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Editorial.

THREE thousand men were in the air over Essen on one night recently: four hundred planes dropped a thousand tons of bombs on the most heavily defended town in Europe—and the German slave has been asked by his master to emulate the fortitude of the free man of Coventry.

Leningrad—Moscow—Stalingrad. Three epic names in the history of civilisation. Death, but never surrender. Life—and a surging forward to the attack, a rolling backward of the brute barbarian.

French patriots have taken to the mountains rather than co-operate with the foe they cannot yet eject, and France is a seething volcano.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill have promised action on a big scale within the next few months, and a new note of confidence is on men's lips.

Unforgettable March days even now herald the warmth of June. Daffodils and blossom and bursting buds mark the awakening earth, and point the way to Summer. It will be a Summer of bloody struggle, the equal of which the world has never seen. But it will be Freedom's greatest hour.

Headmaster's Notes.

Congratulations to M. G. Isikson, D. J. E. Clamp, R. Wolfendale, and M. W. Armstrong on gaining exemption from the London Matriculation Examination. This makes a total of ten for the current year.

Congratulations to M. D. Forster on winning the Horsfal Scholarship in History at Durham University, and to D. M. Gardiner on being elected to a Spalding and Symonds

Exhibition at St. John's College, Cambridge. We wish them every success when they are able to pursue their University studies.

Congratulations also to the successful candidates in the recent Certificate "A" Examination. Their names will be found in the J.T.C. Notes. The high standard of efficiency of the whole Corps is most satisfactory—as was evidenced by its smartness in the "Wings for Victory" march past.

We are grateful to the Provost, the Very Rev. J. L. White, for preparing a considerable number of boys for Confirmation. The Service took place on March 24th.

Next term we shall be honoured by a visit from the Chief Scout, Lord Somers, who will see Scout Groups of the Bury district at work.

The Athletic Sports will be held rather later this year—June 3rd. Owing to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Atter we shall have an Under 13 Championship Cup.

Founder's Day will be celebrated on July 1st. As yet we have not arranged for a Speaker. It is hoped that the attendance will equal that of last year. The whole of the collection will be given to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, and we should be pleased to add to it any gifts from parents or Old Boys who cannot be at the Service.

Next term we hope to use "Songs of Praise" for our hymns at Prayers each morning. Already enthusiasm has manifested itself, and we hope to form boys who are interested into a School Choir.

A further word about attendance at Matins each Sunday morning. A considerable number of day boys attend week by week but there are still Bury boys who are reluctant to join the School in its corporate worship. I would make an earnest plea to them to do their best to attend.

This term we record the deaths of four Old Boys—three of them on the threshold of life, and two of the three because of enemy action. The School offers its sincerest sympathies to their sorrowing relatives.

The Headmaster was recently fortunate enough to purchase from a London firm of antique dealers a Sberaton

tambour frame escritoire, presented to one of his predecessors, the Rev. Michael Becher, in 1791. The letter accompanying the gift, and the Headmaster's reply are pasted inside one drawer.

"The Reverend Michael Becher is presented with this Writing Table by the Parent of a Son educated under him at the Free Grammar School of King Edward the 6th in St. Edmund's Bury, as a small but sincere acknowledgment of his disinterested Attention to a Scholar on that foundation as well as a humble and grateful expression of an Opinion as to his ardent, happy and successful method of communicating Instruction to his Pupils, by animating Them with the love of learning and inspiring in Them a Taste for Useful and Ornamental Literature.

May 11th, 1791. HEN. BULLEN."

"Mr. Bullen's very elegant present of yesterday, accompanied with a still more elegant Compliment, demands more than Mr. Becher can express by the word Thanks. He receives the obligation, as he feels it, reflecting no less honour on the gratitude of a scholar than the liberality of a Parent and has only to doubt whether he should now congratulate Mr. Bullen on having such a son or himself such a Pupil.

School Hall, May 12th, 1791."

An Extract from the *Bury Post*, July, 1792.

An OCCASIONAL EPILOGUE,

Spoken at our Theatre on Saturday night laft, by Mr. Waddy, after the Comedy of the West Indian, performed by desire of the Young Gentlemen of the Grammar School in this town.

WELL done, my pretty Mafters! Grammar Boys
This night a Charter have to make a noife;
But fure 'twould eafe your little Grammar lungs,
For one ten minutes juft to hold your tongues;
Yet, for my pains, perhaps you'll call me Fool—
I mean to prove that all the World's a School—
Firft then, the Manager is Mafter here,
We his Affiftants—is not thus far clear?
An Evening School we keep—the fcholars, they

Who come to read the manners of the day :
 A "School for Rakes," who lead unsteady lives.
 A "School for Scandal," and "a School for Wives"—
 But ah ! few docile pupils now we find
 Who learn that useful leffon call'd—Mankind,
 Look at the State—a School for grown-up men,
 Out of their places some, and others in ;—
 Juft as in public fchools, where some obey,
 Cringe where they muft, and lord it where they may ;
 New fags arife, new breafths for freedom burn,
 Each hopes to play the tyrant in his turn ;
 All hate th' "Oppreffor's wrong," but love to reign,
 A little people in a lefs domain—
 What is the army, but a School for War ?
 The foldier fights—the School-boy plays at taw ;
 The palm of honour neither cares to yield,
 But loves to frut the Hector of the field ;
 Camps then are Schools, where one excels the reft—
 For why ?—he doth his exercife the beft.
 Lovers, methinks, are fchool'd from morn to night,
 Yet never with their miftrefs out of fight ;
 Poor lads, much time and trouble they employ,
 In courtfhip longer than the fiege of Troy ;
 And, at the ten years end, regret to find
 Their Love, one filly fubftantive declin'd.—
 Is not the Church with Greek and Latin fraught ?
 Where Parfons, fometime better fed than taught,
 Have all their talks, for much the fame I deem,
 To fudge a weekly fermon—or a theme,—
 Look round the world, there's Phyfic Schools a fcore,
 With " *Repetatur bauftus* " on the door ;
 But with fuch ftrange, unpalatable ftuff,
 Thefe Schools abound—one leffon's quite enough,—
 Now take a peep into the Lawyer's School,
 " *Æs in præfenti* " is his general rule ;
 But as I value reputation too,
 No fon of mine fhall read his Syntax thro',
 In fhort, good folks, like other public fchools,
 Life has its *concord*s and its *fpécial rules*.
 Men are but larger boys, as fond of play,
 And fometime need the rod as well as they—
 But never mind—I've *fairly* proved the Stage
 A proper School to moralize the age.
 Mules we have, and Cupids too untold,
 And virgins proof againft a fhower of gold—
 Why do ye boaft, ye claffic youngfters ?—We
 A Grace in ev'ry box—you—only three ;
 You woo the Roman, we the Britifh fair,
 (But here I'm bid comparifons to fpare)
 Whether at Edward's*, or at Edmund's fhrine
 The offering's laid—the fubject is divine—
 On then, and fhout away, my lovely boys,
 You like our plays, and we muft like your noife ;
 Since then to pleafe you is our only care,
 Remember—not to truant it next Fair.

* The Founder of the School.

Vitamins.

Despite the efforts of the Ministry of Food, many people do not realise the importance of vitamins.

However, this article is not intended to give a scientific account of the behaviour of vitamins, but rather to give the readers supplementary knowledge of the more important vitamins.

One of the most important group of vitamins is the B and B complex. Lack of these vitamins affects the central nervous system causing paralysis and mental deterioration. The various diseases caused by deficiency of the individual "B's" all affect the autonomic muscles such as the heart and stomach, and in severe cases, death from complete paralysis results. For instance, absence of vitamin B causes a disease known as Beri Beri in which the victim cannot walk and indeed in which he becomes helpless. The best sources of the vitamin B complex are the yeast extracts such as "Marmite," and all wholemeal cereals.

Vitamin C, an essential vitamin, is deficient in many people's diet now that citrous fruits are unobtainable. However, citrous fruits are not the only source of the vitamin. Cabbage and the other green vegetables have a higher vitamin content than orange or lemon. But this vitamin is very easily destroyed by heat and air, and thus the usual method of cooking vegetables renders them useless. Deficiency of vitamin C eventually leads to scurvy or general breakdown. A mild form of scurvy is pyorrhœa, a very common complaint. Vitamin C must therefore be stressed more in the national diet.

The fat soluble vitamins, A and O, are not deficient in many people's diet now that cod and halibut liver oils can be obtained by even the poorest person. Vitamins A and D often occur together and it is notable that while A can occur alone D is never found without A.

Vitamin A can be built up by the body from carotene, a substance found in carrots and tomatoes, which thus provide a vegetable source for an essentially animal vitamin. Lack of this vitamin affects the eye, and complete lack causes temporary blindness. This was evident in Denmark during the last war when the Danes lived on an almost fatless diet in order to supply Germany with butter and cheese. The rather obscure complaint, "night blindness," is due to insufficient vitamin A, as the photo-sensitive covering of the retina is partly derived from this vitamin.

The raw material for vitamin D is a fat soluble compound, ergosterol, which is activated by the ultra-violet rays in sunlight and changes to vitamin D. It is interesting to note that while ultra-violet light helps in the formation of vitamin D, vitamin A is destroyed by ultra-violet rays.

Lack of vitamin causes rickets, for vitamin D controls bone formation. Much deficiency leads to respiratory and digestive troubles which ultimately cause death.

By the discovery of the fat soluble vitamins the old-fashioned use of cod liver oil was placed on a scientific basis, and some explanation reached for the potency of small doses, for it is characteristic of all vitamins that only very small quantities are necessary, small, that is, compared with the weight of the principal foodstuffs taken by the body.

Because of the obscurity of vitamins in past years, many people still regard them as magical compounds for dieticians' use only. This short-sighted view has meant that vitamins have been left to Providence in many people's diet. Perhaps war may impress upon the minds of those people that although vitamins occur in minute quantities they must not be treated as insignificant, but rather as substances which must be prized very highly.

O.J.W.G.

F.T.C. Notes.

This has been a very full term. The Field Day, on the 16th February, was rather more successful than usual and several useful lessons were learnt. On the 20th, the Deputy Inspector of Training Corps, Major W. R. G. Smith, inspected the Contingent, and seemed very satisfied with what he saw. It was unfortunate that Cadet Sgt. B. J. Marriott broke his ankle while commanding a platoon in the attack. We are pleased that he is back once again and getting round so well, even with a crutch.

A visit was paid us by Major Hawkins of the X. Hussars, to describe the North African Campaigns up to October last.

The large number of candidates for War Certificate "A" was considerably reduced by epidemics and inability to reach the standard of Physical Efficiency laid down by the War Office. Those who were qualified but unable, through illness, to take the examination, will have an opportunity next term.

The result of the examination was very satisfactory. All six candidates for the "Individual" were successful, and of the seven candidates for "Section Leading" six earned their final certificate. The Presiding Officer stated that a very high standard of training had been reached.

These notes should not be closed without recording our thanks to No. 3 I.T.C. for their increasing help in training; especially in W.T., and latterly in Battle Drill.

War Certificate "A" results:—

INDIVIDUAL.	SECTION LEADING.
G. C. Baxter	J. Blackstock
D. W. G. Charmbury	R. F. Boughton
O. J. L. Gilbert	D. J. E. Clamp
F. B. Gow	D. J. Evans
C. A. H. Hodge	M. G. Isikson
R. W. Ward	B. J. Marriott

Appointments:—

Cadet Charmbury to temporary command of No. 4 Section.

F. H. SWAINSTON, Captain.

Scout Notes.

The usual activities have gone on steadily during the term. A series of classes in first aid, pioneering and signalling have been held, and a number of recruits have been invested. The fine weather has also enabled us to have several extended open air games.

We have now reverted to the former division of the troop into two sections, each under its own troop leader. This has led to increased rivalry in competitions.

A group of scouts is at present having instruction at the Fire Station and each hopes to pass his fireman badge shortly.

We heartily congratulate P. J. G. Barnett and A. B. Rood on becoming first class scouts and on their promotion as troop leaders. Barnett has also obtained the ambulance man badge. D. J. Pettit, E. C. Reeve and A. G. B. Cobbold have been appointed patrol leaders.

COMPETITION POINTS.

Patrol.	P.L.	Points.
Woodpigeons	Wilson	252
Squirrels	Pettit	201
Hounds	Baker	103
Rams	Cobbold	99
Badgers	Burke	91
Bulldogs	Webb	79
Eagles	Armson	71
Kingfishers	Lucas	42
Curlews	Bull	21
Owls	Pask	20
Woodpeckers	Reeve	16
Foxes	Last	15

A Troop (T. L. Rood) 681 B Troop (T.L. Barnett) 355
D.A.Y.

The School Library.

We are indebted to the Deputy Comptroller (E. L. D. Lake, Esq., J.P.) for his generous gift of two books:—

“St. George or the Dragon”—Lord Elton.

“London to Tokyo”—The Rt. Hon. Sir John Tilley.

May we throw out the reminder that by age-long custom a boy leaving the School presents a book to the Library?

Model Aero Club Notes.

This term saw an improvement in the enthusiasm of members, perhaps owing to a series of talks which have been given by members of the Committee. Very little building has been done as until quite late in the term the weather, though excellent for the time of year, was not good enough to encourage flying.

A competition was arranged, but it has had to be postponed until next term owing to the fact that many members were suffering from mumps.

On the whole this term has been successful, but we look for better things next term, with its fine weather, which should entice members to produce first-class models and create a club record for duration flying.
J.V.H.

Hockey.

NOTES.

This year's first eleven was probably the best for some time but transport difficulties have made it impossible to play more than one match. This has been particularly disappointing in view of the exceptionally good weather, but some compensation has been found in the House matches, in which all sides showed a commendable keenness and enthusiasm. Another pleasing feature is the high standard of play seen at times in the Junior House matches. All the elevens had very closely contested games with our friends at Culford, and a return fixture is hoped for before the end of term.

RESULTS.

1st XI.	v.	Culford 2nd (away)	Won	7—2.
2nd XI.	v.	Culford Colts (home)	Lost	2—0.
Jun. XI.	v.	Culford Jun. XI. (away)	Lost	1—2.

CHARACTERS.

*H. J. E. WOMBWELL (centre-half; capt.) A versatile player, equally good in attack and defence. His shooting is very accurate and tackling clean. Has led his team quite satisfactorily.

J. R. JAMES (right-half; vice-capt.) A hard-hitting player who tackles well. Should use both hands when dribbling.

*R. F. BOUGHTON (left-half). A very hard-working player, with a useful hit and flick. Must not hang on to the ball too long.

*D. M. GARDINER (right-back). His playing and work is very good; stops the ball well with his stick. Clears cleanly.

†N. B. WILLIAMS (left-wing). Has settled down nicely in his new position. Centres accurately but should keep well out on the touch-line.

†M. G. ISIKSON (inside-left). Hits well and is very resourceful. Must not hold on to the ball too long and should shoot and not dribble in the circle.

- †J. BLACKSTOCK (centre-forward). A very good shot, but must remember to keep his stick down. Must realise when he is off-side.
- †A. C. T. HAWKSLEY (goal-keeper). Has improved since last season, but must be more sure with his kicking.
- †D. W. C. CHARMBURY (right-wing). A speedy player; very tenacious. Centres quite accurately but should aim at the back circle.
- N. W. ARMSTRONG (inside-right). Must quicken up considerably. Is a good dribbler, but must learn to hit more cleanly and quickly.
- D. J. E. CLAMP (left-back). Quite a safe player, and would save energy if he hit the ball first time. Must not hesitate before tackling.

* *Full Colours.* † *Half-Colours.*

H.J.E.W.

Forthcoming Publications.

- "The Art of Tooting"—by M. D. Forster.
- "Elegy written in a Farmyard"—by M. F. H. Simpson.
- "Reminiscences of Savile Row"—by G. C. Baxter.
- "Helping Nurse"—by B. J. Marriott.
- "My Hundred Best Yarns"—by D. W. Charmbury.
- "Top Hat"—by A. T. Ruddock.
- "Throbbing Heart"—by H. J. E. Wombwell.
- "From Mill Girl to Duchess"—by D. J. Evans.

Savings Notes.

The stamp scheme is working satisfactorily. During the first eight weeks of the term we collected £72 16s. 6d., and Wings for Victory Week has already brought in an additional £439 8s. 0d. This should be substantially increased by the end of term and will constitute a record achievement.

D.A.Y.

The Organ.

The normal person is apt to find the playing of an organ rather dull during an ordinary church service. He will agree that sometimes it brightens up a little, but most of the time it is in the background. This is quite true, but when one understands the various pieces of intricate apparatus at work, one is far more satisfied, knowing that the organ is still full of life "behind the scenes."

When the organ is started, the organist presses an ordinary switch. Perhaps a click may be heard by some. That switch has started a powerful electric engine tucked away in some cellar where what sound it makes cannot be heard. This engine driver some fans in a large, steel cylinder. Air rushes along two large pipes and the various wind chests begin to heave and swell as the air enters them. The powerful springs and weights are easily handled by the wind. These chests keep the pressure constant so that, unlike the piano accordion, the notes may be even.

In an organ there may be from one thousand to ten thousand pipes. There are ten thousand in the organ at the Royal Albert Hall. To be able to operate all these pipes very delicate, intricate mechanism is used, and when a key is depressed an electrical circuit is completed. Hence the organist is able to play the fastest tunes clearly on the modern organ, whereas the organist of one or two hundred years ago had to play with his fists.

In the days gone by, brilliant pianists were afraid to play the organ for fear of spoiling their touch, as it took a considerable amount of weight to shift a key. The reason was that the connection between a key and a pipe was a tracker, a length of rod, often as long as ten or fifteen yards. Nowadays some organists complain that while they are playing a higher manual their coat sleeves play a lower one, so light is the weight necessary.

When a key is depressed a pallet is opened, admitting air from a chamber into the pipe. The wind is let into this chamber by opening a stop; in some organs there are as many as one or two hundred stops. But all of these do not operate the pipes. Some are couplers, while others are combination stops which are often underneath the keyboards, and are operated by the thumb to open certain sets of other stops. Some of the stops are for volume. There are pedals which open or close the front of a swell box which encloses most of the pipes, thus

altering the volume. Solo effects can be produced by playing the air on one manual and the accompaniment on others. In organs there are often four or five manuals, while in a few there are as many as seven. Organs also have a set of pedals, which is really a keyboard in itself, and which possesses its own set of stops.

So when we consider the organ, let us not treat it with contempt while we treat a trumpet or drums with admiration. Most organs contain a set of trumpets, and many contain drums, bells, a piano and so on. Surely the organ is the noblest of instruments.

E.H.P.

Astronomical Society Notes.

During this term and last term the activities of the Astronomical Society have continued, most of the work being theoretical, but some practical work was done by the senior members.

During last term there were five meetings. The first three, held on September 23rd, October 7th, and October 28th, were devoted to discussing astronomical subjects and reading books. The fourth meeting, on November 18th, consisted of a lecture on "Tides," which was given by M. D. Forster. The last meeting of the term, on December 2nd, was a lecture, "The Earth in relation to the rest of the Universe," given by M. H. F. Simpson.

During the present term three meetings have been held so far, and one more will probably be held. The first, on January 26th, was devoted to general subjects; at the second, on February 10th, Mr. Hassell gave a lecture on "the Milky Way," and at the third on March 17th, M. F. H. Simpson gave a lecture on "Constellations in the Winter sky and how to find them."

There has been much practical work done this term, thanks to Dorey's telescope. The moon, the planets Mars, Jupiter, with three of its eight moons, and Saturn and the 1st magnitude stars, Betelgeuse, Aldebaran and Sirius have been seen through the telescope, and also many other stars, including lunar systems, in the constellations Orion, Taurus and Canis. Major Whipple's Comet has also been seen with the naked eye. Mars is now becoming very prominent in the evening sky. There has been a marked improvement by all members of the Society in recognising constellations this term.

M. F. H. SIMPSON.

Debating Society Notes.

The Debating Society has continued its activities during the Autumn and Easter Terms. During the Autumn term three meetings were held. At the first, held on October 16th, four people, an engineer (A. C. T. Hawksley), a doctor (R. F. Boughton), a schoolmaster (N. B. Williams), and a lawyer (M. F. H. Simpson), were on a sinking ship and only one could be saved—who should it be? The doctor obtained 9 votes, the schoolmaster and the engineer received 7 each, and the lawyer only 1. M. D. Forster was in the chair.

The second meeting, held on October 30th, was an impromptu speech meeting, with Dr. Simpson as Chairman and adjudicator; his choice of speaker and subject was admirable.

The third meeting, on November 7th, was a debate, the motion being "That Britain should be a Socialist State after the war." The motion was carried by the narrow margin of 2 votes. J. R. James acted as chairman.

The fourth meeting, on March 6th, was a debate, the motion being "That the present generation lays too much emphasis on pleasure." A pleasure-loving audience defeated it by 13 votes. Mr. Morgan was in the chair.

The fifth meeting, on March 20th, was a "Quiz Bee," the most successful meeting the Society has ever had, nearly 60 being present. The Headmaster was an excellent question-master. Two teams were picked, of 10 members each, under the command of M. D. Forster and A. C. T. Hawksley. The questions were divided into 3 sections, general knowledge, spelling and music, gramophone records being played. I would like to thank Mrs. Elliott for lending many records. Forster's side won the competition by 17 points to 16. The questions were chosen by Mr. Morgan, N. B. Williams, and M. F. H. Simpson.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Headmaster, Mr. Morgan, and the rest of the Staff for the encouragement and invaluable help they have given to our activities.

M. F. H. SIMPSON.

Cub Notes.

Owing to a good deal of illness this term we have not covered as much ground as we had hoped. However, Williams (Reds), Berry iii. (Browns), and Seddon (Tawny) have gained their First Star, and most of the other Cubs are working steadily through their tests. The Red Six once again are well to the fore, both in work and games. In the early part of the term we enjoyed a visit by the Assistant County Commissioner, who brought with him Mr. Cox of Ipswich.

E.M.K.

Cross Country.

RESULTS.

			Points.
FIRST RUN.	JUNIOR—1st	Lancs. ...	25
		2nd Tudor ...	35
		3rd York ...	59
	SENIOR—1st	Tudor ...	148
		2nd Lancs. ...	153
		3rd York ...	165
SECOND RUN.	SENIOR—1st	Tudor ...	94
		2nd York ...	112
		3rd Lancs. ...	137
	JUNIOR—1st	Tudor ...	53
		2nd Lancs. ...	56
		3rd York ...	80

The third run of the term was held too late for the results to be included.

School Notes.

VALETE—

Fifth:	P. C. G. Brander
Fourth:	D. I. Pettit
Second:	P. A. Williams
Middle Prep:	A. P. D. Conkie

SALVETE—

Second:	P. J. Tyson
Upper Prep:	B. F. Tyson
Middle Prep:	G. B. Iles
Lower Prep:	J. S. Glendenning
	P. Mossford
	R. J. Ruffell

While the weather has favoured our outdoor activities, an epidemic of "mumps" which spread through the whole school has rather spoilt all forms of competition during the term.

Fortunately we were able to put out a very good 1st XI. for the first of our only two matches this term. Many other games have been played, from the normal set games to the Royalist v. Foreigner match, when the Royalists were cheated of an easy win by the weather, and lost to the Foreigners in the replay.

We are pleased to be able to record that our various clubs are flourishing, particularly the Rabbit Club and the Debating Society. We should like to see more day boys take an interest in the latter. Members of the Astronomical Society have been star-gazing on several nights.

Three boys have applied for admission to the University Naval Short Course. As yet only one has been interviewed and we congratulate him on his success. Congratulations also to H. J. E. Wombwell on his being accepted for an R.A.F. Short Course at the University.

To those who are leaving this term we offer our best wishes, trusting that it will be our privilege to welcome them back in many happy re-unions.

House Notes.

In fairness to all it must be first noted that the epidemic has greatly affected each House's potential ability.

At the moment only the results of the Hockey competition are to hand. Lancastrians lead, followed by Tudor. In work and conduct it seems likely that the Lancastrians will take the first place, followed by York in both cases. The Yorkist seem likely to win on punctuality, followed by the Lancastrians. In the cross-countries the Lancastrians and Tudors will compete for first place. All the figures go to show that boys have worked for their houses and but for illness the results would have no doubt been closer. We have a further cross-country to run which will count on Sports Day, and we hope, therefore, that where boys are still absent the remainder of the House will work to make up for them. Judging by the first two cross-

countries there is room for more competition among the seniors of the Houses.

The Yorkists and Tudors are about to lose two members who have done much for their Houses and for the School, particularly in sport. They take with them their Houses' thanks and good wishes.

Old Boys' Notes.

We had an autograph letter from Lt. M. C. P. Groombridge during the Christmas holidays. He speaks of himself as being in the middle of Libya, with Tripoli growing ever nearer, and concludes, "For 1943 let there be lots of *Liberarium studium*, and the very best of luck."

Lt. F. H. Jones supplies some interesting details of life in North Africa and of his uneventful journey there—thanks to the Navy.

G. Nottage is very busy farming, and is a Captain of his local Fire Brigade.

D. M. Brittain (R.A.C.) should shortly pass out from the O.C.T.U. at Sandhurst. We were pleased to welcome him at School this term.

Congratulations to G. H. Goffin on his promotion to Captain. He has been in Poona for some long while now.

Gunner J. P. K. Mitchell (Middle East Forces) tells us he is as thin as a rake and as brown as a nigger.

Peter Fraser hopes to be back in England—and at the School very shortly. He has had some excellent deep sea fishing off Ecuador—his biggest catch was 4 feet 6½ inches long, by name a Waboo and a member of the mackerel family.

D. I. Pettit has commenced work in Chelmsford.

M. W. Neil has passed his Inter B.Sc. (London). Congratulations. He is now an assistant at the S.W. Essex Technical College.

A. W. Neil is in the R.A.F., training as an observer.

E. J. M. Miller has joined the Commandos.

G. E. Rumsey should be in Tripoli by now. M. B. Rumsey is in the R.A.F. (wireless mechanic).

We wish W. C. K. Stubbing success in his application for a post in Jamaica. He is at present in Redhill.

We were pleased to hear from P. A. Stevens, a pupil of the School twenty years ago.

AN APPEAL TO "BURIANS," PAST & PRESENT.

In September, 1939, I was Assistant Secretary to the "Old Burians'" Association, and together with C. R. Paine, the Secretary, and M. E. Peppiatt, the London Secretary, had seen the Association gradually increasing in numbers. We had in mind the 400th Anniversary of the foundation of the present School, which takes place in 1950, and we were determined to have, by that date, the largest membership ever possessed by the Association.

But the war commenced and we were reluctantly compelled to suspend the activities of the Association.

What is the position now? After nearly four years of war we find "Old Burians" serving throughout the four corners of the earth. What interesting tales some of them will have to tell after the war is over and victory won. Shall we be able to foregather and exchange yarns? Why not? BUT, if we are going to have an organised gathering of "Old Burians," someone has got to undertake to re-form the Old Burians' Association, and that somebody will not have an easy task unless all of us co-operate.

If every Burian, past and present, who reads this keeps the Editor informed as to his whereabouts and activities, then the arduous work of re-forming the Association will already be commenced, and those who, after the war, have the job of getting things running again will have something to work on.

My very best wishes to the Editor of the *Burian*, to the School and to all Burians, past and present.

H. S. SANDERS,

"Somewhere out East."

In Memoriam.

G. S. GOUGH.

We regret to record the death of Gerald Salmon Gough, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

F. S. COLE.

It was with the deepest regret that we heard of the death of F. S. Cole, as the result of a motor cycle accident. He left School last July.

F. G. M. HOOPER.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to the parents of Lt. F. G. M. Hooper, R.A., recently killed in action in North Africa.

Missing.

H. V. IGGULDEN.

We regret to announce that Sgt. H. V. Iggulden (R.A.F.) has been posted as missing as the result of enemy action at sea. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Iggulden.

School Calendar, 1943.

SUMMER TERM.	First session	...	Thursday, 29th April.
	Athletic Sports	...	Thursday, 3rd June.
	Whit Sunday	...	13th June.
	Last session	...	Wednesday, 28th July.
AUTUMN TERM.	First session	...	Thursday, 23rd Sept.

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

WHITSUNTIDE EXEAT.

Boarders may have an exeat from 12 noon Saturday, 12th June, until 9 a.m., Tuesday, 15th June.

SPORTS DAY. Thursday, June 3rd.

It may not prove possible to issue formal invitations. But all friends of the School are cordially invited.

FOUNDER'S DAY. Thursday, July 1st.

There will be an exeat from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. for boarders whose parents intend to spend the day in Bury.

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