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BURY ST. EDMUND'S,
SUFFOLK.

Editorial.

WE have lived through fateful days in our first twelve months of war. A period of uneventfulness, stirred only by the two dramatic moments of the "Altmark" and the "Graf Spee," and the storm was upon us. Bewilderedly we read of Norway. With pity and anger struggling for mastery in our hearts we heard the early morning news of the treacherous onslaught on Belgium and Holland. Such a very short while before we had so idly watched the swirling waters of the Meuse, and now Hitler's columns were crossing them. But our troops were at hand, and with pride we read of their rapid move into Belgian territory, and of the cheers of the Belgians. And then tragedy. The collapse of Belgium—even worse, the sickening fall of France. The gallant B.E.F. was extricated, betrayed, weary, undefeated. The Battle of Belgium was over. So was that of France. The Battle of Britain was about to begin.

We shall never forget this past summer, with its glorious days and perfect evenings. Everything seemed to conspire to make our land more lovely, more precious. From the Plantation came the chatter of the Prep. boys. From the far side of the field came the clean crack of the ball. And this was threatened. When had England meant so much to us? True we had sung patriotic songs with gusto, but we had always been wary of an accusation of emotionalism, of sentimentality. Now the tune mattered not at all—the words took on a clearer meaning, the poet came into his own as one who had seen deeper than we. And so we faced up to things.

Not to all of us came the call to undertake great tasks. But whatever the call, it was answered. Not one proved a Falstaff, musing that Honour hath no skill in surgery, and so it is with pride that we remember our so very recent school-fellows and the parts that they played and are playing. The summer has gone, the dreariness of the black-out is upon us, the wind is whistling around us and reverberating down our chimneys. That same wind sees one of our boys struggling through the night to his observation post in some bleak corner, and another making his way to serve for four hours at the

Centre. It recalls to another the difficulties of fire-fighting. No doubt it is whistling around the famous battle cruiser that bears one of our number through the oncoming seas in search of that elusive quarry, or around the ears of another as he paces to and fro on the spray-driven coast, or of yet another as he leaves the light and the warmth to pick his way to the waiting bomber. To another it is a melancholy wind as it strains round the clustered buildings of the prison camp.

We are proud of them all—they are true to our four-hundred-year-old tradition. They are yet another generation of Old Burians brought up in the principles of Christ, recking not whether Honour would set a leg, Old Burians willing to die for their King and Country.

Headmaster's Notes.

It was with the deepest regret that I said goodbye to so many old friends at the end of the Summer Term—especially to Col. and Mrs. Wadmore, whom I had known for so long, and to whom I owe so much; to Mr. Hibbins, my colleague for so many years; and to Mr. Bramald, known for only a short while, but appreciated none the less. But time marches on, their places are filled by others, and I know that the boys join with me in welcoming the new members of the Staff. They are already known and respected.

My thanks are due to the Prefects for their splendid work throughout the Term. They have shown their awareness of the responsibilities of the offices they hold, and have acquitted themselves like men. The boys, too, are worthy of mention. I am pleased to say that theirs are only the nice naughtinesses, and I am very confident that Bury will not have cause to alter its very high opinion of the quality of our boys.

I should like to pay tribute to a small group of people who so very rarely receive thought, still less thanks. I refer to the Domestic Staff. There is no more loyal supporter of the School than Mrs. Jones—unless it be Ruby—and no more hardworking one, and I am deeply grateful to her and to her assistants.

And, to conclude, a few words about my wife and myself. We are both very conscious of the honour that has been paid us, and we have both been deeply touched by the countless

letters of good wishes that we have received. It has proved almost an impossibility to reply to them all. But there is one way in which we can reply, we are here to serve, and, remembering always the high ideals of the School, we shall serve to the best of our ability, so that, as the old prayer has it, "there shall never be wanting Christian men to serve both Church and State." We believe in a healthy mind in a healthy body, and in more than that—in a Christian mind in a Christian home. We shall try to give that home.

The Editor, "The Burian."

Sir,

Kindly allow me a little space in which to express again my most grateful thanks to all members of the School and Staff who contributed to the presentation made to me on the last morning of my last term as Headmaster. This presentation, I may now say frankly, was so unexpected, and moved me so deeply, that I fear I was quite unable at the moment to find words adequate to express my appreciation and gratitude. How real and how deep these were I hope was none the less apparent.

Some members of the School had left before the 23rd July. To them also I wish through your columns to tender my most sincere acknowledgements, and to say that specially do I value the inscription which couples the names of Mrs. Wadmore and myself.

Should any of our old friends be able to visit us here, where they will always be most welcome, they will find their beautiful cigarette box in a place of usefulness and honour, a constant reminder of their good wishes to us both when the time came for us to leave Bury Grammar School.

J. M. WADMORE.

"WOODLANDS,"

LINKSWOOD ROAD,
BURNHAM, BUCKS.

We are very pleased to welcome to Bury St. Edmund's the new Provost, the Very Rev. J. L. White, M.A., and are sure the bonds between the Cathedral of the Diocese and one of the oldest Schools in it will be drawn even closer. We are hoping to have him come and chat to us.

Calculating Prodigies.

Mental arithmetic is a favourite subject with many boys, but even most adults would find difficulty in multiplying together numbers such as 29 and 47 without writing down some working. Skill in such mental exercises can be acquired by practice, and it is quite common for accountants to add up several columns of figures at once.

But much more astonishing feats of mental calculation have been performed. It is interesting to note that these are seldom done by trained mathematicians, but are, instead, strokes of genius on the part of uneducated persons who are sometimes unable to read or write. A few famous mathematicians have, indeed, exhibited these powers. Among them are Gauss, who, before he was three years old, amazed his father by pointing out an error in a wages account, and John Wallis, who worked out the square root of a number of 53 figures entirely in his head, and remembered the result a month later without having written it down.

Buxton, a Derbyshire farm labourer, who never learned to write, used to carry on a mental calculation for months at a time. In the course of two or three months he multiplied a number of 39 figures by itself. When taken to Drury Lane Theatre he was quite unimpressed by the play, but at the end was able to state the exact number of words spoken by each actor.

A Devonshire man, named Bidder, showed similar powers, but was able to give the results much more quickly. He found the simple interest on £11,111 for 11,111 days at 5 per cent. in a minute without writing anything down. Indeed, he was able to remember large numbers much more easily by sound than by seeing them on paper.

One of the most remarkable calculating prodigies of recent years was Inandi, an Italian shepherd. He could memorise numbers of 24 figures in less than a minute and repeat them backwards or forwards from any selected point. Such a performance, however, falls far short of Bidder's, who stated a number of 43 figures directly after it had been read to him backwards, and remembered it an hour later. But, given ten or twelve minutes for the task, Inandi could memorise a number of 100 figures, and he once calculated in less than a quarter of a minute the number of seconds in 18 years, 7 months, 21 days, 3 hours.

These remarkable men can seldom explain their methods of working, but they appear to rely mainly on the sound of the words and on the movements of their speech muscles. They also split numbers into convenient groups or factors so that they can deal with one operation at a time. Thus 234×156 is made up of 234×100 , 200×50 , 30×50 , 4×50 , 200×6 , 30×6 , 4×6 , each operation being performed in a fraction of a second and added to the preceding total.

D.A.Y.

The Glory that is Greece.

Few countries have attained the fame of Hellas, few dare deny it, few have not been influenced by it. That a country, small and mountainous, well watered but difficult to till, always split up into countless small entities, should have attained such fame has always been a matter difficult to explain. Yet who can refute the claims to immortal glory of the cradle of the Muses, the fatherland of Socrates and Pericles and the soil which fostered the genius of Homer and Euripides?

To Greece the western countries of Europe owe a special debt, a debt that they can never repay. "Primum Graius homo"—" 'twas first the Greek " who set men's minds thinking of the nature of the universe, he first freed us from the bonds of ignorance in religion and politics. It was he who began to think in terms of freedom for the individual and it was certainly the Greek who gave us our first ideas of democracy. Our present day stress on physical fitness dates back to the time of the greatness of Sparta and to the era of the Olympian and Pythian Games.

But what is the debt we owe in comparison with that of Rome, Rome who overcame her weaker neighbour in the arts of war only to find that, in the finer arts, she herself was as a new-born babe? Out of her riches Greece gave unsparingly to a conqueror ready to accept and by her acceptance build up an Empire that was truly great. The Romans proved apt pupils and treasured their acquisitions for centuries.

To-day the debt is being repaid. Greece finds herself again invaded by her Italian neighbour; her former pupil has cast aside the cloak of civilisation and is once more obsessed with the lust of conquest. Thus far has history repeated itself and there can only be one outcome. The Hellen, still a champion of freedom and democracy, will yet again don the

garb of the tutor to instil into his rebellious pupil the permanent nature of his doctrines. Against such principles as these mere force is useless and it is in the knowledge of this that Greece fights. Her spirit and the ideals for which she fights are indomitable.

R.F.M.

A Cornfield in August.

I doubt if there is anything more beautiful than a field of golden corn bowing to a cool breeze on a hot day in August.

Many times have I been for a long cycle ride on a very hot day in Summer. Reaching the crest of a hill after a long and arduous climb, I have looked down along the road up which I have come. Then I have realised the full beauty of the golden cornfields intermixed with green meadows, all jumbled together in a delightful sort of way.

Here and there, the binders trundle clumsily round and round the field, cutting down the waving corn and ejecting it tied up in bundles. Sometimes the binder is drawn by two or three horses, but the peaceful atmosphere is broken in many places by the harsh roar of a tractor. The sheaves of corn will later be loaded into large wagons which, drawn by horses, will roll clumsily into the stackyard where the sheaves will be piled into stacks until they are ready to be threshed.

Scattered all over the field are swarms of children, all armed with heavy sticks. When a rabbit, frightened by the binder, jumps out of the corn and rushes blindly towards the edge of the field, many of the children rush after it and a short but exciting chase ensues. Sometimes the rabbit is caught and its head is crushed to pulp, but on many occasions it manages to elude its pursuers. The boy or girl who kills a rabbit proudly carries it to the edge of the field and leaves it there to be collected later.

When evening comes, the children gradually drift off home in two's and three's. Then when the red sun is just disappearing behind the horizon and the binder has stopped work, the labourers stroll home after their day's hard work. When all is still, the rabbits leave their burrows to play, and all is quiet over the countryside except for an occasional owl-call and the sound of bats fluttering around in the still night air.

B.J.M. (Form IV.)

Our Air Raid "Residence."

Our air raid shelter, which is built of concrete, covers just about twenty-four square feet of London clay. The shelter was built about a month before the Blitzkrieg began. When we had to spend long hours in the shelter we tried to think of a suitable name. We finally called the shelter, "The Residence."

We never used "The Residence" during the day, but one night spent in the house convinced us that the house was not the best place in which to stay. But to sleep four or five people of no mean size in "The Residence" was a problem. To try to sleep while sitting on chairs and forms we found impossible. Mattresses on the floor were slightly more successful, but we were still very cramped. We did the only thing which seemed possible, and had bunks built. How luxurious those simple bunks seemed! To lie full length and to be able to turn over without bumping into someone was marvellous. Once the electric light was fitted so that we could all read or occupy ourselves, there remained but one problem—ventilation. With a pipe billowing forth clouds of dense smoke, and cigarettes competing with the pipe, there was very little room for air. Unfortunately the smokers did not realise the density of the smoke until a protest brought it to their notice.

We endured much in our shelter, mentally and physically. We no sooner thought that we could sleep through a raid than the A.A. fire started with seemingly colossal intensity. But we even got used to that and found we could sleep all night in comfort.

The perfect shelter as it seemed to us, "The Residence" was not to be so for long. Alas, the structure, of which we were so proud, is no longer serviceable, for earth tremors and blast have made our "Residence" crack, and it now leaks like a cullender.

D.M.G. (Form V.)

Members of the Sixth and Fifth Forms were privileged to be present at the Consecration of our new Bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury on All Saints' Day, November 1st.

We have enjoyed the visits of several Old Boys during the Term, and have threatened others with dire consequences unless their long looked for visits are paid at an early date.

Sudbury's Thriving Tapestry Industry.

The interesting tapestry industry of Sudbury, Suffolk, owes its origin to the French Protestants or Huguenots, who settled in East Anglia in the reign of Louis XIV. Skilled in weaving, they set up handlooms and were soon teaching the English their trade.

Until 50 years ago the weavers worked in their own homes, making beautiful silks. To-day, however, the industry is carried on in a factory, but there are many historic reminders. For example, the looms are all fitted with Jacquard machines, the names of whose several parts, together with the handloom names, would probably send all but the most ardent of French scholars hurrying to a French dictionary.

These machines offer great scope for complicated designs. In the artists' room the design is drawn on squared paper, each square representing a thread of the final work. The paper is then set up as a guide on a card-cutting machine. Holes are cut into long narrow cards, and these are the basis for the final design. The cards are then fixed on to the loom, and the threads played out in accordance with the plan. One particular tapestry, only 25 inches square, needed the punching of 4,400 cards. The number of cards naturally differs in accordance with the intricacy of the design.

The factory has produced many varied tapestries. Damasks are made at Sudbury for the House of Commons. The red and gold damask behind the Speaker's Chair is one of Sudbury's products. Other tapestries and damasks have been made for Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, 10, Downing Street, and for the suites of their Majesties on the liners when they toured Canada and the U.S.A.

Lastly, reproduction of old or decayed tapestries can be carried out at this unique factory in West Suffolk.

M.D.F. (Form V.)

Extract from Old Moore's Almanack for 1948.

Bury School XI.

Snell

Fulcher

Clark

Potter 1

Potter 2

Potter 3

Burlingham

Hail

Lee

Nice 1

Nice 2

The Tramp.

He presented a pathetic figure, standing there under the great oak tree, huddled against the trunk for protection against the rain.

There was an air about him that stopped him from being branded as the usual tramp-thief. His face was dirty and unkempt, but underneath I thought I could detect a weariness of travelling the dusty road, a desire to leave his world of dirt and misery and to lie peaceful, away from the world, in the quiet of his grave. Perhaps it was imagination.

His stocky form was clothed in an old blue shirt, with a jacket, all torn, over the top. His trousers were patched in places, with a hole in each knee. He had no socks and his toes stuck through a pair of old boots that had seen their best day long ago. An old bundle, tied on a stick, lay on the ground beside him.

I felt sorry for him, and I could not help thinking that perhaps my first idea was right. He would never find peace until he was in his grave, just one of many tramps for whom the world has no time.

T.B.S. (Form II.)

Stamps.

If you want to start collecting stamps you first need a stamp album. If you really want a good one I should apply to Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391, Strand, London, for particulars about their stamp albums. Then you can pick and choose, but mind you choose carefully. A loose-leaf album is the best. If, of course, your lack of pocket-money and an uninterested Papa prevent you from obtaining this, you can easily get one for sixpence or a shilling at Woolworth's.

Then you need some stamp hinges. Most damage by "budding" collectors is caused because they use gummed paper or stamp edging for mounting their stamps. The best way to mount stamps is to use peelable hinges. These you can also obtain at Woolworth's. If you try to handle stamps you will most likely spoil the specimens, unless you use stamp tweezers. This is very important, especially with costly stamps.

To start collecting you need, first of all, an assorted packet of stamps, and, after a little while, you can begin to specialize.

M.J.D. (Form I.)

National Savings Group.

We have collected £46 19s. 0d. during this term, an average of about £4 5s. 0d. a week. This is a very satisfactory amount considering the number of members, but we should be able to do much better if more boys joined the group. At present less than half the School are members.

May we therefore take this opportunity of appealing for a substantial increase in our membership? Regular contributions, however small, soon mount up and enable everyone to give practical help of great importance to the war effort.

Football.

The present term has seen a marked change in the arrangement of fixtures. We have had less fixtures than usual with other schools and local sides, but have concentrated more on House and Inter-Form matches. Judging by the keenness and friendly rivalry displayed in these games, the experiment is proving a great success.

An almost completely new eleven has had to be built up, and, naturally, at the beginning of the term the understanding between the players was not all that could be desired. In addition a number of experiments had to be made with the forward line so that the form of the side as a whole, was rather disappointing. More recent games have, however, shown a marked improvement and the team spirit reflected in these games has been most encouraging. The experience gained by many of the younger players in their first season with the first eleven should be very valuable later and there are some quite promising youngsters in the second and junior elevens.

RESULTS.

	1st XI.		2nd XI.		Junior XI.	
	F.	A.	F.	A.	F.	A.
v. County School	(h) 0	1	(a) 0	3	(a) 0	3
" "	(a) 3	2	(h) 0	4	(h) 1	2
v. Thetford	(h) 0	5	(a) 0	10		
" "	(a) 1	9	(h) 0	5		
v. Park United	(h) 0	6				

R.F.B.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVENS.

FIRST XI.

- *R. F. BOUGHTON (goal-keeper and captain). A sound, reliable goal-keeper who has performed well in all the games. Has very safe hands, a good kick, and most of the attributes of a sound leader.
- *H. J. E. WOMBWELL (centre-half; vice-captain). Has played very soundly and consistently throughout and has been the mainstay of the team. Uses his head well and has a sound idea of the game.
- *P. C. G. BRANDER (left-back). This young player has the strongest kick in the side and uses it to great advantage. Has often saved dangerous situations in front of goal. Heads well.
- †W. I. G. HYNARD (right-back). A very sound player who should try to be more mobile. Kicks well but his heading is shaky.
- †J. A. NOLAN (outside-right). A fast, strong winger who can centre very accurately but does not do so consistently. A fairly good shot.
- †J. BLACKSTOCK (inside-left). A clever player with an excellent shot and good ball control but does not always keep up with the game.
- †G. F. SOUTHGATE (left-half). The most improved player in the side. Played a hard, steady game, but lacks pace.
- D. J. EVANS (centre-forward). A very promising young player who should be very good with added experience. Is particularly good with his head.
- D. M. GARDINER (right-half). A strong player with a powerful kick who should, however, improve his control of the ball.
- K. P. DARBY (outside-left). Has played quite well in this position although he is better with his right than left foot. Should concentrate more on accurate passing.
- B. J. MARRIOTT (inside-right). Has a good kick for a young player and uses it well. Should pass more accurately and tackle sooner.

* School Colours.

† Half-Colours.

SECOND XI.

- K. E. BARKER (captain; left-back). A player possessing a very powerful kick, but his timing could improve. Should encourage his team a little more than he does.
- P. E. S. WEBB (right-half). Does not try hard enough. Passes well but is inclined to hold the ball too long. Headwork poor.
- M. ISIKSON (inside-right). A young player who should develop into a good footballer, but wanders too much. Should pass more often. Shooting moderate.
- J. E. WEBB (centre-half). A much improved player who shows definite promise but who can tackle more firmly.
- A. R. THOMSON (right-back). Has a good strong kick, but must recover more quickly, should try to improve his heading.
- R. STIFF (inside-left). A very young player whose ball control is very good. Must try to develop his shooting.
- M. D. FORSTER (left-wing). Is quite fast but does not use his speed. Should centre more accurately and not hold the ball so long.
- A. C. T. HAWKSLEY (left-half). Tackles very well but must learn to kick a better length and pass more accurately.
- M. W. ARMSTRONG (goal-keeper). Tries hard but is handicapped by size. Should get his body behind the ball when stopping it.
- K. G. E. HOWES (centre-forward). Would be a better centre-forward if he infused more dash. Should come to a better understanding with his inside forwards.

Congratulations to the nine successful candidates of the fourteen entered for the School Leaving Certificate last July, namely:—

H. G. Colson (M)	A. G. Smith (M)
J. R. Drummond	P. E. S. Webb
W. I. G. Hynard	G. Wolfendale
M. W. Neil (M)	H. J. E. Wombwell
G. E. Rumsey	

(M) Matriculation exemption.

Running.

We have had two highly successful point-to-points. A cross-country race has two unique advantages—it enables all our three Houses to compete with each other in one and the same event, and it offers the juniors an opportunity of battling on even terms with their elders. We offer special congratulations to Footer (Form I.) who finished seventh out of 58 in our second run—an admirable performance over country which was new to him—and to Wombwell and Darby who took first and second places on both occasions. The winner's times, 21 minutes, and 19 minutes 36 seconds, are specially noteworthy. We are saving up for a pedometer, and hope at a later date to give distances and speeds.

The House points worked out as follows:—

		1st run pts.	2nd run pts.
Tudor	3, 4, 7, 12, 13, 15, 17, 23, 24, 25	= 143	148
Lancaster	5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 16, 21, 22, 28, 34	= 160	159
York	1, 2, 10, 14, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, 29	= 166	171

Physical Training.

We are grateful to the Headmaster and Mr. Swainston for the revised system of physical training.

We now change into gym. shoes, shirt and shorts and use the gymnasium which has been cleaned and the ceiling white-washed. The apparatus includes a vaulting horse, ropes, rope ladders, parallel bars, and the old overhead ladder running along the side of the gym. Though the parallel bars and the rope ladders have not yet been used, we have made good use of the vaulting horse.

Our P.T. is not all work, for both games and relay races play their part.

Mr. Swainston has printed cards for recording our weights and heights twice a term. A House Competition has been arranged for each group of boys, and is to take place in examination week.

J.A.N.

O.T.C. Notes.

This O.T.C. year has opened with a medley of advantages and disadvantages. We started with a very useful nucleus of four Certificate "A" N.C.O.'s (soon reduced to three), who have very ably assisted with the training of the recruits, and who have undoubtedly done a great deal towards establishing a very high standard of smartness and discipline.

It was not until the second half of the term that we received our normal complement of rifles, having, until then, to train with first eight, and later, with fifteen rifles for the whole of the Platoon; this was a very great handicap.

We have had an unprecedented number of recruits this term; twenty-five in all, making the strength of the Contingent forty, the highest for several years. These recruits have shown great willingness to learn and have made good progress despite the shortness of equipment.

A new War Office regulation requires three Field Days per year. The first of these was held at the end of term, near Cavenham, when the use of cover was demonstrated and practised and an exercise in Advance Guard and Attack was carried out. The few Certificate "A" candidates were given the executive roles. Here we have to thank the Scouts for the handling of the messing arrangements.

On the last Tuesday of term an Inter-Section Competition is to be held. We hope to keep cadets in the same section throughout their O.T.C. career and so develop a real spirit of competition between the sections.

We are pleased to be able to welcome Mr. R. F. Morgan to the Contingent and thank him for the good work he has already done. At the same time we cannot but regret that we have been deprived of the services of Captain Elliott, but our loss as a Contingent is the gain of the School as a whole.

Promotions—

Cpl. H. J. E. Wombwell to be Sergeant, 8-10-40.
L/Cpl. W. I. G. Hynard " " Corporal, "
" P. E. S. Webb " " " "
Cadet G. Wolfendale " " L/Corporal, "

F. H. SWAINSTON, Captain.

Important Notice.

The Title of the O.T.C. will in future be the "Junior Training Corps."

Scout Notes.

Numbers are something over forty. There have been considerable fluctuations owing to losses to the O.T.C. and gains by new arrivals.

Patrols are—

Foxes	Patrol Leader	Banks.
Hounds	" "	Thomson (Senior P.L.)
Curlews	" "	Payne.
Woodpigeons	" "	Coombs.
Rams	" "	Savill.
Eagles	" "	Blomfield i.
Seagulls	" "	Baxter.

During part of each fine Tuesday afternoon we have played scout games. Tenderfoot classes were keen, and most boys soon passed their tests. Lately we have begun to study First Aid and A.R.P. We are looking forward to our job of cooking for the O.T.C. field-day. Some members of the rival organisation envisage dyspepsia and worse as a sequel to our efforts, but we think and hope that we shall give them a happy surprise.

A small class of boys have undertaken a class for the Fireman's Badge. Their keenness is to be commended, and our best thanks are due to the Chief Officer and members of the Borough Fire Brigade, without whose kindness and patience the enterprise would have been impossible.

We are sorry that exigencies of space prevent detailed patrol or individual notes.

Do you know?

Mr. J. B. C. Elliott did not sail with Scott.
That one Study Row boy still wears shorts.
Which side of the Border G-W was born.
Whether Charmbury has.
Where Ch-mp-on's respirator is.
How many new boys have looked like spending their first night at the Police Station.

School Notes.

VALETE.

Sixth Form :

P. R. R. Boughton, Head
Boy, Sgt. O.T.C.,
Cricket Captain.
D. R. Parkyn,
School Prefect.
H. G. Colson,
Head Boy.

Fifth Form :

P. B. R. Baxter
R. J. Bugg
F. B. Evens
A. G. Smith
T. S. West
J. R. Drummond
R. L. Hemsley
M. W. Neil
G. E. Rumsey

Fourth Form :

J. C. Browne
H. Turton

Third Form :

O. J. W. Gilbert
K. E. Chapman
P. A. Fraser
J. N. Goodchild

Second Form :

N. E. Edgar
R. F. Hawksley
D. G. T. Mountney
M. J. Tamlyn

First Form :

J. V. Eyles

Prep. :

P. R. Savage

This term we welcome Mr. R. W. Elliott, M.A., as our new Headmaster, and four new members of the Staff, Messrs. Morgan and Young, Dr. Simpson and Mrs. Whitehead. We wish them every success at their new posts.

SALVETE.

Royalists :

C. W. A. Bull
G. R. Feavearyear
E. W. Sims
J. F. Fordham
D. W. Mayhew
W. G. Podmore
M. J. Dorey
D. R. J. Potter
M. D. Fulcher
F. S. Footer
P. M. Dooley
F. S. Cole
J. Cole
C. D. Boniwell
A. G. Lee
G. J. Pask
D. W. J. Copeman
P. M. Miller
A. B. Rood
P. J. Cooke
L. Dekovnick
H. Hurley

Foreigners :

B. Meadows
D. J. Pettit
D. I. Pettit
C. W. S. Miller
D. M. Gardiner
J. Blackstock
P. J. G. Barnett
M. Simpson
C. J. Irwin
R. T. Pike
D. W. G. Charmbury
T. Squires

During this term a unique event took place in our Cathedral, the Consecration of our new Bishop, the Ven. R. Brook. The Sixth and Fifth Forms attended, and the Sixth were also present at his Enthronement as Lord Bishop of the Diocese. At each ceremony the School was honoured by being asked to provide four sidesmen.

On Wednesday, November 6th, the Sixth and Fifth Forms saw a very interesting film on bacteriological research, "Magic Bullets," at the Central Cinema. Our thanks to Dr. Simpson for recommending it.

Poppy Day this year realised the very creditable sum of £1 8s. 7d.

In spite of war-time difficulties, the cheerfulness of the School is high. True, we have had very little to put up with in the way of air-raids, but even so the morale of the School does it great credit.

The School suffered a severe loss early in the term when H. G. Colson left to take up a Post Office appointment. He had been Head Boy, Lancastrian House Captain, Vice-Captain of Football, VIth Form Librarian, and a Corporal in the O.T.C. We wish him every success in his new work.

D.M.O'N.B.

ROYALIST NOTES.

Owing to the formation of three Houses the Royalists have not been such a separate entity as in former years.

Our congratulations to Hynard on becoming House Captain and School Prefect, also to Nolan on becoming House Prefect.

Apart from one or two individuals, a high level of punctuality has been set by the Royalists this term, in spite of air-raid alarms and the black-out. It behoves us all to maintain this standard next term.

Up to the time of going to press, the Royalist v. Foreigner football match has not been played. We wish our team the best of luck, and hope that they may repeat the successes of the past three years.

D.M.O'N.B.

FOREIGNER NOTES.

The Foreigners have, owing to the consideration shown them by the Headmaster and Mrs. Elliott, seen many innovations and changes made in the School. That all these changes have been greatly appreciated, goes almost without saying.

The Fourth Form have been given studies for the first time. Study Row has been painted—the boys having papered and painted their own studies. We are indebted to the Headmaster for having the two end rooms of Study Row made into one large Common Room for all Foreigners. Most of the boys have helped, making the room something to be proud of. We hope to have the room in use before the end of this term. When evening work is finished boys may amuse themselves with such games as table tennis, billiards, draughts, and chess. We have been fortunate enough to acquire a table-tennis top and two billiard tables through the generosity of some of our number.

We have lost little sleep, if any, during "alert" periods. The Headmaster has made provision for us to sleep, comfortably, in the basement, on mattresses, for the remainder of the night, regardless of the "all-clear."

G.W.

House Notes.

LANCASTER.

Work has been well done. The First Form deserves special mention. Football has gone against us; we lost 1—9 to the Yorkists, but beat the Tudors 2—1, Tudor Juniors beat us 1—0. We seem to be much lighter than our opponents. Members please note, and see that you put on weight. Christmas would seem to be the right season for this.

In cross-country running we held our own, coming second on both occasions to the House of Tudor. We miss Colson, our House Captain at the beginning of term, but are glad to know that he is getting on well and is happy in his work.

We refrain from mentioning our elected officers by name; they are pulling their weight and we look to the future with confidence.

YORK.

For the first time in the memory of anyone still at school we now have our former three House system.

The Yorkist House has pulled together very well under its House Masters, Dr. Simpson and Mrs. Whitehead. We run neck-and-neck with the Lancastrians for work marks, and have fewest late marks. It is up to all of us to see that we also have the fewest conduct marks.

The Yorkist 1st XI. has been highly successful this term, winning both its matches, and gaining thereby the championship. Congratulations to the whole team, especially to H. J. E. Wombwell, our Games Captain. The final scores were:

York 9,	Lancaster 1.
York 3,	Tudor 1.

Only two of the three cross-country runs have been held up to the present. Congratulations to Wombwell and Darby, 1st and 2nd in each run, and to Gardiner, absent for the first, but 3rd in the second. However, in spite of the excellent example set by the seniors, the rest of the House did not run so well. Perhaps they will do so in the remaining event.

D.M.O'N.B.

TUDOR.

We were fortunate in having Mr. Swainston and Mr. Morgan as our House Masters. They have shown great keenness in our House activities.

Unfortunately we have started off rather badly in our first term and conduct and late marks have impeded the chances of the House as regards competition points.

Boughton was elected Tudor Football Captain and has proved very able. Although our First Eleven was beaten in the matches with the two other Houses, the Second Eleven was much more successful. They won in the match against the Lancastrians and secured a draw with the Yorkists.

Wolfendale i. has proved a capable Athletics Captain. We have already won the first two cross-country runs and intend to win the third.

Although this term has not been as successful as we had hoped, we look forward to next term to justify the motto which Mr. Morgan has provided for us, "Sine Paribus."

Old Boys' Notes.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Flight Lieutenant Dudley Henderson Burnside, D.F.C.

Peter King will have a lot to tell us of the sinking of three Italian Destroyers in the Mediterranean in the early part of October.

G. Rumsey is by way of becoming a House Furnisher. He should see Study Row.

Sgt. S. J. H. Pughe will by this time rank as a Cadet attached to an O.C.T.U.

Richard and David Fulcher are attached to Infantry O.C.T.U.'s. We had the pleasure of a visit from the latter.

Congratulations to Brian and Gordon King on obtaining their commissions.

We had an interesting letter from Clifford Paine, now stationed in the North of England. He found his near neighbour in a Hairdresser's shop to be none other than J. A. Cross, now attached to a searchlight battery.

Michael W. Neil is spending one term at a school near his home before entering on a career as an analytical chemist. He writes: "I am ready to persuade any who are leaving soon to appreciate a first rate School while they have the chance."

Best wishes to Harold Henshall, now a husband and an airman.

Geoffrey North writes that he is still with the "Phoenix" Insurance Co., and that he finds the substitute girl clerks inclined to idle. *Autre temps, autre moeurs.* He has been running a troop of Boy Scouts—we wish him good camping when that is possible.

Patrick Adams tells us of his success in obtaining a Scholarship to the Henry Ford Agricultural College, near Chelmsford. Congratulations from us all.

Cpl. H. S. Sanders hopes to be sent to an O.C.T.U. ere long, but up to the present has only been interviewed by about half of the General Staff. He writes with glee of a real bunk and of real electric light. We are grateful for a really interesting letter.

M. E. Peppiatt is attached to an O.C.T.U., but H. C. Peppiatt has put one over on him and is already a fully fledged Second Lieutenant in the Royal Welch Fusiliers. Anything to do with the goat?

Sgt. B. J. Clarke has been attached to Hythe for Musketry. Congratulations on a brilliant report. Stop Press—now attached to an O.C.T.U.

We have not forgotten Jimmy Balaam in Stalag, whatever or wherever that is, and look forward to giving him a right royal welcome home from the atmosphere of the Hun. It was with the profoundest feelings of thankfulness that we heard of his safety, and read his letter home.

Good luck to C. W. Cooper, now at an O.C.T.U.

M. E. Frankish has thrown up his job and joined the R.A.F. That's the sort of thing that Hitler cannot understand.

When last we heard from J. A. Hutchison he was still at Oxford, but now studying Engineering, and, having volunteered for service, anxiously awaiting his calling-up papers. He is now the possessor of Certificate "B" and a member of the Home Guard.

H. V. Iggulden will be leaving the Bank in the New Year, when he is 18, and entering the Army with the idea of an Army career. He tells us that he regrets not having been a member of the O.T.C. At the same time he must remember the fine work he did with the Scouts. We wish him every success.

An interesting letter from Sgt. F. H. Jones, who expects to be moved to an O.C.T.U. shortly. He speaks of coping with sixty or seventy Jerries at a time. A little while ago he visited a unit forming part of the anti-aircraft defences of London and had a valuable night's experience.

We regret to announce that there has been no further news of R. H. Newbatt, reported missing last May, or of Lieutenant Donald Eric Turner. The latter was reported missing from

August 8th, the day on which a fierce air battle took place off the South East coast of England. He had to his credit a Messerschmitt 109, a Messerschmitt 110, and a Dornier 17.

The following letter from L. McA. Westall is quoted in full:

"We were evacuated from home (Cap D'Antibes) on June 17th and arrived at Liverpool on July 12th. Somerset Maugham's account was mild in comparison to reality. I was convalescent from an operation and at the age of 71 not too ready for hardship. We, to the envy of others, travelled 'de luxe,' that is a ship's boy gave up his cabin to us, top bunk my wife, lower bunk myself, on divan a lady dying of cancer, expected to die at any moment; on floor my son and ship's boy. Another luxury was that only four of us washed in the same half-bucket. On deck there were thirty to a half-bucket, and one lavatory for 200 men, and two for 280 women. There were no life belts, and boat accomodation for 50, with 480 passengers. One Italian submarine was frightened off by depth charges. We called the ship the queue ship as we queued all day for food, tea, water and other things. At Gibraltar I was sent to hospital for five days. From there I came home by Hall liner in 12 days. Short rations again, but tables and all amenities. One submarine sighted, but nothing happened. Never undressed, Admiralty arrangements for our safety were excellent. One hundred miles off Gib. a seaplane met us, similarly off Anglesea, when a plane came every hour. At Gib. every cafe had notices, 'For British evacuees from France all refreshments free.' In shops there was a 20% reduction of prices. We had two hours' notice to leave in and half-an-hour to pack in. Later one torpedo passed under the keel of our collier consort. Ship's gunner claims to have hit submarine. She heeled over and disappeared. My doctor here says I am wonderfully well, considering my experiences. All best wishes to the old School." That's what Burians are made of.

F. J. Wise has sent us a copy of a village Church magazine that he picked up quite casually. There were two interesting references in it—the one was to the death of the Rev. J. H. F. Peile, a former Headmaster of the School, and at his death a Canon of Worcester; the other was to the retirement of the Right Rev. G. L. King, D.D., an Old Boy of the School, who has now retired and gone to live in Horsell, Surrey.

A breezy letter from E. F. R. Stearn has just arrived. He seems to have volunteered for everything possible in order

to get away from Coastal Defence work, but has invariably been turned down on the score of age. However, he has the interesting job of Battery Commander's assistant, is improving his Contract Bridge, and is learning to play Rugger, so life isn't so bad.

G. V. Richdale has been appointed an assistant Manager of the Central Mining and Investment Corporation Ltd., Johannesburg.

R. F. H. Pughe has now transferred to the R.A.F. (Army Co-operation) and holds the rank of Flying Officer.

We regret to announce that G. B. Hawksley of the R.A.F. has been reported missing. "Never in the history of mankind has so much been owed to so few." It is our earnest hope that there may soon be better news.

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the following, and we apologise for any inadvertently omitted:—"The Rambler," "The Kingsbridgian," "The Chelmsfordian," "King Edward's School Chronicle," "The Aldenhamian," "The Exonian."

School Calendar, 1941.

EASTER TERM	First Session	...	Tuesday, 14th January
	Last Session	...	Wednesday, 2nd April
SUMMER TERM	First Session	...	Thursday, 1st May
	Whit Sunday	...	1st June
	Exams. start	...	Wednesday, 9th July
	Exams. end	...	Tuesday, 22nd July
AUTUMN TERM	Last Session	...	Wednesday, 23rd July
	First Session	...	Thursday, 18th Sept.

Boarders arrive the afternoon or evening before the first session, and go home the day after the last session.

The School List.

LANCASTER.	YORK.	TUDOR.
SIXTH P. E. S. Webb i. ** (F)	D. M. O'N. Brittain ** H. J. E. Wombwell *	W. I. G. Hynard ** G. Wolfendale i. ** (F)
FIFTH W. A. H. Banks K. E. Barker M. G. Isikson J. E. Webb ii. N. B. Williams i. R. Wolfendale ii. (F)	M. W. Armstrong (F) L. G. Browning K. P. Darby D. M. Gardiner (F) K. G. E. Howes G. F. Southgate	R. F. Boughton M. D. Forster A. C. T. Hawksley (F) S. H. Jennings i. * J. A. Nolan *
FOURTH J. Blackstock (F) D. J. E. Clamp (F) A. M. Peck A. R. Thomson (F)	J. H. Asquith P. C. G. Brander (F) M. F. Last B. J. Marriott (F) C. W. S. Miller i. (F)	R. F. Cann D. J. Evans (F) C. A. H. Hodge (F) M. V. Downes-Martin (F) M. Simpson (F)
THIRD G. C. Baxter D. R. Blewett (F) C. S. Coombs (F) J. N. Hayward i. A. T. Ruddock (F) D. Savill (F)	D. E. Bloomfield i. D. W. G. Charmbury (F) F. R. Herbert B. R. Payne F. R. J. Sydes (F) R. W. F. Ward G. S. Wright	P. J. G. Barnett (F) E. H. Barratt J. H. Garrod F. B. Gow (F) H. J. Rand R. C. Stiff P. F. Woodrow
SECOND C. W. A. Bull A. G. B. Cobbold B. Francis G. J. Pask ii. D. I. Pettit i. (F) E. C. Reeve A. B. Rood D. G. Terry R. C. Todd i.	C. D. Bonniwell F. S. Cole i. P. J. Cooke G. R. Feavearyear D. G. Horrex E. H. Pask i. (F) I. B. Squires (F) D. W. Twissell P. F. Webb iii. M. R. Wilson (F)	A. H. Armson D. B. Butterfield P. G. de H. Champion (F) J. F. Fordham C. J. Irwin (F) A. F. Jennings ii. W. G. Podmore E. W. Sims R. J. W. C. Stow
FIRST B. R. Bloomfield ii. G. L. Cotton ii. M. J. Dorey H. Hurley D. W. Mayhew P. M. Miller ii.	L. Dekovnick P. M. Dooley P. C. Hayward ii. D. M. Lucas	J. Cole ii. W. E. Cotton i. F. S. Footer D. J. Pettit ii. (F)
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Head Boy—D. M. O'N. Brittain. Captain of Football—R. F. Boughton.

** School Prefect. * House Prefect. (F) Foreigner.

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