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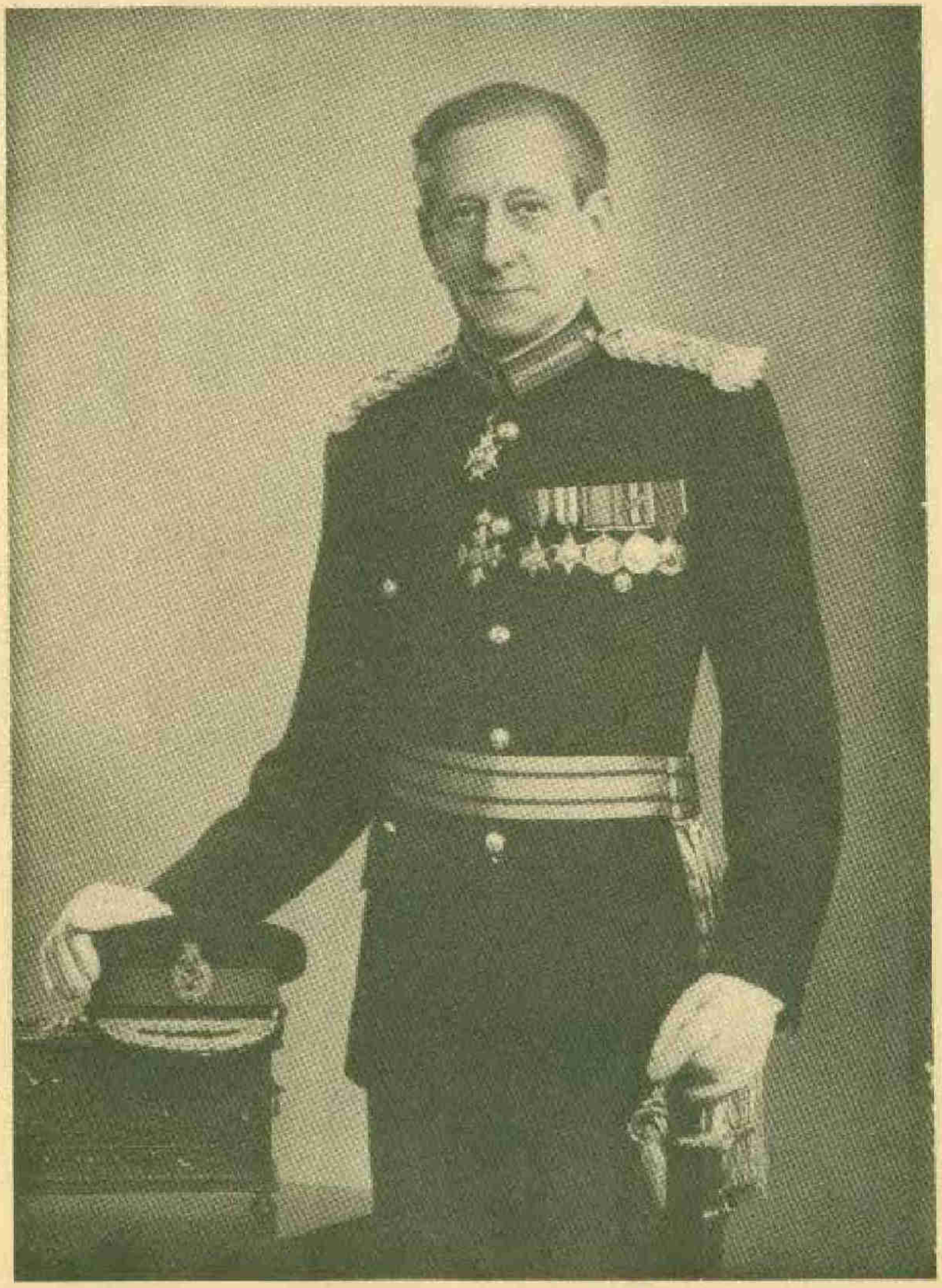
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Foreword
by
Major-General L. E. Cutforth, CB, CBE,
Director of Ordnance Services

Your Commanding Officer asked me if I would write a foreword to this edition of your magazine and I accepted because I have something important to say to you.

I want to say how important and necessary you Boy Soldiers are to the future of our Corps and indeed to the whole Service.

Ours is a difficult and exacting task and daily grows more so. It demands of all ranks a far greater measure of skill, patience and sheer determination to see the thing through than do many other jobs in the Army.

All over the world, members of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps are grappling with the great responsibilities and problems of our task. Many, too, are facing the dangers of a soldier's life in the troubled places of the world.

I, and all your comrades in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, look to you Boys to carry on this great work and establish evermore firmly our traditions of skill and steadfast service.

L. E. Cutforth

Message from the Commanding Officer.

There are two things that stand out in my mind after eight months in command of the School; the parents wonderful co-operation and appreciation of the staffs' efforts and the lack of loyalty shown to the School by so many of the boys. I know it is difficult for them to realise that one invariably gets out of life, what one puts into it. This certainly applies to life at school when members of the staff spend much of their spare time organizing games and hobbies for the boys' enjoyment, only to find them poorly supported unless attendance is made to be compulsory. If in the future, we can change this attitude, in the young soldier, it will be a great thing for the School and the Corps.

To parents I say thank you for your letters and encouragement. If you can help us on this matter of loyalty I should be grateful.

I do ask you boys to think very carefully about it and remember that you and the School will benefit, not individual members of the staff.

On a brighter note I am very pleased with the all round improvement in training, our sporting record and the improved rates of pay. Let us see that we work hard and enjoy ourselves during the summer days ahead.

W. R. Eccles

Review by the Senior Education Officer.

The period under review has been one of sustained progress. Seven Boys were awarded Senior Certificates and many gained partial qualifications; Boy Wells passed History and Geography at GCE(O) level and he and Boy Faulkner have our best wishes when they go forward to complete five subjects in July. The quality of work at Junior and Intermediate levels has improved and now that examination successes will be rewarded with pay increases there is an incentive to still more effort and a prospect of further all-round enhancement of academic standards.

The expansion of activity in Hobbies continued satisfactorily. All clubs increased their membership and creative output. The enthusiasm and talent of the Boys found full expression, in particular, in our sucessful participation in the Music and Drama Festival, justifying again our confidence in them.

The Social Studies programme had to be abandoned this term because of the reduced allotment of time to education; but the benefits of last term's activities are still being reaped in a broadening of interests and improved attainment.

The House Competition continues to be a mainspring of School life.

Education of permanent staff is now a unit commitment and it is fitting to record five successes in the recent Third Class and to express our hopes of further successes in the First and Second Class examinations.

The Information Room provides common ground where Staff and Boys meet to relax with a book or satisfy curiosity and the high level of borrowing is an indication of the keen interest which all ranks are taking in self-improvement.

R. Woolley

HOUSE NOTES

Baker House

First we welcome our REME friends and rivals to the House and trust that their stay will be a happy one. The Boys are settling in very well together and have been a great asset in Inter-House Competitions. Congratulations to B/Sgt Crickard, B/Cpl Vann and B/L/Cpls Anderson and Bennett on their promotions.

A welcome addition to the House is the Quiet Room, which helps the Boys to study at night and sit in restful surroundings.

Our Boys seem to be rather better at Education than the other Houses, but we do not seem to have the athletes. Individual players, however, have represented the School in many games.

We must thank Sgt Chinn for his hard work and interest in House activities. His presence is warmly appreciated, especially on shine nights. We wish Sgt Fenton all the best on his Small Arms Course at Hythe.

Baker House supplied all but two of the cast of the play presented at the Music and Drama Festival at Aldershot.

Farewell to those leaving us this term and every success in your Army career. Do not hesitate to come and see us, even for a week-end! But please write first so that a bed can be arranged.

P. A. Mason

Body House

Since the last publication of the School Magazine we in Body House have set our minds on winning the inter-house championships. In the Christmas term, out of nine championship cups awarded, we won six. These were; Cross Country, Football, Best House on Inspection, Rugby, Best Boxer in School Team, and Basket Ball. We did not, however, win the Championship, being beaten at the post by Horne House, by a matter of only two points.

We came back from our Christmas leave ready to do battle once again for the Inter-House Competition, and up to the time of going to press we have won the Soccer, Rugby and Cross Country Cups. We hope that this term the Championship will be ours.

We would like to congratulate B/Cpls Walker and Diffin on their promotion to B/Sgt and Boys Sheppard, Ratcliffe and Richardson on their promotion to B/L/Cpl.

Body House is fast becoming known in the School as the 'flap' House and has been honoured by being given an appropriate House March -'The Dam Busters'. We only hope that we can live up to the example set by our distinguished namesakes.

A. A. Camfield

Horne House

There have been many changes in the personnel of the House since the last issue of the magazine. All our NCOs have been posted and in their place we welcome Cpl Cook from Baker House and congratulate L/Cpls Evans and Mitchell on their promotion.

We record, with pride, our victory in the Champion House Competition in the Christmas term. The finish was very close and it was not until the day before Prize Giving that the final result was known.

In addition, we congratulate the many Boys from Horne House who have been selected for school teams.

Sgt Watts will be leaving the School at Easter. We wish him success on his return to civilian life. The Rugby team have extra cause to thank him for the interest he showed in them.

Finally we would congratulate those who have gained Examination successes and wish all who are leaving success in their Army Careers.

M. J. Scott

EDITORIAL

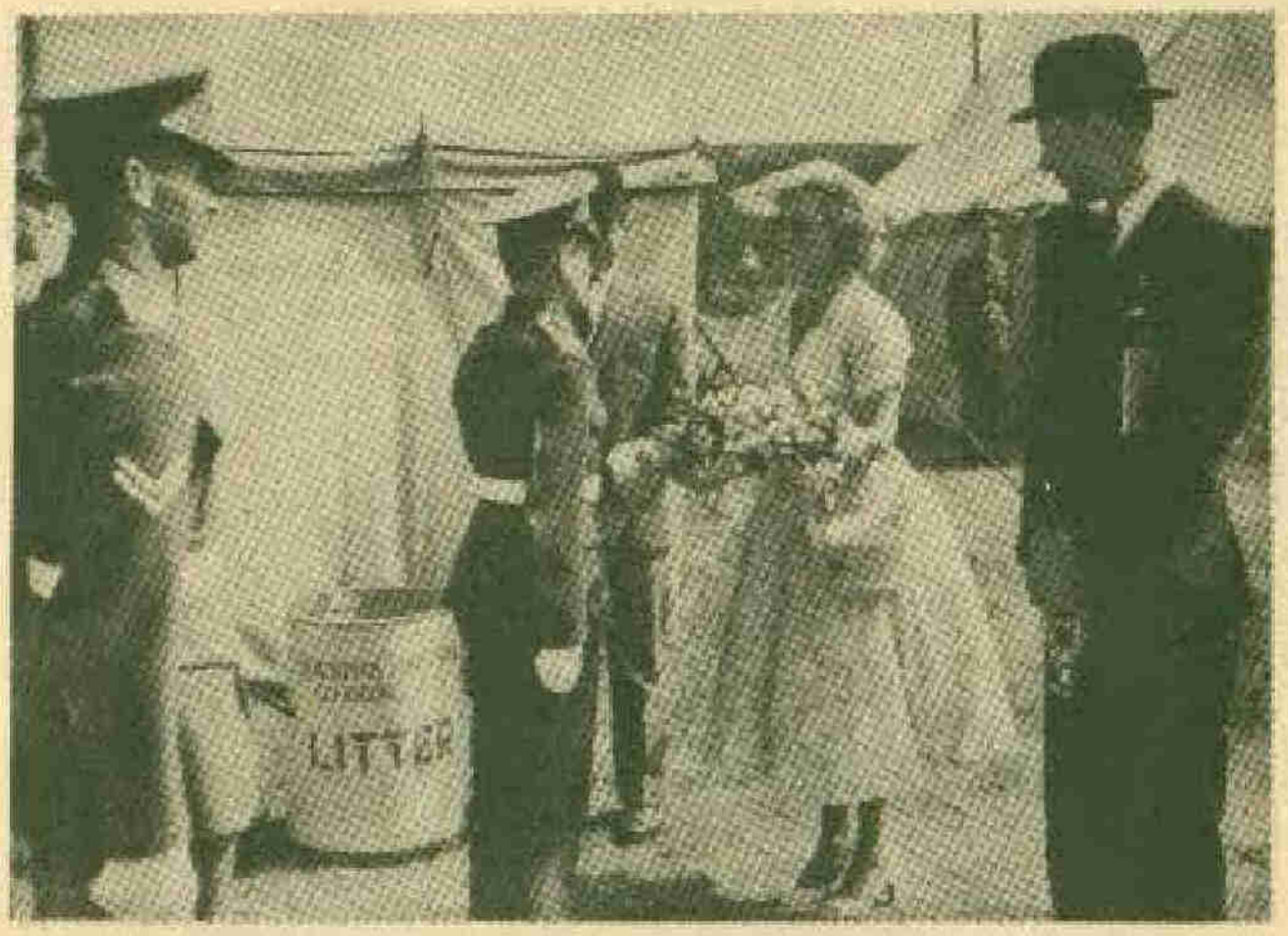
Our noble army of printers have won through again and as we stagger from the debris of the printing room. we look forward to a few weeks of absolute peace away from the grind of the press and the groans of the printing staff. It has been very much a combined operation for, apart from the old campaigners, we seem to have attracted quite a number of 'camp followers' -Boys on Hobbies' nights and members of the staff on odder occasions. Out of this melee we emerge triumphant, thanks to the printers of 4 Trade Trg Bn RAOC: without their assistance our photographs, taken by the Photographic Club, could not have been printed and our pages could not yet be before you.

On behalf of the Boys we wish to record our thanks to Lt Colonel C. J. Dovaston, T. D. for arranging and paying for the School membership of the Travel Book Club. This was indeed a very generous gesture and we are sincerely grateful.

Finally, our thanks to those who sent in articles for this edition,and a Happy Easter to all.

Editor

THE PRIZE OF GOLD



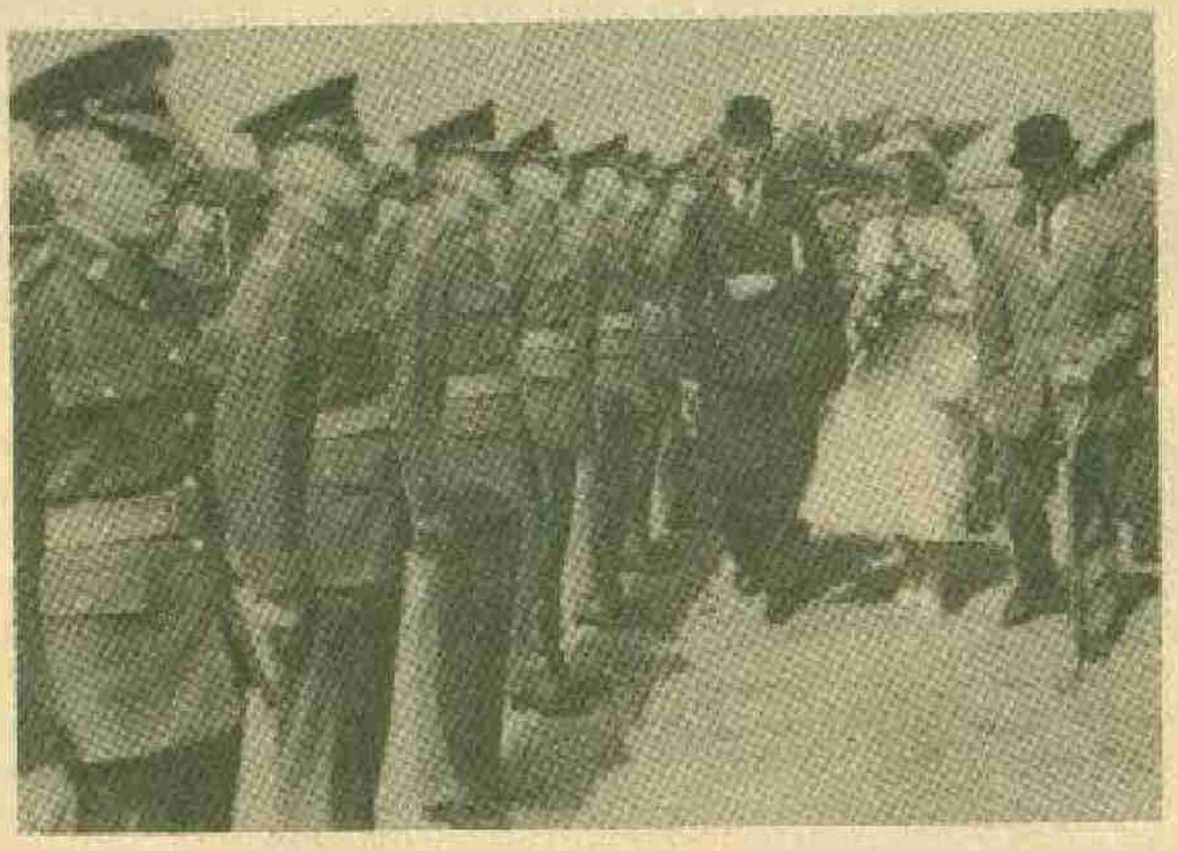
TO a popular music fan, the title of this article automatcally brings to mind the name Joan Regan. A glance at the photograph will show him just how right he is. It was the initiative of Sgt Oddie, one of our permanent staff instructors, that led to our meeting Miss Regan last summer when the Boys were engaged in Toy Soldier displays at Blackpool. Sgt Oddie went to see a show in which Miss Regan was appearing and while taking refreshment after the performance he decided to try to obtain a signed photograph of Miss Regan for the Boys. With the help of a friend who worked at the theatre, this was quickly accomplished in typical Scots Guards manner. The thought then crossed his mind: 'Why not get her to visit the Boys at the showground?'

With this idea firmly fixed in his head he went to see our two officers who had accompanied the party to Blackpool, Capts Camfield and Mason, who thought that the idea would be very acceptable to the Boys.

They first went to the theatre but unfortunately Miss Regan was not there. Not to be beaten, they decided to try her home, where they met with great success because Miss Regan said that she would be only too delighted to come and visit the Boys on the following day.

The next day, from reveille until one o'clock, the Boys' camp site could not have been busier if a general had been coming to inspect,- everybody pressing their best uniforms, blancoing and polishing. It was noticed by all that B/L/Cpl Sheppard, who had the pleasant task of presenting the bouquet to Miss Regan, was using his looking glass overtime.

At 2 o'clock Miss Regan appeared accompanied by Capt Camfield and Capt Mason, who had entertained her to lunch. As she entered the compound the Boys were formed up into three ranks and called up to attention by Sgt Oddie, who reported the parade formed up and ready for inspection to Miss Regan. At this moment B/L/Cpl Sheppard accompanied by an escort consisting of B/Cpl Gibbons and B/Cpl Rainsforth presented the bouquet to Miss Regan. She then inspected the parade, stopping quite often to speak to the boys. One remark which bears repeating was when she asked one of the boys how many times he had appeared on T.V. He replied that this would be his fourth time. Miss Regan commented that he was doing better at show business than she was.



After inspecting our tents and stores she expressed a wish to talk to the boys informally, and so the parade was fallen out and a semicircle soon surrounded Miss Regan asking questions. At this point B/Sgt Walker was noticed with his mouth wide open, just looking! It was then that the cry went up: "will you sing for us?" Miss Regan asked which song they would like her to sing. This brought a roar of "PRIZE OF GOLD." A hush fell upon the crowd when entirely unaccompanied Miss Regan sang the song with a special verse for Chris the boys' canine mascot. When she had finished the boys went mad with delight, and it was quite three minutes before the applause died down.

Miss Regan then proceeded to sign autographs for the boys, and as she did so she said a few friendly words to each boy. It was then time for Miss Regan to go into the show ground and watch the display.

That day will always be remembered by everyone who was on parade, for they had met a person who seemed to enjoy life completely, and in so doing she brought happiness to all she met. To finish this small article I think that I can say from all the Boys who were at Blackpool "Thank you Miss Joan Regan."

A Fan.

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THE WILD WEST

LIFE in the Wild West was as hazardous as the name suggests. Lonely homesteads situated some distance from the large settlements were in constant danger of attack by the Red Indians. Even the settlements were not safe and had to be guarded carefully. The Red Indians were the chief inhabitants of North America before Europeans started colonizing it after it was discovered by Columbus. They resented the settlement of the 'palefaces' because they were driven from their traditional hunting grounds and could no longer live on the land which the Europeans were starting to cultivate and stock with herds of cattle. The Indians were born hunters and fighters; they were clever at organizing ambushes and surprise attacks and usually outnumbered their victims.

Indians were not the only cause of trouble in the Wild West however. Bands of outlaws roamed the country and caused much havoc and dismay by their daring robberies and murders. Town stores and banks were their chief prey. Rustlers and horse thieves were hated most by the farmers and ranchers of the troubled countryside: they sometimes administered their own law and hanged the supposed culprits from the nearest tree. The most well known of the outlaw bands were the Daltons, the James brothers and the Younger brothers. Each of these bands added other outlaws to their number and were suppressed only when determined citizens and police succeeded in discovering their plans and routing them in armed combat.

H. M. Kay

A VISIT TO MR. THERM

LAST term a party of boys visited the Aldershot Gas Undertaking at Ash. Our guide, the chief chemist, lost no time in capturing the Boys' interest, nor indeed my own, since the first thing we were shown was the emptying of a gas retort of its white-hot coke. Even more spectacular was the way in which this mass of fire was subsequently quenched. The blazing coke was slowly trundled into a tunnel and there quenched by innumerable jets of water from above, the steam being immediately carried away by an up-draught through a large chimney above the tunnel. We were then led, up a spiral steel staircase, to the top of the furnace and watched the very same retort being re-charged with coal. The heat there was almost unbearable; the sight of huge yellow flames licking the steel rafters was literally one for sore eyes and we were glad to return to the cool air outside.

The layout and function of the various parts of the plant were admirably explained to the Boys who were not slow to ask intelligent questions when necessary. Many an imagination was stirred by the function of the commonplace gas-holder and in particular, by the electronic brain which controlled gas flow and pressure as far as twenty-eight miles away. We were shown how this robot could deal with breakdowns at the touch of a switch, and a mock breakdown was staged for our benefit by the engineer in charge. Finally, we were shown the "cracking plant" where the works makes its own gaseous fuel from heavy oil and the new "detarrer" which, using the principle of a radio valve, is able to remove the last traces of tar from the coal-gas.

It is true to say that we did not expect a gas-works to have such hidden depths. The visit was both educational and entertaining and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Final comment can be left to the Boy who, while watching the furnaceman at work, said, with great sincerity, "You know, the army is not so bad after all."

H. Morgan.

REDISCOVERING AUSTRALIA

The following gem appeared in the recent examinations.

"In 1770 Captain Cook landed at Bottomy Bay. He called it Bottomy Bay because he could see the bottom."

MOUNTAIN WALKING

MOUNTAIN walking might well be called hiking but for certain additional factors which give the former a tang of adventure. In the first place mountain walking inevitably takes place in very remote areas. Secondly, at no time can we rule out the possibility of severe weather conditions. Conditions on British mountains in winter can be as treacherous as any in the world. Thirdly, there may be some slight element of danger.

Mountain walking is best pursued in small groups, never by individual persons. A leader should be appointed and trusted, but on no account should the task of preparing the route etc. be left entirely to him. Each member of the group must know all the facts concerning a particular walk - and each must be prepared to take over the leadership of the party if necessary.

The route itself should be planned by all concerned the day before. Ideally, the route should be circular so that the party does not return by the same way as the outward route. Check points should be marked and timed, allowing for a speed of 2 mph and 20 - 30 minutes extra for every 1000 feet up or down - not forgetting rests. Whenever a route is being followed, check actual times against estimated times and keep your observations for future reference. Navigation on mountain areas is far easier if you know approximately how fast you have been moving and for how long. Some mountain routes will involve passing near to precipitous rock faces. These will be marked on the map, so work out beforehand compass bearings for safe ways off these spots in case bad weather is encountered when near them. A good mountain walker will *never* attempt to ascend or descend by a rock face.

Ensure that the time for the whole route will leave plenty of daylight at the end of the day so that, if they occur, emergencies can be coped with. Start off early and start with a purpose viz go on your particular route because it offers something of particular interest. Before you leave, check your equipment. Essentials are; a large scale map, compass, food, sweater, good boots. Useful are; waterproof, more clothes, a watch and torch - always carry a torch in winter. Extras would be: first aid kit, light line, extra socks.

While on the route, try to keep going at a slow, even pace. Halts should be short. Eat little and often and do not drink much cold water. Save some food for the end of the journey. Always wait for people to catch up - especially in mist or dark. If conditions deteriorate don't hesitate to give up your plan and try something less ambitious.

A few points of mountaineering technique: go up spurs and ridges, not valleys or re-entrants. Go round contours, not across them. When in a hurry a path is quicker than a stream. Never climb down a stream gulley, go down the edge or not at all. Use mountain paths when you can. If conditions are bad on top, don't panic: remember that there may be no mist or rain lower down the mountain. If benightment is possible, go as fast as you can till dark, then rest and go on slowly; make sure you know exactly where you are before it gets dark.

Finally, when you get back, check that all the party is in. Check your feet and any injuries. Check your route and compare it with your original plan. Learn from your mistakes. Have a good meal and rest in contentment.

H. C. Morgan.

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The Dooley Story

To the tune of "Rudolf the red nosed Reindeer"

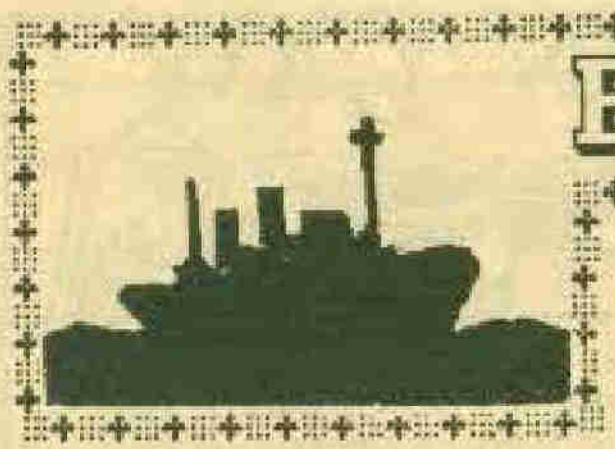
Dooley the centre-forward
Had a very awkward style
And if you ever saw it
You'd say that it stuck out a mile.
All the Wednesday officials
Used to laugh and call him names;
They wouldn't let poor Derek
Play in any first team games.

Till one Saturday afternoon
Taylor came to say,
"Dooley, with your hair of flame,
Won't you play in t' Barnsley game?"

How the supporters loved him,
How they shouted out with glee,
"Dooley the centre-forward,
You'll go down in history."

Dooley played centre-forward for Sheffield Wednesday until his leg had to be amputated.

K. Farnsworth.



BUMBOATS

J. R. Smith [001]

When I was on a troopship, going abroad for the first time, I met some strange oriental characters. These are the gentlemen who come out from the dockside when a passenger ship berths.

On our troopships there had been the occasional case of "first timers" being well and truly swindled and to ensure that these "gents" did not come aboard to make sales and pick pockets, the fire hoses were made ready for use to persuade them not to attempt it. Repeated warnings were also made over the ship's public address system.

When the "bum - boats" arrived, the "johnnies" in them spread out their wares, and, at the same time, shouted of their good reputations for fair dealing.

To enable transactions to take place, the vendors threw up pieces of wood to which were attached lines. At one end of these lines were biscuit tins for the goods and the deal took place in the following manner.

First, the prospective buyer shouts his requirements and asks the price. After a fair amount of bargaining an agreed sum is put into the tin and lowered into the merchant's "bumboat." The merchant then places the purchase in the tin which is hauled aboard and the tin is passed to the next customer.

If the salesmen become too ambitious and try to climb the ship's sides, the fire picquet washes them down with hoses.

The boats usually work in teams of two, one selling and one hauling fresh goods from the shore to replenish the stock.

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THE EMPIRE'S NOT WHAT IT WAS

According to one Boy sitting his Intermediate Examination the main difference between a Colony and a Dominion is that: "A Colony has a Government, but no Parliament, while a Dominion has a Parliament, but no Government."

was the big day - and, unfortunately, the last. At Captain Roscoe's request a dance had been arranged for us in the Church Hall under the auspices of the village Wives' Club. It was a tremendous success and one novelty item "Jumping the River', proved particularly popular. "He - man" Morgan, with much experience on his side, won this with what he called the "potato lift", (partner tossed over the shoulder like a sack of spuds). A certain Boy, with eyes bigger than his muscles, chose a rather buxom lady for this event and was well and truly drowned when he collapsed in mid-stream with his partner on top of him. The Lancers, the Barn Dance, the Gordons, the Balloon Race, Waltzes, Quick Steps, they came in quick succession and all too soon the Dance was over. We said good-bye to our newly made friends, thanked them for a most enjoyable evening and sauntered back along the road to the barn. We topped a rise and paused to look at the starlit tarn and the shadowy mountains and we bade them a silent farewell. It had been a wonderful holiday.

The Mountain Goats.
(A club effort.)

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT



A considerable flurry of excitement surrounded the final preparations for the concert when it was known that B. B. C. television cameras would be set up in the Alma NAAFI. After a fanfare of bugles had heralded the entertainment. the choir, conducted by Sgt Morgan and dressed overall in white, launched the succession of acts. These included harmonica playing, in which Boys Gill, Hay, Pearce and Wheeler were accompanied on drums by Boy Keelor; solo singing by Boy Spain; mime to record accompaniment by B/Sgt Henley; and weight lifting by Boy Halls.

Two concerted items called for dramatic powers amply supplied by Boys Budgen, Caunt, Faulkner, Hume, Saunders and Wells in the witches' scenes from



'Macbeth', and by B/Cpl Halsall, and Boys Anderson, Bellamy and O'Hara in a local version of Aladdin. This had been written by a former member of the staff and poked good humoured fun at school personalities and conditions.

The choir, which also performed later in the evening, made a hit with 'Twenty tiny fingers' but the high spot was undoubtedly the cartoon of four local ladies, present in the audience as it turned out. In this B/Cpl Halsall, and Boys O'Hara Pearce and Steer contrived to resemble the opposite sex with remarkable results.



Father Christmas, in whose robes Boy Vann sought to hide his true identity, made his usual welcome appearance and distributed presents, of sorts, to notable persons from the Brigadier downwards. The whole proceedings were kept flowing by B/Cpl Rollins whose hard work beforehand had ensured that the entertainment would be fully enjoyed by all.

K. A. Haynes.

THEY LIKE IT DRY

'Sheep', wrote a Boy in an essay recently, 'are found for the most part in temperance areas.'

MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL



AT the RE Theatre in Aldershot on Monday and Tuesday 27th 28th February, the Boys' Units in Aldershot District held a Music and Drama Festival, the major part of which was comprised of one-act plays, five of which were seen. The School's play, 'A Boy Comes Home', by A. A. Milne, was considered to be one of the best two, along with the RE Boys' play, and these were duly included in the Concert on the Tuesday evening which wound up the Festival and which was attended by the GOC, Aldershot District

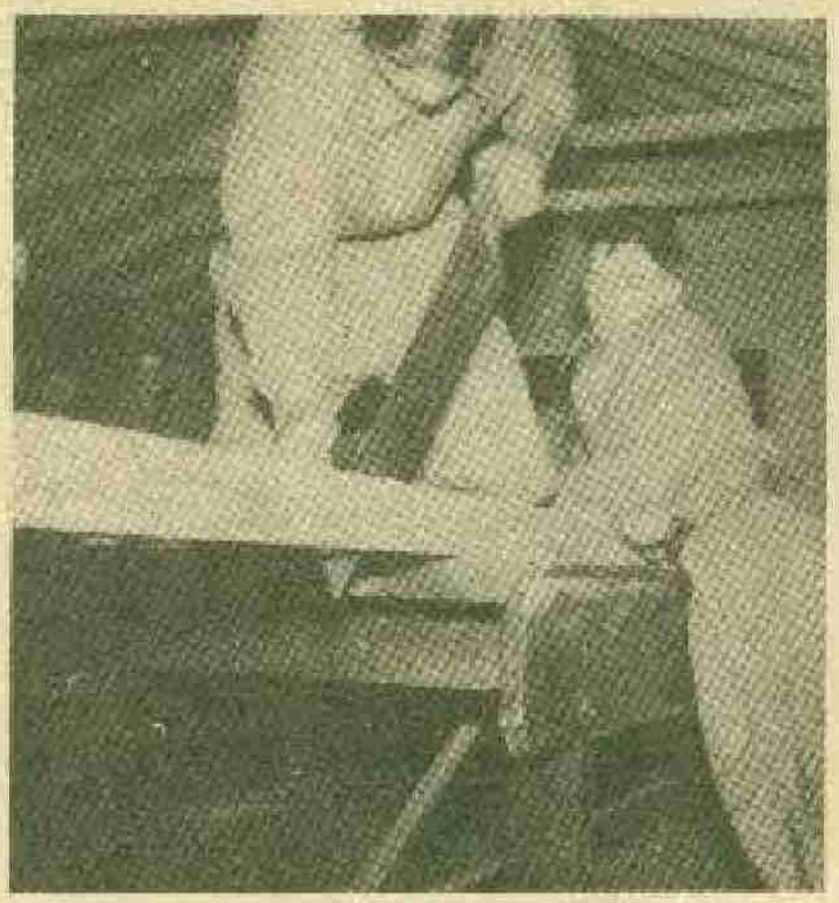
Only three Choirs were entered, of which the School Choir was placed second, thereby earning the right to perform one of two pieces at the Concert. Boy Harris won first place for clear speaking, having read Lincoln's Gettysburg address and and an extract from 'Julius Cæsar'. Boy Scott blew his bagpipes valiantly but was not able to gain a place at the concert.

At the end of the Concert on the Tuesday evening the GOC kindly presented certificates to winning entrants and expressed the hope, shared by everyone present, that the Festival would remain as a permanent event.

K. A. Haynes

HOBBIES

WOODWORK



THE class rooms are empty, the barrack rooms have a ghostly appearance as the light from flickering fires casts on the walls the shadows of empty beds.

It is hobbies night, when each Boy pursues his favourite pastime.

Outside, in the distance. the noise of hammering and sawing can be faintly heard as the members of the woodwork club enjoy an evening's work in their new premises. Gone is the old shed with its cement floor and benches pitted through the strains of toil and labour. Instead, we have now adopted a new hut with five new benches and vices and adequate heating.

The club, ten in number, is busily engaged in making tea trays, book ends and table lamps. Special mention must be made of Boy Robinson. who, after much concentration, has completed his book ends. Boy Kay is struggling with the base of his table lamp and, as wood work is new to him, he finds wielding the jack plane more difficult than he first anticipated. The more experienced lads are constructing tea-trays. With the approaching holiday, I hope that with the knowledge and practice the club have received. all the little jobs that crop up at home will be swiftly and skillfully dealt with.

N. S. Bruce.

AEROMODELLING



SINCE last term we have found a new home, still closely affiliated to our Big Brother', the Woodwork Club, but now separated from their labours by a partition thick enough to ensure our safety.

The increase in membership this term leads us to hope that the next display of work done by the club will have lost the 'First of the Few' atmosphere previously prevalent, and will instead be noted for the abundance and variety of models on show.

At the present moment fourteen models are being made, ranging from a model of a 1914 vintage rubber-powered bi-plane to Jetex powered modern jets, with the years between well represented. Russian, American, German, and Italian models are under construction as well as British.

Given reasonable weather and safeguards from the Gremlins who never seem to leave our finger tips, we hope to have a Club Competition at the end of this term and perhaps by the next issue we will have some results for publication.

R. Turbitt.

LEATHERWORK



ALTHOUGH the club was so small last term, it produced some quite good work, much of it done entirely by the Boys without any help, Burns proved to be very capable and made a good job of a knitting bag. Coffey kept the club very lively and turned out to be quite able.

With the great increase in numbers this term, we hope for even better work.

M. Owen.

SHOOTING

SINCE the last issue of The Boy Soldier, we have been busy practising for the Small Bore season which is now well in its stride. We started off the new season with an Inter-House competition which was won by Baker House.

Then the bid for the Horne Cup was our next aim. After the second round we were lying second to 28 Bn Bramley. Unfortunately we have lost five of our crack shots in B/Sgt Ling and Boys Tweddle, Wheeler, Atherton and Burns. We shall miss them

for the full bore too, especially Ling and Tweddle.

Fortunately some very promising recruits have just joined the School and are now hard at training.

We gained four bronze medals in the Empire Shields Competition and King George V Trophy and hold high hopes of a victory in the Army Inter Unit Small Bore Cup, our 'A' team having completed their cards with quite a reasonable total.

We are, at the moment of writing, in the process of singling out full bore enthusiasts to train for Bisley and Aldershot District.

F. Hall.

BACK TO CAXTON



In the course of the last few weeks the chosen few who spend their Thursday evenings working busily in the printing shop have been becoming more and more proficient at the pastime. As a result of this, Major Eccles has been greeted each week with many examples of their work as he has carried out his Saturday morning inspections. No longer does some patient scribe bend himself to the arduous task of painting such signs as 'Blank House Quiet Room' or 'List of Room Jobs.' No! the discovery made by Caxton in 1476 has at last penetrated to the innermost recesses of darkest Blackdown and such notices are now printed (often in colour.)

F. Salt.

ART GROUP



WE are still having fun in the Art Group, and we shall continue to do so in our new premises which are larger than the old, and will have a better light in the summer months.

Boy Cpl Howitt and Boys Neal and Bussell have left us and we have welcomed Boys Armstrong, Pearce (who has definite ideas of his own regarding colour), and eleven other newcomers. Sgt Walker and Boy Mendy have completed interesting landscapes in water colours.

The latter has also produced two very fine pictures - a view of Windsor and the market place at Wallingford. With Boy Armstrong. Mendy will be breaking new ground in the summer term with his first *essais* in oil.

The Exhibition of some twenty works of contemporary British artists in the Aldershot Municipal Library attracted a dozen of us who came away duly impressed, some gaining a measure of confidence as a result. One or two individuals were observed gazing at abstract paintings. They returned subdued, one might even say stunned, They have not been seen in the vicinity of the Art Room since.

May I point out that the materials for lino-cutting are available and anyone wishing to amuse himself in this way is welcome to do so on our premises and perhaps his work will be accepted for publication in this magazine.

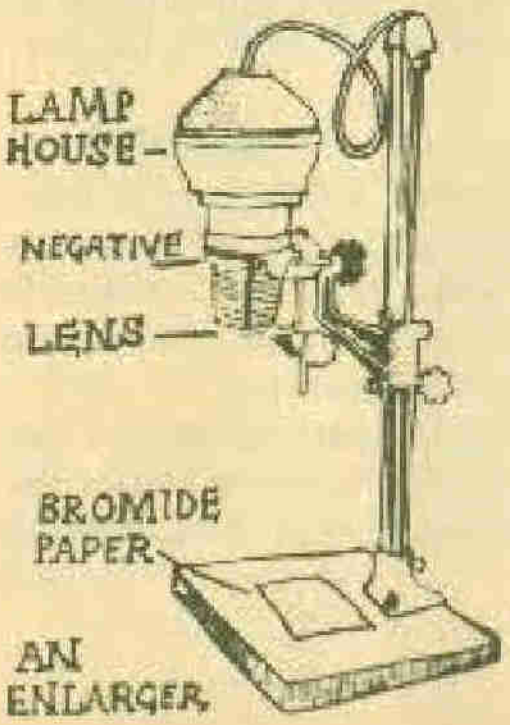
F. De Lacey.

CAMERA CLUB

T. Brunton.



IN every sphere of life we can always learn something new. In the camera club last term we enjoyed making "contact prints" which are photographs produced with the negative and sensitive paper in contact. But in the past few months we have progressed to acquiring the technique of enlarging. The enlarger works in the same way as the film-strip projector. Light is directed down through the negative and on through a lens which causes the rays to spread out. This light makes the enlarged picture when it is focussed, not on a screen, but on bromide paper which is sensitive to the light. This paper is then put into 'developer' and 'fixer', the necessary chemicals for photography, and we have our enlargement.



AN ENLARGER.

The photograph shows members of the club around the enlarger. The diagram shows the main parts of a simple enlarger.

During the winter months, we have visited many of the other evening activities and some of the results of our flash-photography are shown on other pages of the magazine.

SCHOOL SPORT

BASKETBALL

We can view with pride the progress made during the past year. Beginning with only eight players, we can now claim to be a a widely played sport. In a recent inter-room competition over sixty Boys took part, enthusiasm and ability being very high indeed.

A great deal of credit for the popularity of the game must be given to our very successful team who were undefeated until the end of December. In the National Championship we were defeated by the Oxford City Youth Clubs Team 46-41, at Oxford. It was a hard and exciting match and, although we lost, the experience gained was invaluable. The team, I am sure, would like me to thank all the supporters who subscribed to make the trip possible.

By the time we go to press only two members of the original school team will still be with us. We therefore say good-bye, and wish the very best of luck in the future, to Boys :-Bellamy, Crisp, Budgen, Walker, Weatherstone, Henly and Howitt.

Despite the disruption of the team we are giving a good account of ourselves and are now lying second in the local civilian league. We look forward to entering the Army Boys Basketball Championships in May, confident that the talent thrown up by both the inter room and inter House competitions, will knit well together and make another fine team.

D. J. Day.

BOXING



THE opening of the Boxing season saw an all-out effort by the Boys to win the Inter-Company Challenge Shield. Hard training brought our boxers to the peak of condition and we had no difficulty in winning our first two matches against 'A' Coy AAS and the RE Boys Sqn. In the third match, the semi-final of the competition, we had to fight hard to defeat the RASC Boys Coy. Once again the RAC Boys were our opponents in the final, and again they just defeated us in a thrilling contest. We returned to Blackdown as finalists but not as winners.

Notice was then received that the Aldershot District Championships would take place on 27th January. When the great day arrived, out of the seven entered, five gained championships and the remaining two Boys were runners up. The details are shown below.

Class 'A' (Boys under 17 years of age)

Martin, 365	Bantam - weight Runner up
Doyle	Feather - weight Champion
Richardson	Welter - weight Champion
Broadbent	Light Middle - weight Champion
B/Sgt Crickard	Light Welter - weight Runner up

Class 'B' (Boys over 17 years of age)

Scott	Light Middle - weight Champion
B/Sgt Walker	Light Heavy - weight Champion

This was indeed an excellent effort on the part of the boxers and a great credit both to the School and to their trainer, SSI Burdett.

Of the nine Boys entered for the Southern Command Championships fought at Plymouth on February 18, the following champions emerged:

Class 'A' (Under 16 years of age)

Kay	Bantam - weight Champion

Class 'B' (Under 17 years of age)

Broadbent	Light Middle - weight Champion
Richardson	Welter - weight Champion

So with our fingers crossed we go forward to the Army Individual Championships. Five Boys are representing the unit as well as themselves. Will we produce a second Boy Champion? Let's hope so.

"Ring sider"

RUGBY FOOTBALL



AT the beginning of the 1955/1956 season, a sincere attempt was made to introduce Rugby Football into the School. In order to promote interest and discover talent an inter House seven a side tournament was held on November 18. It proved to be an exciting and closely fought competition, Body House emerging as winners. Soon after this, a School XV was formed with several reserves competing for places in the team. Serious training had a marked effect on our play: set scrums were more successful and play in the loose steadily improved

but we were still without a full - back. A number of people were tried before Clifton was chosen for this position. His cool and confident handling is now an inspiration to the team.

In our first two friendly matches, against the RASC Boys, we were narrowly beaten, but we learnt many lessons. We therefore set to work to remedy our faults before challenging the RE Boys to a return match. What dividends were reaped from our afternoons' training! Our revenge was sweet indeed, for we defeated them by thirty-five points to nil! Just before Christmas we played 'D' Coy AAS in the last of our friendlies prior to entering the Cup Competition. We were extremely unlucky to lose and would have levelled if Howitt, after a brilliant run from outside the twenty-five line, had not lost possession under the post.

After Christmas we prepared for the Preliminary Round of the Cup in the gymnasium as the appalling weather prevented outdoor work. Alas, 'A' Coy AAS dashed our Cup hopes, narrowly defeating us. We were disappointed, but all the more determined to play rugby and inspired by Sgts Bruce and Watts we are already preparing for next season's Cup games.

In closing we congratulate Sgt Bruce on his selection for the Scottish trials and Sgt Watts on being chosen for Aldershot Services and Corps matches.

'Prop'

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL



THUD! and the ball hurtled into the back of the net. Cook had scored our first goal from a square pass by Evans. The centre was taken and a strong tackle by Revill put us on the attack again. He swung the ball out to Barker on the left wing. Barker feinted to the left and cut inside the opposing wing half, feinted to the right, and was round the full back, hit a cracking shot and the ball sailed into the far corner of the net. That made the score 3-2 in favour of our opponents the RE Boys. Alas, struggle as we might, we could not score again and so the soccer season ended as it had begun, with our defeat by the Boys Sqn RE. On our play we deserved to lose for we could not match the RE's in one vital thing, team co-operation. As in many of our matches the team did not combine sufficiently and there was no link between attack and defence.

We started off the season very badly with a 7-1 defeat by the RE Boys and it was not until after Christmas, by which time the team had been completely remodelled, that we became a consistently winning team. Had we started the season playing as well as we finished, we should have been at the top of the League

table. As it is, we look forward to next season for that, and for defeating our rivals, the RE Boys.

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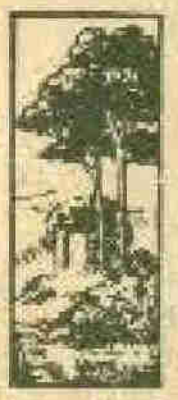
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Cook Diffin Huck or Revill

Jacobs Evans Barker Mitchell Perkes

J. Roscoe



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The School Team ran in the Aldershot District Enlisted Boys' Championship in February and were placed fourth amongst the ten teams competing. The Team ran well together over the opening stages of the races and followed the plan devised during training.

B/Sgt. Walker went into the lead about half way but pace making during the heavy going section of the course proved too much for him and he dropped from among the leaders. Boy Tagg however saved his effort to the last three-quarters of a mile and moved steadily up to the leaders, our first man home.

Individual Placings. Tagg 12th. Walker 24th. Bursford 32nd. Wetherill Richardson 37th. Pearce 39th. Dyer (Recruit) 41st. Birkett 45th.

Inter-House Championship

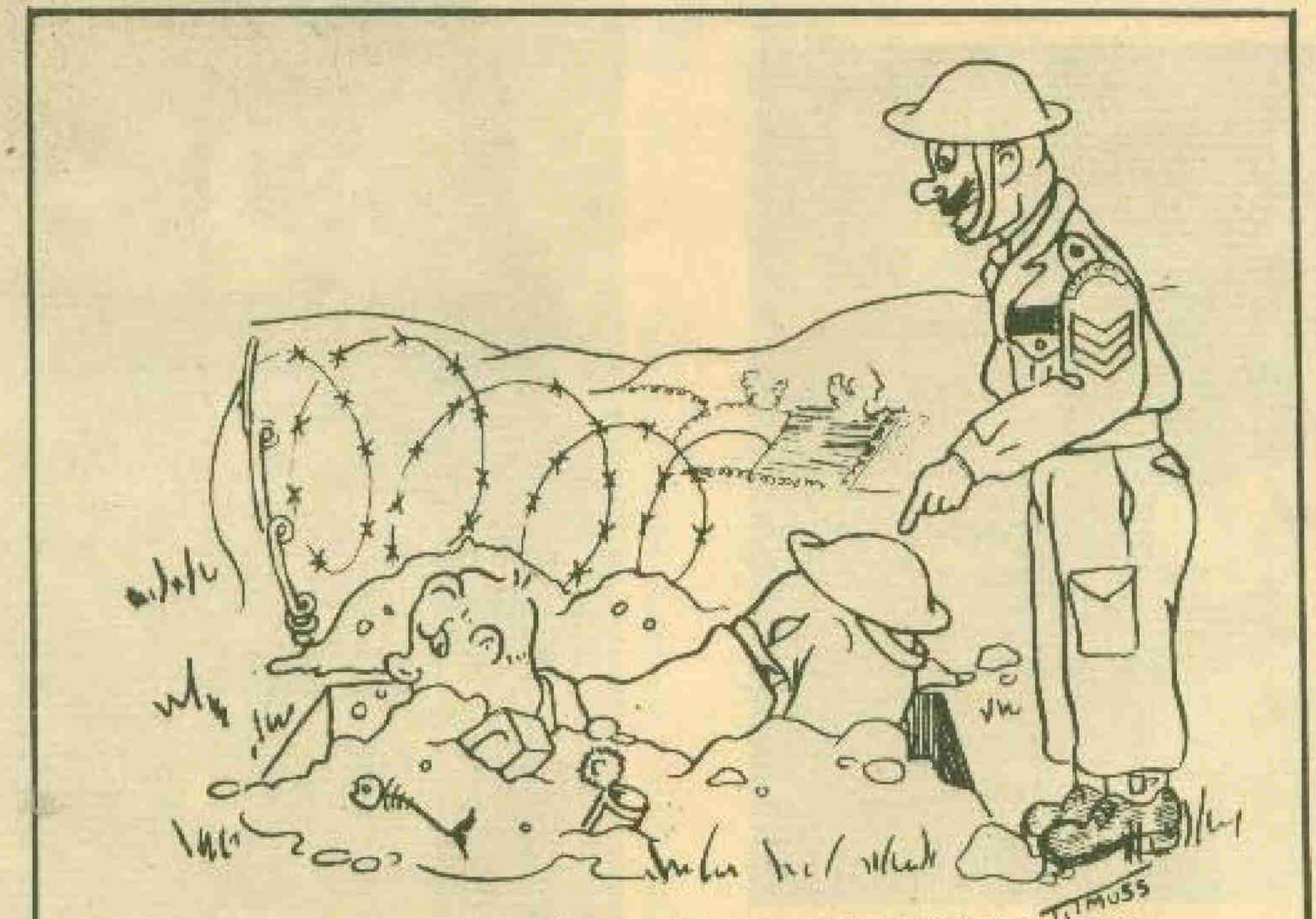
Two races of this term's inter-house Cross Country Championship have taken place and at the time of going to press Body House are the leaders.

The races this term have been run on a team basis, each House providing three teams, and it has been the better team placings of Body House that has given them such a substantial lead.

B. J.







No, Pte Brown, when I say dig in and protect your rear,
I don't mean that rear.