School? We certainly are not to-day. But were we? I doubt it. I speak in general, and leave

out the odd snob, that unfortunate, erring person you may still occasionally meet, though I do not know one. Indeed, soon after my arrival here I noticed the distinctive colours, liked the bearing of the wearers, met quite a number, and found no hint of a sense of superiority. And this before I became one of us.

We wore our colours, and we were proud to do so in a world that looked upon them as indicative of "side," in a world where single boys were frequently attacked by boys who did not belong to our particular kind of school, that straw hat with its noticeable ribbon being far too powerful a magnet. Those days are long past. The former attacker is no longer jealous, for he wears his school tie and is rightly proud of it. Moreover, he and our boys hobnob together with those of all kinds of schools in train, 'bus, ferry, and in their own homes. To-day I see no sign of the hateful thing we dub snobbery.

In the year 1934 there was opened Winchester College, founded by William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester; he also founded New College, Oxford. The motto of this school is, "Manners makyth man." We have no such ancient lineage, but we, too, belong to a school founded on Christian principles which must imply good manners. The root and core of good manners is thoughtfulness and consideration for others, which is an outstanding attribute of a Christian man.

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Upon being asked to express an opinion as to whether boys who attend the schools known as the Great Public Schools are snobs, I realised that I had nothing better than a vague idea as to what kind of a person a snob really is. Obviously, before attempting to write anything about snobs I had to get something more definite than my own vague notion. Upon consulting the "Oxford" and other dictionaries, I found quite a number of definitions of the word "snob," any one of which is partially, but none of which seem to me to be wholly, satisfactory. The nearest that I could get to a definition that satisfied me is that "a snob is a vulgar person who apes gentility," and that "gentility is characterised by good breeding and politeness of manners." Also I found that a snob is one who wishes to be regarded as "a person of social importance." Thackeray—always rather fierce about snobs—says that a snob is a "vulgar man who chiefly displays his character of a snob by swaggering and showing off in his coarse, stupid way." He goes even further and refers to snobs as "crawling, truckling lacqueys and parasites." (By

way of contrast, I found yet another definition of "snob," i.e., "a game of cricket played with a soft ball and a thick stick in lieu of a bat."

So there we are, and out of the above we might be able to obtain a mental picture of a snob—imperfect, of course, because it is not possible to express in language the ethical aspect of snobbery which is felt, but which defies expression.

To get back to the starting point—Are Great Public School boys snobs? I have met hundreds of them, both at school, afterwards at the University, and also in many walks of life, and in my opinion it is hopelessly incorrect to class them as snobs, assuming that the above definitions are even approximately correct. Certainly one does occasionally meet a Great Public School boy who has been so unfortunate as to fail to absorb the spirit of his school, and has failed to take advantage of the priceless out-of-school education and training which sternly discourages anything in the way of selfishness, swank and ostentation. I say that most Great Public School boys are not snobs—they don't *ape* gentility; they absorb it. Naturally keen for success, they don't appear to hanker after being persons of social, scholastic or athletic distinction, though proud enough of it if distinction does come along their way. But this does not constitute snobbery. Neither are they snobs because they have a fixed belief that their own school is just a bit better than any other school; and naturally when they leave school they foregather with ex-students of their own school, or of schools where there is much the same standard of conduct. This tends towards exclusiveness, but is not snobbery, for in every walk of life one sees the same tendency by some people to attract other people and form themselves into groups. As the old saying puts it, "Birds of a feather flock together."

The word "snob" is frequently hurled at Great Public School boys as a term of opprobrium by people who are ill-informed or whose opinion is not altogether free from bias, and perhaps even tinged with jealousy.

I have been rather puzzled as to why the term "snob" is applied only to boys who attend the Great Public Schools, for I have met scores of splendid boys from other private schools and from the State public schools who have absorbed and practice a standard of conduct equal to the standard of any of the Great Public Schools—but they are not called snobs.

Nevertheless, I have the opinion that deep down within all of us there is a strain of snobbery. Did not Thackeray say, "It is beautiful to sink a shaft in society and come upon rich veins of snob-ore"?

PREPARATORY SCHOOL NOTES.

The "50" Choir.—This has become larger than ever before. Considering the little time available for practising, the singing has been quite good at times. Most of the best singers are also in the Chapel Choir and in the Octet Club.

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The Chapel.—Our special service has latterly been held on Mondays. The lessons have been well read and the general attitude has been good, though there is room for improvement. J. W. Arlom has played the organ voluntarily on occasions.

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Art.—Some of the borders enjoy dabbling in powder paints and are learning to make pictures. In the Art Class some new boys show talent, but it is too early to mention any names in particular.

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School Play.—We have started rehearsing our play for the School War Fund Concert to be held in the latter part of next term. The play being produced is called "Blood and Gold," or, in other words, "The Stealing of the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London." This amazing affair is one of the few incidents in history that fall naturally into dramatic form. Here are some of the highlights of the play: Colonel Blood really did steal the Crown Jewels exactly as the play unfolds; Captain Henry Edwards really did turn up unexpectedly at the critical moment; and King Charles II. did actually let Blood off, though no one quite knows why. Lord Ossory thought he knew, and his threat to pistol the Duke of Buckingham is authentic, as is Mr. John Evelyn's (friend of Charles II.) description of Blood.

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PREP. SCHOOL CRICKET.

The standard of our cricket this term has been very promising, considering many members of last season's teams moved up to the Senior School this year. The weather has been kind to us throughout the term, only one match being cancelled owing to rain.

Our match results generally have been satisfactory, as out of the six matches played by the 1st XI. we lost one, and the 2nd XI. managed to win both matches arranged for them.

The most serious faults in both teams, which must be overcome in the third term if we are to reach any first class standard in Preparatory School cricket, are the calling and the running between wickets. Our fielding has improved considerably since the beginning of the term, but there is still room for further improvement.

The most outstanding bowlers this term have been N. J. Davey and G. G. Pratten, who have bowled consistently well throughout, as shown by their averages in matches.

Our batting appears to be very weak in match play, but this can be put down to lack of match experience and nervousness in most cases. The batting at practices has been quite satisfactory and up to the usual Preparatory School standard. The form of Hawkins, Davey, Pratten, Cooper, J. J. Kristenson, Chubb and Davidson in batting has been the most promising; while the fielding of Hawkins, Chubb, Kristenson, Davey and Padman has been good.

We congratulate Hawkins, as Captain of the 1st XI., for the way he has handled his team; his leadership has been sound generally.

Colts.—Of the four matches arranged, only two could be played. The first was won, and the second drawn. Jones is the best bowler, though Leggett and Cowdery are promising. All show progress at batting, but Shaffran, D. Kristenson, Cowdery and Colvin are the steadiest. Jones is the best fielder.



OLD BOYS' UNION

As a result of the ballot held after the Annual General Meeting last year, the following were elected to the Old Boys' Union Committee: H. D. Ainsworth, J. A. Friend, B. L. Geddes, N. M. Goddard, R. C. Gowing, P. A. Hanks, A. H. M. Maclachlan, W. S. Perks, J. K. Shirley. Two members of the School staff, Rev. T. H. D. Kitley and Mr. R. A. Gilfillan, were co-opted by the Committee at its first meeting.

Old Boys' activities on the home front have been of necessity greatly restricted of late, but it was felt desirable that they should not be entirely abandoned, if possible. The main function was a most successful gathering held on Friday, 19th March, at the Old Boys' Club, and arranged jointly with that body, the prime purpose of which was to welcome home Old Boys returning from service overseas. The gathering was an informal one, and general opinion was that it gained thereby. A few words of welcome were given by Dr. Morgan, the President of the Union, on behalf of those at home, and many old acquaintanceships were renewed in the course of the evening. About thirty Old Boys in the services were present.

A team of Old Boy cricketers was able to be fielded against the School

at Northbridge on Saturday, 13th February. The game resulted in a win for the School by 17 runs on the first innings, "Snow" Lyttle compiling 62 of the Old Boys' total of 117. The atmosphere was a lighthearted one, and an enjoyable game was had by all.

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The Open Service was held in the School Chapel at 10.45 a.m. on 9th May, the Sunday following the 54th anniversary of the foundation of the School. The Headmaster delivered the address. There was a representative attendance of Old Boys present. Other functions have had to be held in abeyance for the time being, but possibly some will be arranged later in the year.

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At the beginning of the year it was decided that one of the chief tasks of this year's Committee should be to make some attempt to bring the Register up-to-date. As it stands, it is complete only to 1927. A sub-committee was formed and a certain amount of useful spade-work has been done, although progress must, of course, be slow. It is scarcely necessary to point out the enormous value which a complete Register with details of School record and, if possible, subsequent career, would have. In this connection, we should like once again to emphasise the great help which can be given by sending in relevant details concerning Old Boys, especially those who are temporarily out of touch with the Union.

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The vast majority of Old Boy news comes, as usual, from the fighting forces. Mention of names in this connection must, as always, be invidious, but we are sure that all Old Boys will like to share in the news which reaches the Union from time to time.

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It is with great pride that we publish the following additional list of decorations to Old Boys. Distinguished Flying Crosses have been awarded to Sqn./Ldr. R. C. Mackay, Sqn./Ldr. R. S. Marshall (now posted missing) and F/Lt. Clifford A. Giles (also subsequently reported missing); F/O. Elton Murray Ifould has received the United States decoration of the Silver Star, and P/O. C. A. Crombie the Distinguished Service Order. P/O. Crombie received his award for attacking a superior force of four Japanese aircraft over India early in the year, and destroying two of the enemy machines. As an R.A.A.F. pilot, Crombie has flown in many night operations in the United Kingdom, India and the Middle East. In June of last year the George Medal was awarded to Lt. Geoffrey John Cliff, R.A.N.V.R., and a bar to this was added later in the year.

The following have been mentioned in despatches : Lieut. J. O. Wittus, A.I.F., "in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East during the period July, 1941, to October, 1941"; Wing Commander O. H. D. Blomfield, of the R.A.F., and Surgeon-Lt. Douglas Arthur Warden, R.A.N.R., survivor of H.M.A.S. *Canberra*, for "skill, resolution and coolness while serving in His Majesty's Australian ships during operations in the Solomons."

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We are pleased to be able to include in this issue further photographs of recipients of decorations, and hope to publish others in the future from time to time.

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With great regret we record the death of Brigadier J. W. Crawford, D.S.O., E.D., three times mentioned in despatches. Brigadier Crawford was killed in an aircraft crash in a northern operational area. He was among the most distinguished of Old Boys in the Army, and his untimely death will come as a great blow both to the Army in its loss of a gallant officer and to the community generally in its loss of a fine gentleman.

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The names of other Old Boys who have lost their lives on active service appear in the Roll of Honour elsewhere in these pages. With mingled sorrow and pride we offer our deepest sympathy to their relatives and friends.

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During the last few months we have heard that the following are prisoners of war in Japanese camps : Lieut. R. A. Armour, Lieut. W. G. Barnes, Capt. W. H. Bathgate, Gnr. R. R. Braddon, Lieut. J. D. Bull, Pte. N. B. G. Byrne, Capt. V. G. Butler, Lieut. D. M. Carment, Lieut. H. S. Clayton, Lieut. J. H. Cooper, Capt. A. H. Curlewis, Dvr. O. R. Evans, Lieut. D. G. Garland, Sgt. J. H. C. Fitzhardinge, Capt. D. C. C. Hinder, Major W. R. and Pte. John Locke, Lieut. G. H. Mackisack, Lieut. P. H. Playfair, Capt. R. D. Puffett, Cpl. J. G. Richardson, Sigmn. C. D'A. Roberts, Lieut. R. C. Seandrett, L/Bdr. H. K. Smith, Capt. J. M. Vernon, Lieut. T. C. Walker, Sgt. K. C. Witt, all of the A.I.F., and 2nd Lieut. J. F. Herbert, of the F.M.S. Volunteer Forces. The Union Office would be pleased to hear of any inadvertent omissions from this list. We hope that further lists will give a great many more names, and in the meantime extend our sympathy to parents and friends who are waiting for news.

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We have received notification of the promotion of A. D. Garrison in August, 1942, to the rank of Wing Commander. He is in the R.A.A.F.,

and has been at an advanced operational station. It may be of interest to note the names of other Old Boy Wing Commanders. They include O. H. D. Blomfield, R.A.F., whose appointment was gazetted in London in June, 1941; Tony Primrose, A.F.C., R.A.A.F., who was promoted to Wing Commander early in 1943; Sturt de Burgh Griffith, A.F.C., R.A.A.F., who has held the rank for some time; S. A. C. Campbell and "Dixie" Chapman.

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A number of most interesting letters from Old Boys on service has been received and, as always, these were most welcome.

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F/O. D. F. Shetliffe wrote from New Guinea, where he has been for some months, and mentioned having met quite a few Old Boys, including Lieut. Ivo Clarke, who is A.D.C. to Major-General Clowes, and W/Cmdr. Owen Blomfield, who had just returned after a year in Malta, and had some interesting stories to relate.

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Tpr. J. C. Wise writes of interesting training with the Armoured Division, and mentions that his elder brother, Henry, has returned from the Middle East, and has been stationed for the last six months in New Guinea, where he met Capt. "Mick" Busby, Lieut. Dave Wood and Sgt. Ernie Morgan.

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A reply to a letter of congratulation from the Union on his decoration has been received from Squadron-Leader E. Maynard Pain, D.S.O. In it he mentions that he has been stationed at a U.S. Naval Air Station in Florida since July of last year, and expects to be in America for another twelve months. He had not met any Old Boys there, but two or three passed through his previous station in North Scotland, including B. Rae, of Longreach, Queensland.

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From an R.A.F. station in Ceylon comes a letter from F/Lt. W. L. Harbutt, who has been stationed there since August, 1941. Old Boys seem to be comparatively few and far between in this part of the world, but Harbutt mentioned having met Mon Jessen, before the latter went on to Mauritius, and Stan. Bradfield, who was at the same station for a few days before going on to Australia.

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A "newsy" letter has been received from Lieut. O. L. Edwards with information about the doings (and misdoings) of various Old Boys up north. He says that Capt. D. P. Craig is becoming New Guinea's best dressed man in khaki shorts vice the evergreen jungle suits. Lex

McCorquodale is with "Olly" Edwards' unit, also Arthur Rupp. There is news also of the wild time that Bruce Lang had when picket (or picquet) officer in Townsville on New Year's Eve.

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An interesting letter came to the School from Capt. Frank A. Page, telling how he "spent the last year touring the world at the Government's expense," the excuse being that he was gaining information on fire control instruments. He attended a class on fire control at the Military College of Science in England, and then went on to America, visiting Washington, New York, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, where, incidentally, a leading engineering student at the time was an Old Boy, Napier Thompson.

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Letters have also been received at the Union from Lieut. L. K. Jones and Lieut. A. L. Y. Fox.

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Word has been received that F/O. G. I. Gunton, who was captain of a torpedo bomber attached to the Australian squadron, which recently returned from Russia, and who was reported missing as a result of air operations off the Norwegian coast on December 11th, 1942, has been reported a prisoner of war in Germany. An anti-aircraft shell exploded in the petrol tank, demolishing most of the port wing of his aircraft, which went down into the sea. His promotion to Flying Officer, since gazetted, dates back to 25th September, 1942.

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In one of the series of talks, "With the Australian Forces in Britain," broadcast over the B.B.C. recently, the speaker was Lt. Cyril M. Page, R.N.V.R., who gave a very interesting account of the operations of motor gunboats in the North Sea and English Channel, in which he has been engaged.

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News has come to hand of F/Lt. R. A. (Snow) Swift, who is a pilot in a Beaufighter squadron, whose strafing exploits deep into Burma have just been revealed.

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In a letter from Brisbane, T. A. Trewheeler tells of a regular combined G.P.S. Lunch gathering held on Wednesdays at the Brisbane Stock Exchange Club. The more regular attendants from Shore are L. L. G. Kesterton, John Swire, L. Pennington and R. Cuppaidge. Old Boys visiting or passing through Brisbane may care to make a note of this function.



Lt. G. J. CLIFF, George Medal and Bar.



W/Cdr. STURT de B. GRIFFITH, A.F.C.



F/O. ELTON MURRAY IFOULD, Silver Star.



Col. R. HEATHCOTE RUSSELL, D.S.O.



F/Lt. E. A. UTZ, D.F.C.



F/O. CHARLES A. CROMBIE, D.S.O.

We should like to report that F/Lt. Graham Pockley, D.F.C. and Bar, has arrived back in Sydney, after flying in the U.K. for nearly two years with an R.A.A.F. flying-boat squadron, during which time he achieved great distinction. Accounts of his exploits have appeared in previous *Torch-Bearers*.

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Early in the year the Rev. I. D. Armitage offered to become a sort of unofficial Chaplain to the Old Boys' Union, and visit any Old Boys in military hospitals in the neighbourhood of Sydney. This offer was gratefully received by the Committee, which is anxious to receive details of number, name and rank of any such Old Boys.

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The following is an extract from a letter from Sqn.-Leader I. G. Esplin, Rhodes Scholar, who is engaged in flying night-fighters with the R.A.F. in England. It tells of the effect of a big German raid on all members of what must be a typical R.A.F. station :

We were expecting this after the events of the previous night, so we were all "on the top line," and sure enough over they came right into our arms. I can't tell you what our final score was, but the squadron put up a record for one night's bag, even including the time when there used to be four and five hundred a night to shoot at. It was like a tonic to the boys, and everyone from M.T. drivers to W.A.A.F. telephone orderlies worked flat out. The display in the sky from the barrage, apart from the searchlights, was fantastic. Shrapnel was simply raining down on the aerodrome, but the ground crews worked like blacks re-fuelling and re-arming the fighters as they came in. Some of them hadn't got tin hats with them and others had been off duty, but they all turned out and worked like mad. The spirit in this squadron is grand, right down to the lowest of "erks" and "A.C. plonks." There is terrific rivalry as to whose pilot does best, which flight does best, and so on. They get no reward for their work, but if you could see their faces when you get a Hun, and see the way they work when there's a "flap" on, you would realise just one of the reasons why we can never be beaten.

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BIRTHS.

Bannister : 2/2/43, to Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Bannister—a son.

Begbie : 13/4/43, to Chaplain Rev. D. R. Begbie (R.A.A.F.) and Mrs. Begbie—a son (Malcolm Bruce).

Broome : 8/1/43, to Joyce, wife of Dr. Kenneth Broome of Coonamble—a daughter (Mary).

Button : 18/2/43, to Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Button of "Telarah," Coonamble—a daughter (Elizabeth Gay).

- Crauford** : 5/3/43, at Cowra, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crauford—a daughter.
Ellerton : 11/4/43, to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ellerton—a son.
Epps : 19/4/43, to Capt. and Mrs. W. G. H. Epps—a son.
Foulsham : 19/4/43, to Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Foulsham of Wollstonecraft—a daughter.
Halstead : 4/3/43, to Lois, wife of Lt. T. T. Halstead, A.I.F.—a son.
Holden : 7/2/43, to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Holden of Killara—a son.
Hore : 24/9/41, to P/O. and Mrs. Kenneth Hore—a daughter (Diana Kennedy).
Hulton : 22/2/43, to Lt. and Mrs. H. R. Hulton—a daughter (Jenny Mary Eleanor).
MacDermott : 26/4/43, to Annette, wife of D. M. MacDermott—a son.
Major : 25/2/43, to Lt. and Mrs. Geoffrey Major—a son.
Moodie : 1/1/43, to Capt. and Mrs. B. R. Moodie—a son.
Pratten : 7/1/43, to Mr. and Mrs. George Pratten of Pymble—a son.
Tribe : 17/2/43, to Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Tribe of Killara—a son.
Upward : 19/4/43, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Upward of Northbridge—a daughter.
Vonwiller : to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Vonwiller of Toorak Gardens, Adelaide—a son.
Wheatley : 11/12/42, to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheatley of Mylandra Park, Grenfell—a son (William John).
Wise : 25/1/43, to Moira, wife of Thomas Walter Wise of Narrandera—a son.
Witts : 15/1/43, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Witts of Gunnedah—a daughter (Rosslyn Wildridge).

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ENGAGEMENTS.

The following engagements have been announced:—

- Buchanan—Bailey** : Maureen Alice, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bailey of Mosman, to Cpl. William Bruce Buchanan (A.L.F., returned), son of the late R. B. Buchanan and of Mrs. I. D. Buchanan of Mosman.
Capp—Playfair : Ann Hardy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. J. Playfair, Elnora Heights, to Lt. Colin Capp, A.I.F., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Capp of Quirindi.
Brigden—Frater : Lt. Lexie Hay Frater, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Frater of Chatswood, to Lt. Norman Laurence Brigden, A.I.F., eldest son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. J. Brigden of Wahroonga.
Jones—Simpson : Beth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Simson of Chatswood, to Lt. Llewellyn King Jones, A.I.F., younger son of the late Mr. A. K. Jones of Barcaldine, Q., and of Mrs. A. V. S. Jones of Willoughby.
Mackay—Dunk : Joan, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dunk of Bourke, to Donald, younger son of the late C. H. Mackay and of Mrs. R. V. Mackay of Mullagalah, Bourke.
McMaster—Foxall : Janet Isobel, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foxall, Killara, to John Capel, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shiel McMaster of Croppa, Warialda.
Neil—Walker : Lindsay Russell, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. D. Walker of Gordon, to Cpl. Robert Stewart Warren Neil, A.I.F., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neil of Collaroy.
Ormiston—Dalziel : Joan Lennox, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dalziel of Mt. Victoria, to Capt. George Ormiston, A.I.F., youngest son of Mr. W. F. Ormiston and the late Mrs. Ormiston of The Rocks, Cowra.

- Petrie—Edwards** : Margaret Bennett, only daughter of the Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. H. G. Edwards of Roseville, to Lt. James Charles Petrie, A.I.F., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Petrie of Chatswood.
- Proctor—Morgan** : Betty June, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan of Moree, to P/O. Darrell Proctor, R.A.A.F., elder son of Major and Mrs. D. A. Proctor of Mosman.
- Richards—Garland** : Joan Frances, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Garland, Bank of N.S.W., Brisbane, to John Pendennis Richards (A.I.F., returned), only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Richards of Scone.
- Tindal—Dowell** : Ellen Joan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dowell of Mosman, formerly of Grafton, to Sgt. Peter Tindal (A.I.F., returned), third son of the late C. H. Tindal of Grafton and of Mrs. Tindal of Killara.
- White—Bourke** : Joan Vandeleur, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ulick Bourke of Merewether, to Capt. E. C. S. White, A.I.F., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. S. White of Cremorne.

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MARRIAGES.

(See also "Chapel Notes.")

- Allen—Pickering** : 13/2/43, at Dewsbury, Yorks, England, Nancy (W.A.A.F. Dental Section), daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Pickering, to Sgt.-Observer James Jeffery Allen, R.A.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen of Killara.
- Arnot—Brooks** : 27/3/43, at St. Matthew's, Manly, Beatrice (Bonnie), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brooks of Manly, to Spr. Wilbur (Bill) Arnot (A.I.F., returned), son of Major and Mrs. A. J. Arnot of Sydney.
- Burrell—Kemmis** : 1/3/43, at St. Augustine's, Neutral Bay, Joyce Mary, younger daughter of Mrs. J. M. Kemmis, to Capt. John Raymond Burrell, M.C. (A.I.F., returned), only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. P. Burrell of Neutral Bay.
- Jay—Service** : 8/12/42, at Ochiltree, Ayrshire, Scotland, Freda, only child of the late Mr. Service and of Mrs. Service of Monkton, Ayrshire, to P/O. Brinley Pearce Jay, R.A.A.F., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jay of Burwood.
- McEwen—James** : 11/3/43, at St. James', Sydney, Margaret Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. James of Mackay, Q., to Lt. Kenneth Bruce McEwen, A.I.F., son of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce McEwen of Bathurst.
- Mackay—Officer** : 26/1/43, at Jerusalem, Florence, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Glenelg H. Officer of Mt. Drysdale and North Parramatta, to Sqdn.-Leader Robert Charles Mackay, D.F.C., R.A.A.F., elder son of the late Charles J. Mackay and of Mrs. Mackay of Mullagalah, Bourke.
- O'Connell—Andrew** : 20/2/43, at St. Stephen's, Sydney, Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. E. Andrew of Captain's Flat, to Allan David (Pat), (A.I.F., returned), second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Connell of Yass.
- Selby—Dryden** : 23/2/43, Barbara Kelso, younger daughter of the late H. C. Dryden and of Mrs. Dryden of Bellevue Hill, to Major Esmond John Selby, A.I.F., third son of the late H. B. Selby and of Mrs. Selby of Killara.
- Waterhouse—Noble** : 17/11/42, at St. Martin's, Killara, Ruth McCallum, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Noble of Killara, to Sgt. John T. Waterhouse, R.A.A.F., youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Waterhouse of Killara.
- Wettone—Hendrie** : 4/3/43, at St. Michael's, Vaucluse, Nanette, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hendrie of Vaucluse, to Sgt. Charles Edward Wettone, A.I.F., second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wettone of Gordon.

OBITUARY.

Miller : 25/4/42, Waldo Barnard Miller of Merriwa, aged 39. At the School 1917-19. Prefect, 1st XV. and 2nd XI., 1919.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

Beale : March, 1943, Sgt. Herbert Eldon Beale, R.A.A.F., killed in air operations abroad, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Beale of Killara, aged 23. At the School 1928-May, 1937.

***Cadell** : Early September, 1942, Sgt. John Donald Cadell, R.A.A.F., missing, now presumed killed on active service abroad, son of Mrs. D. Cadell of Lindfield, aged 27. At the School 1931-August, 1933.

Crawford : About 7/3/43, Brigadier J. W. Crawford, D.S.O., E.D., A.I.F., accidentally killed in plane crash in northern operational area, husband of Gladys, father of Elaine, and son of Mrs. Crawford and the late John Crawford of Turramurra, aged 43. At the School 1910-18.

Henderson : 31/3/43, P/O. William Gordon Henderson, R.A.A.F., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Henderson of Roseville, killed in aircraft crash, Scotland, aged 26. At the School 1929-34.

Leitch : 11/1/43, Lt. John Cockburn Leitch, A.I.F., killed in action, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Leitch of Cremorne, brother of Diana, V.A., of 2/11 A.G.H., A.I.F., aged 21. At the School 1932-August, 1938. B.L.

***Lovejoy** : 6/7/42, Sgt.-Pilot Douglas John Lovejoy, R.A.A.F., missing, now presumed killed on active service in northern operational area, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lovejoy, aged 21. At the School 1934-39.

***Somerville** : 15/4/42, F/O. E. N. (Barney) Somerville, R.A.A.F., previously reported missing, now presumed killed in action, Middle East, youngest son of the late James Somerville of Tamworth and of Mrs. Somerville of Willoughby, aged 27. At the School 1929-31.

Upward : 17/11/42, F/O. John William Upward, R.A.A.F., killed in air operations, Middle East, husband of Joan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Upward of Lindfield, aged 27. At the School 1928-May, 1931.

Wood : 18/8/41, Lt. Monteith Cowper Wood, A.I.F., killed in action, Tobruk, youngest son of Mrs. A. E. L. Wood of Darlinghurst and the late F. H. C. Wood, brother of Rodney and Bryan, aged 22. At the School 1932-36.

*Now presumed dead.

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CLUB NOTES.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on 18th March last, and the Club President, Mr. Norman Harding, mentioned, among other things, that at the close of the year the number of Club members who were on active service was 251, of whom 16 were in the Navy, 161 in the Army, and 74 in the Air Force. The President said that subscriptions from active service members had been waived for the duration of the war, with the consequence that the Club would find it increasingly difficult to carry on, and would require as much support as possible from existing paying

members, and, especially would require the support which it was hoped would be forthcoming from other Old Boys who are not at present members of the Club.

It was with deep regret that the Committee recorded during the year that Sgt.-Gnr. F. E. Monckton, P/O. D. J. Richards and P/O. A. G. Sands, after having been posted missing whilst on air operations, were later presumed dead.

This year no Christmas cards or gifts were sent by the Club to its members on active service, in conformity with the desire expressed by the Government.

The Committee again expressed its thanks to Mr. J. N. Pascoe for his assistance as a representative of the School on the Committee. It was felt that his efforts in reminding boys about to leave School of the Club's facilities had very materially helped to maintain and strengthen the bond between Old Boys and the School. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. Richard Swift for his work during the year as Hon. Auditor.

Mr. Harding went on to say that Messrs. D'Arcy F. Roberts, J. K. Shirley and R. Ludowici had represented the Club on the Board of School Clubs Ltd. during the year.

During 1942 social functions were cut down to an absolute minimum, with a result that there was only one late afternoon gathering, which was held to welcome new members to the Club, and to introduce boys who had just left school.

The office-bearers elected for the year were as follows :—President, R. Ludowici; Immediate Past President, A. N. Harding; Vice-Presidents, G. E. Browne and J. E. M. Dixon; Hon. Secretary, J. T. Humphreys; Hon. Treasurer, D'Arcy F. Roberts; Committee, J. M. Crane, R. C. Gowing, P. A. Hanks, M. C. Hull, H. J. Lewarne, D. A. Magill, P. E. Royle and S. G. Stott. Co-opted members of the Committee are : J. N. Pascoe, F. T. Henry and J. Oliver.

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On 19th February of this year a very successful gathering was held in the Club Rooms to welcome new members and the boys who had just left school. Many acquaintances were renewed.

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Old Boys who recently joined the Club are : S. Aboud, J. H. Barsby, R. E. Biddulph, W. J. Blomfield, J. C. Bootle, P. L. S. Broughton, E. D. and I. E. C. Cameron, D. C. Campbell, P. N. Charley, Garry Charlton, J. M. Chew, M. Clarke, P. G. Coward, A. D. Cranna, J. K. Cudmore,

K. R. Doyle, W. C. P. East, N. A. Emery, J. C. Ferris, J. C. P. Finch, T. O. Friend, R. B. Geeves, M. R. Hardwick, J. Y. Harrison, T. W. Horne, P. N. Houston, F. W. Hume, W. L. Hunt, I. J. Hunter, B. L. Hurst, R. D. Jones, T. A. Langley, P. F. Lind, J. M. Linton, A. H. S. Macneil, E. B. Macpherson, D. A. Magill, J. B. McMinn, G. S. Mitchell, M. E. Moxham, A. C. S. and J. H. S. Parker, K. H. Perdriau, E. N. Paxton, R. K. S. Perry, H. C. E. Pickersgill, D. Ritchie, S. B. Robertson, I. G. Ross, E. L. and R. O. Spencer, J. R. Thompson, J. B. M. Trenerry, R. B. Walker, John Wansey and B. F. Yuill.

May 12, 1943.

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