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## SCHOOL NOTES

To keep in line with our recent decision to make the Spring Term as short as possible, this term was only just over ten weeks in length; and as if to allay our fears the weather was on its best behaviour. Towards the end of January there was a hard frost and we enjoyed a few days' skating on the Stadtheide lake and on the school pond. That was soon spoilt by a snowfall and thaw, and on 9th February a severe blizzard covered the ice on the pond with drifted snow and twigs broken from the birch trees. After this, skating ceased but tobogganning and ski-ing flourished until mid-February when a real thaw set in. From then until there was another snowfall at the end of March we enjoyed some glorious sunny Spring weather with a crisp east wind and frosts at night. As a consequence of this unexpectedly fine weather the health record was good except for a few cases of German measles which dragged on through the term. All things considered it was the best Spring Term we have had.

The 80 candidates for the General Certificate of Education, of whom five are taking the examination at the Advanced Level, had an almost uninterrupted term's work. Unfortunately the visit from Prince Rupert School had to be cancelled because they had an epidemic, but the usual Inter-House competitions took place, Senior and Junior Football and Cross-Country, Hockey, Netball and Fives. Boxing has now taken its place as a regular activity, and we had our first outside match against a German Youth Club. Inter-House competitions also took place for the first time, for the newly presented Hanauer Cup for Gymnastics. The Combined Cadet Force is now organised with a recruitment of 130 boys, to start work next term now that permission to form has at last been received from the War Office. Activities will be so arranged that boys who join the C.C.F. will not have to give up their scouting.

The most spectacular event of the term was Mr. Fleming-Thomson's production of "The Gondoliers" with a mixed cast of staff and pupils. To produce so successfully a full length Gilbert & Sullivan opera entirely in the short Easter term was indeed an achievement and almost overshadowed the two excellent Fleming House plays produced by Miss Delmage. Other highlights of the term were a concert by the Band of the Royal Fusiliers and a visit from Commander Stephen King-Hall.

The Choir, Wyvern Society and King Alfred Broadcasting System had a successful term and are full of ambitious plans for the future. The Library, thanks to Mr. Brittle's hard work, is now completely reorganised and has been enriched by the addition of a set of Chambers' Encyclopaedia. The walls have also been enlivened by a number of framed paintings by boys and girls of the school. It is hoped that as soon as money is forthcoming for Works Services the Library will be enlarged by the addition of the two rooms now used by Padre Bache.

On April 1st B.F.E.S. ceased to be a department of the Foreign Office, and became a direct responsibility of B.A.O.R. This does not mean that in future the staff will be dressed in the uniform of the Royal Army Education Corps; we become War Department Civilians and B.F.E.S. H.Q. continues to be staffed by civilians. Mr. Lowndes, who has been the Director of B.F.E.S. for three years, made his farewell visit to the school early in March and we had already had an opportunity of meeting his successor, Dr. Humphreys, who has been Deputy Director for some months. This changeover will affect us mainly on the administrative level and B.F.E.S. H.Q., will now work more closely with the Major General i/c Administration and the Chief Education Officer, B.A.O.R. We at King Alfred School, together with B.A.O.R. and indeed with Great Britain, will have to take our share of the inevitable economy drive, especially when the Contractual Agreement is eventually signed. All Works Services have already been held up; our German establishment is being still further reduced; and the Sailing and Riding activities will now have to be self-supporting. The horses, under these conditions, may soon become too expensive for us to maintain, but we are already building our own boats and every effort will be made to keep sailing as one of the major activities. The Mill House transit hotel will soon have to go and parents will have to make arrangements to stay in German hotels.

There is also a danger that the number of German assistant teachers will be reduced, so that more work will fall on the British staff and some of our activities may consequently have to be reduced.

66 new boys and girls joined us this term and possibly because this was a smaller number

than usual they seemed to settle in remarkably quickly. Some 34 boys and 39 girls left at the end of the Spring Term, including Jennifer Davies who has been Head Girl for the last two terms, and three other Helpers, Barbara Roberts, Helen Ware and I. Cullerne-Bown. Several members of the teaching staff will be leaving us this term, including Mr. Randall who has been here since the school started, first as Senior Mathematics Master and the first Housemaster of Nansen House, and then since the Summer Term 1950 as Senior Master. In December, 1949, he married Miss Galloway, one of the two British Matrons. Mr. Randall is joining the staff at Bedford School and our warmest good wishes go with them, together with our gratitude for their great and varied contribution to the life of the school. Miss Delmage, another foundation member of the school and Housemistress of Fleming House, and Miss Dumphreys are also leaving, and Herr Fandrey who taught German here for the last year. Our good wishes go with them too.

In 1951 we discussed the possibility of sending a team to compete in the Public Schools Athletics Championships held each April at the White City, but unfortunately Mr. Hanauer was laid up for most of the Spring Term with a compound fracture of the leg so that our plans came to nought. This year, Mr. Ronald, building on the foundations laid by Mr. Hanauer and Herr Sonntag, felt that in spite of our rapidly changing population our boys would acquit themselves creditably. And, thanks to the generosity of Army and Air Force Welfare and the Scout Headquarters, the financial difficulties were overcome. After hard training during the term the teams were able to try themselves out at Wiesbaden where our friend, Mr. Heiges, Superintendent of American Schools there, had arranged an International Athletics Meeting between boys from two American, three German, one French school and ourselves. As K.A.S. easily won the meeting our teams went to England with greater confidence than they would otherwise have had. At the White City we came seventh out of the 202 schools that entered. We won one silver cup with a new record for the meeting in the 220 yards race and seven standard medals. Heartiest congratulations are due to all concerned - our team, who have brought great honour to the school, and Mr. Ronald, who is responsible for training and organization.

Next term marks the beginning of our fifth year as a school and I regret to have to put on record that it will be my last term as Headmaster of King Alfred School. To start and run a co-educational school of 600 where the average stay of the staff and pupils is only four terms, is an exhausting and at times a heartbreaking task, and since the injury to my back I have found it even more wearing. It is clear that great changes are due, largely on, the grounds of economy, and the Headmasters of the Boarding Schools will be given much less freedom of action. I think, therefore, that it is better if these changes are made by a new Headmaster rather than by one who has known the school in more spacious days.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all pupils, parents and staff for their co-operation in what has been a very great adventure; and I look forward to keeping in touch with the school and all members of the Wyvern Club for many years to come.

F.S.C.



## MUSIC



The production and three performances of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Gondoliers" has taken the time and energies of the school as a whole, and the Music Competitions, which were to have taken place this term, were accordingly postponed. It is hoped to hold them next term. In addition to those voices already well known, the "Gondoliers" revealed tenor voices of pleasing quality in D. Williams (Marco) and Banyard (Luiz), which it is hoped they will

develop and use to further service in the school. The chorus sang with great gusto, if not always with great accuracy in leads, and acquitted themselves well. Members of the Staff supplied an efficient and essential alto part.

The music is light but good, tense and witty. The one-man-band on the piano enjoyed it and himself very much. First steps towards a brass-wind section of a school orchestra have been taken, as the moans, groans and shrieks coming across the cricket-field daily testify.

The string section is essentially a thing of slow growth and suffered setbacks when a few useful players left a little time ago.

There are some 140 children learning piano, strings, and brass and the devoted German Staff of four established and two part-time teachers are kept busy. Of course, we always yearn for more time for practice and hope that the programme of work and activities will one day permit it.

The St. George's Chapel Choir always provides for me a most refreshing feature of the week's work. Anthems sung have been 1) A spotless Rose, H. Howells 2) Blessed be the God and Father, S.S. Wesley 3) As torrents in Summer, E. Elgar, 4) Jesus the very thought is sweet, Vittoria. Nos. 2 and 3 were both given on the last Sunday of Term as a farewell to Miss Dumphreys and Mr. Randall whose effective and devoted work will be very greatly missed. We wish God speed and the best of luck to them.

The choir of St. Michael's Chapel comes on well and will, I hope, give a programme of plainsong music of the Roman Church next term.

There have been the usual concerts of serious music on alternate Sunday evenings in Butler Hall. Herr August Schneider came from Hamburg and played violin sonata's (with myself) by Beethoven (in F), Handel (in D) and César Franck (in A). Richard Bowen, a promising young baritone, gave a concert of well-contrasted songs early in the term. Herr Achgelis, (a well-known tenor from the Stuttgart opera) paid a return visit and delighted everyone with a programme of serious songs. I also on one occasion gave a short recital on the piano. Attendances have been good - though entirely voluntary - and exemplary in conduct.

A visit by the Band of the Royal Fusiliers under Bandmaster Quick was extremely popular and set me thinking of my own Service days when I knew the value of such a band and of its heightening effect on the morale of Unit life. Perhaps the squeaks coming across the cricket field may yet find an echo in one of them!

That quaint, archaic and percussive piece - the Butler Hall grand piano continues to stand the blows given it daily by the Director of Music - but only just! May wealth or authority please give us a new one quickly.

J.H.O.J.

## "THE GONDOLIERS"

I enjoyed 'The Gondoliers'. To remark that its performance by amateurs, and school children at that, was an ambitious undertaking, is to state the obvious.

You have to have people who can sing, and act, and have the confidence to be amusing. And in Butler Hall, to put over a speaking voice needs much practice; a singing voice is even more difficult to produce. In addition, there are problems of scenery, properties, costume and lighting, and the coordination thereof. In spite of these difficulties, and in spite of the very short time

available for rehearsal, enjoyable performances were given on three successive evenings. On the first night I felt that some scenes would have benefited by longer practice; but by the third night the members of the cast had gained confidence, and settled down to enjoy themselves. Many scenes scintillated with glorious fun, and many with enjoyable singing.

It was not surprising that a number of the songs were encored; though this pleased the audience, it was unfortunate in that it resulted in strain for some of the young voices, for there was a tendency to flatness by the third night. Both chorus and soloists, I think, sometimes had difficulty in hearing the piano; possibly another time it would help to place it in the orchestra pit.

One of the most delightful voices I have heard on an amateur stage was that of Pearl Cooper, whose effortless soprano soared clear and faultless to every note. Her love scene with Luiz needed more animation, but apart from this her Casilda was charmingly superior. Banyard, as Luiz, had a pleasant voice but he needed more confidence. Shirley Thomas, as Gianetta, we have enjoyed hearing before; she also has a fine soprano, well suited for 'Kind Sir, you cannot have the Heart'. She acted well with Fawcett, her Gondolier. Fawcett entered into his part very well, bringing to it life and vigour; he was most convincing in comforting his stricken, ten-minute old wife. His voice was pleasing; his rendering of 'Rising Early in the Morning' was one of the most enjoyable. Williams, as Marco, also sang pleasantly, especially 'Take a pair of Sparkling Eyes'. He obviously enjoyed his part. Betty Ryan, as Tessa, was very pleasing; she acted with ease and charm, and was particularly successful in the quartet, 'A Regular Royal Queen'. The quartet 'In a Contemplative Fashion' is an extremely difficult one, and on the third night the Gondoliers and their wives sang it really well.

The members of the staff taking part were a joy to watch, as we expected them to be. They missed nothing of Gilbert's wit, every word of their singing was clear. The mixture of pomposity and arch flirtatiousness of Mr. Randall as the Grand Inquisitor, the solemn superiority of Miss Alcock as the Duchess; the real condescension of Padre Bache as the Duke; each formed admirable examples of character acting. Special mention must be made of Mr. Randall's rendering of 'No Possible Doubt Whatever'; Miss Alcock's 'On the Day that I was Married'; and the Padre's 'In Enterprize of Martial Kind'.

Other delightful episodes were the Gavotte, introduced by the Duke's 'I am a Courtier Grave and Serious', and the chorus and dance, 'Dance a Cachuca!' The many items of the chorus were performed with freshness and vigour; any slips of opening were quickly forgotten because they entered into the spirit of the story, and their voices blended delightfully.

High praise is due to the wardrobe mistress, whose eye for colour made memorable each appearance of the chorus, and who, along with the scenery painters and creators of the gondola and bridge made the entrances of the Duke and Suite dramatic high-spots.

So successful a performance is obviously a matter of hard work and teamwork. The whole show was a triumph of cooperation. But a team must have a leader, and Mr. Fleming-Thomson, the producer, deserves the highest praise. He has been well rewarded, for his hard work, - and even he was pleased with the result.

N.V.D.



## FLEMING HOUSE PLAY

AS did Churchill last term, Fleming divided its entertainment into Junior and Senior section's, the Juniors putting on a bright comedy called "Fat King Melon" and the Seniors a 'more advanced play "The Man in the Bowler Hat".

"Fat King Melon" was like a fairy tale, and as in all fairy tales, it was very simple. The usual

characters the fairy, the beautiful princess and the prince were there, and all the characters which go to make up a fairy tale. There was colour and excitement, and G. Potter often had the audience in fits of laughter with his expressions of grief. Tinta Richardson as Princess Caraway played an admirable part, as did the fairies, and the play as a whole was very entertaining to the audience.

The main attraction of the evening was the Senior play, "The Man in the Bowler Hat." This one-act play by A.A. Milne was well acted by the cast, which deserves credit for a fine performance. Jennifer Davies as Mary gave us a quite convincing effort, and A. Cassie as the hero also acted well. The opening lines of the play suggested a thriller but soon we saw it develop into a comedy. The gangsters, J. Burch and S. Leete, soon had the audience laughing with their parts. The climax of the play was very surprising when the Man in the Bowler Hat who had sat on the stage without speaking during the whole of the play, turned out to be a producer who was watching actors making a film. Both plays, produced by Miss Delmage, were very enjoyable and all are to be congratulated on a fine evening's entertainment.

D. Back

## FILMS

IN "Elephants Never Forget", the first film of the term, we had the unusual chance of seeing Oliver Hardy attempting a semi-serious part as a small town doctor. Unfortunately, owing to his reputation for comedy, the audience found it difficult to appreciate when he was attempting to be serious, and the strain of listening to him moralising on the American Declaration of Independence proved tiresome for a restless audience. The story was that of Hardy doctoring a sick elephant and this affectionately grateful beast pursuing him over the town to the discomfiture of himself and his wife, and the amusement of the inhabitants. The film was a comedy of the American South, of its way of life and more particularly of its speech, and it was just as much lost on an English audience as a comedy based on the Yorkshire dialect would have been on an American audience.

"Apache Drums" can safely be said to belong to that small group of really good Westerns. The story is of a peaceful township out in the desert striving for existence against the frequent attentions of the Apaches, and more particularly of the rivalry of two vastly different men, a gunman-gambler and a blacksmith, for a girl's hand in marriage. But the film has something which most Westerns lack - suspense. This was the quality which made the film a success and several scenes stick in the memory; the lone cowboy riding to warn the township of an impending Apache attack between the menacing walls of a silent canyon; a band of Indians attacking two men only to ride away when their chief is wounded; the silence of a funeral service shattered by an Apache attack; and the closing scenes of the film when the pioneers are besieged in a store ringed by windows, all of which have to be watched for marauding redskins. Even the ever-timely arrival of the U.S. cavalry does not seem incongruous in a highly entertaining film.

"Man of Aran", the next film we saw, was a semi-documentary film of the life of a typical fisherman in the isolated Aran islands, off the west coast of Eire. The dialogue of the film was almost incomprehensible, but the photography was so magnificent that the film needed no explanation. Sharing the title role with the man of Aran is his constant enemy and livelihood the sea, providing his food but smashing his boat and ruining his nets. Some of the shots of the struggle between man and the sea must be among the finest photography in the film world. It is hackneyed but true to say the one could almost feel the spray as the seas lashed in towards the camera.

Cecil B. de Mille's adaptation of the Bible story "Samson and Delilah" was the next film to be shown at the school, and once again de Mille fulfilled his boast that he could make a film from any chapter of the Bible. He also lived up to his reputation of creating the most impressive "spectacles" the film world has ever known. The film is a faithful reproduction of the original but because of the too magnificent costumes, the too lavish scenery and the too impressive spectacles, it lacks the realism and the atmosphere that a more modest production might have given it. None of the characters seemed to have any idea of the man or woman they were supposed to be portraying.

For instance when we look at Samson we see only Victor Mature backed up by unconvincingly bent iron bars and surrounded by mutilated corpses. George Sanders murmurs his sedate way through the film as if he were only mildly interested in it and Hedy Lamarr while leaving us in no doubt as to her physical attributes allows us to question her histrionic ability without giving us any convincing reply. The "spectacles" are present in their resounding numbers, but the religious significance is only touched upon lightly, as indeed in the whole film; to quote only one example, we are left with a magnificently falling temple, composed of surprisingly heavy cardboard, which fell not because God willed it but because Victor Mature flexed his biceps to such surprisingly good effect.

The best film of the term was undoubtedly the British film "Tom Brown's Schooldays", the story of which is so familiar that it needs no reiteration here. Suffice it to say that in this film Tom Brown's exploits at Rugby school were created even more vividly than Thomas Hughes did in his book. John Howard Davies once more gave a sensitive performance as Tom, ably supported by John Charlesworth as Scud. Robert Newton, as Dr. Arnold, while not having a very large part, does much to impress upon us the famous headmaster's work in abolishing the cruelties practised at Rugby.

The last film of the term was the film of the record-breaking play "Worm's Eye View". It is the story of the R.A.F. in billets in wartime, a comedy of the slapstick type which provided a refreshing change from many would-be subtle films. Ronald Shiner enhances his growing reputation as a character actor, ably supported by more than convincing R.A.F. "types".

M. Haworth

## SCHOOL BROADCASTS

THERE has been a welcome increase in the number of boys and girls who have taken part in K.A.B.S. Talks this term. Two series of talks have been given, one for Seniors and one for Juniors, and in the case of the Juniors they have been not so much talks by single speakers as discussions between two or three. Miss Yelland, Mr. Marriott and M. Tinton, for instance, gave a joint talk on the West country; Miss Mitchell, Shirley Skipton and Gillian Selby on the Channel Islands; Miss Mitchell, Mr. Coates and Mr. Stirk on Yorkshire (very entertainingly done in dialect); Mary Francis, Ann Coulter, Betty Tomney, Myra Butler and Margaret Harkness on Scotland; Derek Wilson and Mr. Farnell on North Staffordshire. The Padre spoke on the Lake District, and Mrs. Boswell gave her vivid childhood recollections of the Anglo-Irish troubles and the street-fighting in Dublin, where her home was. This talk she repeated in the Senior series.

As well as hearing Mrs. Boswell on the Irish rebellion, the Seniors also heard two talks by Mr. Hall on South Africa, who from his personal knowledge of the Union spoke with impressive force on the threatening issues confronting the coloured and white populations. Besides giving a graphic account of the land and its economies, Mr. Hall brought home to all his hearers the darkness, confusion, fear, distrust and hate which are never far distant from it. Only a short time after Mr. Hall's broadcasts came the news of the violent reactions to the Union government's latest attempts to impose Apartheid. Thanks to Mr. Hall, all who heard him can now figure out for themselves the risks and dangers of this situation.

Two boys made successful debuts in the Senior talks. Simon May gave the first and last of the series, on the present troubles in Egypt and Indo-China respectively. Both were a concise summary of the causes and background, and a clear explanation of the present lay-out and possible future developments. They were delivered warmly and not at all impersonally, and were an excellent example of how form-work and microphone-delivery can interplay and instruct others.

John Fawcett also gave a forceful talk in the Senior series. This being the year of the Olympic games, and also the occasion of the School Athletic team's first appearance at the White City, he gave us the history and background of School Athletics and of the White City ground and track. Delving into the records, he told us just those details which we all wanted to know about

the meeting to which we were sending our team for the first time. His delivery was strong and clear, and if our team did not know what they were up against it was not for lack of his telling them.

So much for the regular weekly broadcasts, in which boys and girls are taking a welcome and increasing part. It must now be recorded that the first serious radio play, for voluntary listeners, was successfully produced by the school and broadcast in five weekly instalments of about half an hour each. This was five episodes from "The Man born to be King", the radio play by Dorothy L. Sayers, which were diffused over the tannoy during the Sundays in Lent. The producer was Padre Bache, the actors were all members of the teaching and administrative staff, and the sound-production was in the hands of Mr. Law and the K.A.B.S. operators (A. Cassie, R. Frost and M. Tinton). The episodes were not broadcast live, but recorded on the Dimafon and played into the tannoy at the appointed hour, with certain sound effects fed in.

## **WYVERN SOCIETY**

THE first meeting of the Wyvern Society for the Easter Term was held in the Lecture Room on Sunday 20th January. Miss Mitchell was our first lecturer and set things off with a bang by lecturing on "Tiger Shooting in the Himalayas". Miss Mitchell related to her audience vivid and exciting incidents which happened on her three week 'shoot' in the jungle.

The next meeting took the form of a quiz versus the Oberschule Plön. The Misses Challinor, Schofer and Evans and Messrs. Haworth, Fillingham and Wilson-Brown made up the King Alfred School team. A variety of questions was asked and this proved to be a most successful meeting. The Oberschule team won by 51 - 37 points.

After being defeated by the Oberschule it was obvious that our quiz teams needed a little more practice and so at the following meeting volunteers were asked for, to make two teams. This produced only three members and so the rest of the names were drawn from a hat. No. I team consisted of Miss Minhall and Messrs. Haworth, Fawcett and Leete, while the Misses Rees and McCall and Messrs. May and King formed No. II team. The final scores were No. I team 26 points, No. II team 23 points.

On March 2nd Mr. Spencer Chapman spoke to the Wyvern Society on "The Resistance Movement in Malaya". In describing his many adventures behind the Japanese lines the Headmaster said that the Japs were afraid of the dark and were extremely bad shots, which caused much amusement. The Headmaster related to us how he and two others of his party, disguised as Indians, blew up bridges, roads and railways in an attempt to deter the Japs' progress and how the Japanese thought them to be 200 Australians and sent for immediate and considerable reinforcements. The secretary on behalf of the Wyvern Society expressed how much the Headmaster's talk had been enjoyed.

The final meeting of the Wyvern Society's season was held on March 16th. We were lucky in having Baron von Plessen to show his films on Black and White Magic in the East Indies. Baron von Plessen spent 11 years in the jungle filming the peoples who live there. His films were greatly appreciated.

Although this term has been short we hope that the members of the Wyvern Society have enjoyed what has been a very successful season.

Jennifer Davies

## **ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL**

DESPITE the dark mornings of January and February, the average weekly number of communicants this term has reached the very high figure of sixty. Sixty-two children were confirmed in the English Church, Hamburg, on March 4th by the Bishop of St. David's. It is good to see this central dramatic service of the Church being used and appreciated by an increasing number of children.

During Lent a large number of children denied themselves part of their sweet ration and put it in a collecting basket in the Chapel. As a result of their efforts, generous parcels of chocolate and sweets were taken at Easter-tide to seventy five German children who form a part of the large refugee population in Plön.

Towards the end of the term, a very popular Art Competition was held, in which entrants submitted paintings and drawings of scenes from Holy Week. There was a large number of very good entries, in which the composition and finish were of a high standard. The following were

Prize-winners:

Group A (Juniors):

- 1st: Jennifer Campbell.
- 2nd: Peter Russell.
- 3rd: Jennifer Clarke and Yvonne Bucket.

Group B (3rd & 4th Forms):

- 1st: Diana Ritchie.
- 2nd: Paul Abram.

Group C (5th & 6th Forms):

- 1st: Ronald French.
- 2nd: Gerald Ball.
- 3rd: Barry le Blond.

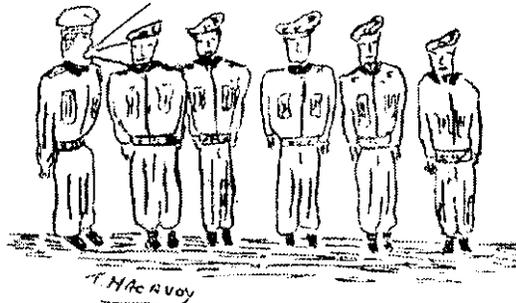
Some of the pictures are to be framed and hung in the Chapel.

Padre Hopkins, who is Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief, R.A.F., and Padre Stevenson, S.C.F., have been visiting preachers in Chapel this term.

We regret very much the departure at the end of the term of Mr. Randall and Miss Dumphreys, both of whom have been good friends and constant supporters of the Chapel, its Choir, and its work. They will both be very much missed.

May I appeal particularly to parents, former members of staff, and former pupils, to remember the work of the Chapel regularly in their prayers.

C. Bache, Chaplain



## COMBINED CADET FORCE

TOWARDS the end of the term news came from the War Office that our request for a Cadet Force had been finally granted. Large numbers of Seniors had for some time been agitating through the School Council for a Cadet Force of some kind. All this had culminated in a visit to the War Office by Mr. Farnell during the summer holidays of 1951, and later on by the Headmaster himself. From these visits it appeared that permission would be granted at a later date, but they were unable to say when. So the following term was taken up by unofficial training of future N.C.O.'s. One great disadvantage of this was the fact that nobody was ever

quite sure when they were going to leave. However, the pupils, being very enthusiastic, were quick to take up such things as map-reading, elementary tactics and to a very small extent, foot-drill.

A welcome addition to the staff had been Capt. Ronald R.A. who had had previous experience of the C.C.F. at his last school, Mill Hill. He then assumed command with Mr. Farnell as 2nd in command. Quickly a rough estimate was made to see the approximate strength of the Corps and this was found to be over 120. On Wednesday the 26th March our first Muster Parade was held, this was only to get such information as sizes for uniforms, etc.

The training facilities around the school are very great indeed, due to the varied types of country, and Rhine Army will, we hope, give us permission to use their training ground at Putlos.

Our programme next term is mainly to train No. 1 Platoon with a view to passing Certificate A Parts I and II in November 1952. Platoon II is to take Part I of Cert. A and Platoon No. III will take Part I in May 1953.

P. Glass



## SAILING

AT the end of last term Miss Webber and I entertained last summer's Yacht Club staff to dinner; on the occasion we were merry, but the meaning of the occasion was sad, for it was also a birthday party in reverse, the end of the Yacht Club as we have known it for many years. The Yacht Club does continue, but some old friendships and customs will be broken.

I have said goodbye on your behalf to Martin Form, Assistant Mechanic; Wilhelm Jordt, Shipwright; Lorenz Schutschke, Shipwright; Erwin Matthiensen, Bosun and Sailmaker; and Alfred Wittke, Chief Mechanic. For most of them the King Alfred School Yacht Club has been a shelter from the chaos of the post-war years, and they now carry back their great skill to their proper jobs in the civilian world; but those of you who watched how energetically and carefully they worked to complete our two new boats before their notices of dismissal expired, will realise what loyal servants we are losing. We thank them for their many years of service and wish them prosperity and happiness in their new work. Herr Dittrich, Johann, and Ernst Harbach, Chief Shipwright, remain with the school.

These are not the only changes, for many German boats are also now being returned to their owners, and I have been engaged for two months in a "battle of the boats" to gather a good working fleet for the Yacht Club. We have built two new Pirates, and bought another; we will buy some more when prices fall in September. At the same time we have planned, and now begun a programme of building in Connaught workshops which we hope will give us 8 new boats before the end of the season; Mr. Thomas is in charge of the building with Ernst Harbach as technical adviser, and he will be looking for boys prepared to put steady accurate work into

this great undertaking.

As a result of all these efforts, our fleet will again be adequate after a short tight period at the beginning of the season. We have to be grateful to the B.Z.S.A. for their quick understanding of our problems, which are quite different from those of other Zonal Clubs, and for their powerful financial help in getting us on our feet again.

We have lost five men out of a staff of eight, and you will realise that the remaining two or three will never be able to complete the winter refit of boats by themselves. We shall therefore start a privileged body of seamen to be known as "The Bosun's Party", consisting of those sailors who are sufficiently interested in their sport to be prepared to work on the boats between seasons. Details will be worked out during the Summer, and the party formed next Autumn term.

Mr. Randall's return to England has deprived us of an experienced Treasurer and Officer of the Day; Mr. Riddick has taken over his beautifully kept books at a very harrowing time for the Treasury, but I am still looking for another O.O.D.

Two Novices' and one Pilots' course continued during the spring term. Competing claims often caused bad attendance, and the work suffered in what must be a steadily progressive course; but this is a matter beyond Yacht Club jurisdiction. Those who attended regularly made excellent progress and are likely to be stepped up as Helmsmen in the Summer.

We may next term be able to reopen the catering section of the clubhouse, so that cold or thirsty members may be warmed or cooled internally. We have thought of calling it "The Sailor's Best"; but we must also consider the Bosun's Party in the winter, so for this and sentimental reasons, we may call it "The Four Seasons".

T.P.L.

## FOOTBALL

### 1st XI RESULTS

1st XI v	Wasserturm	3 - 1	Smith 3
1st XI v	A 15/19 Hussars Team	2 - 0	Smith, Cornock
1st XI v.	Mittelschule	1 - 3	
1st XI v	Oberschule	1 - 2	Fenemore
1st XI v	G.S.O. Kiel	4 - 7	Marshall 2, Wilson, Haworth

### Other Matches

2nd XI v	Eutin Oberschule	1 - 1	Ball
3rd XI v	British School Hamburg	4 - 4	Bucket, Worth, Watson 2
Under 13 XI v	British School Hamburg	1 - 2	Baxter

### House Matches

#### Senior Knock-Out Cup:

1st Round	Churchill 2	v	Temple 4
Semi-Finals	Fleming 0	v	Temple 7
	Roosevelt 1	v	Nansen 0
Final	Temple 2	v	Roosevelt 0

#### Junior Knock-Out Cup:

1st Round	Nansen .	v	Churchill
Semi-Finals	Fleming 0	v	Roosevelt 1
	Churchill	v	Temple
Final	Temple 3	v	Roosevelt 0

## **Reports on 1st XI Matches.**

### **1st XI v Wasserturm**

Wasserturm attacked hard from the kick-off, but the school soon recovered after Bawden had made a good save. The 1st XI were not playing well, and were lackadaisical and slow onto the ball. The Wasserturm forced a corner and came near to scoring. Play switched to the other end and Smith and Cornock came near with successive shots. A few minutes later Smith took the ball out to the right and lobbed the ball over the goalie's head. The school were on top now and Cornock shot past the post after a good movement. Wasserturm broke away but Bawden saved well. Then Haworth put Wilson through but he shot past the post. The defence were covering the game up by playing to the wings, and only bad shooting prevented the school from being further ahead. The second half started with play more even, but with the 1st XI still on top - in this period the Wasserturm scored their only goal. The school came back and Smith shot over the bar. The defence had now reached a good understanding and were playing constructively. Haworth and Wilson had long shots and a few minutes later Haworth put Smith through to score at his second attempt. May then put Marshall through but he shot over the bar. Play deteriorated with the worsening weather, as snow was now falling heavily. Cornock beat his man on the left wing, passed to Marshall who shot. The ball was blocked and Smith completed his hat trick from the rebound. The school were pressing hard now and just before the final whistle Haworth and May came near to scoring.

### **1st XI v A 15/19 Hussars XI**

The ground was very wet and a heavy greasy ball promised as the school kicked off against the Hussars. Almost at once the contrasting styles of play showed themselves; the school playing the through ball to the wings and down the middle and the Hussars playing a more indirect close square-passing game. In the first few minutes Cornock put Haworth through but he shot straight at the goalkeeper. Hussars then pressed hard and only some really good goalkeeping from Bawden kept them out. The school defence in the early stages of the game was very shaky, but the 1st XI were having as much of the play as the Hussars but both sides were bad near goal.

In the second half the school played more constructively and were on top for the first few minutes, during which Back put Cornock through down the left. He cut in and shot the net. A few minutes later a Hussar's goal was disallowed for offside. The Hussars were now attacking strongly and the school were penned in their own half for a long time. But when the school did break away they looked by far the more dangerous side. In the closing minutes of the game Haworth put Smith away down the middle and the latter scored the second and last goal of the match.

### **1st XI v Oberschule.**

The School kicked off against the sun and Oberschule quickly forced two corners and for a time the school had a hard job keeping them out. But they soon recovered and Johnstone came near with two good shots. The Oberschule came back and from a furious mêlée in the goalmouth a shot went off Bower into the net. Oberschule were completely on top now and scored a second goal from a good movement. But towards the end of the half the school gradually gained the ascendancy which they never lost throughout the rest of the game.

Soon after the restart Cornock went away down the left wing, crossed the ball and Fenemore, running in from the right wing, put the ball in the net. A few minutes later the Oberschule were awarded a penalty but Bawden made a good save. The school were now going all out for the equaliser but the finishing touches were missing and although Smith came near with a good volley the shooting was bad and the Oberschule held on to their lead.

### **1st XI v G.S.O.**

The school played with the wind and the sun behind them and the play was fast and even, but with the school slightly on top and they soon scored. Smith crossed the ball from the left wing and Wilson, running in from the right wing side-footed the ball into the net. A few minutes later Cornock put Marshall through and he ran on and scored the second goal. Despite the school's lead the G.S.O. were playing far better football and on this should have been ahead. But the

school had taken their chances and made the most of their few movements. Late in the half Haworth collected the ball on the half-way line and put it through to Smith; the latter topped it to Marshall who ran it into the net.

In the second half the G.S.O. attacked more purposefully and the school unaccountably fell to pieces and lost any semblance of cohesion. Soon the G.S.O. had brought the score up to 3 - 3 and a few minutes later a nice volley gave them the lead. The only school attacks were isolated and mainly unsuccessful ones. But from a penalty awarded for a foul on Smith, Haworth equalised. The draw was only temporary and the G.S.O. cut more holes in the already gaping school defence and won easily by 7 - 4.

### **Senior Knock-out Competition**

As soon as the draw for the first round was revealed as being Temple v Churchill it was evident that the winner of this tie was more than likely to win the competition. After a very good game with a high standard of football for a House match, Temple reversed last term's League decision and won by 4 - 2. By easily defeating Fleming in the semi-finals Temple met Roosevelt, who had had a very narrow and somewhat lucky win over Nansen, in the final. Despite a team weakened by injury Roosevelt played hard and well against a somewhat lackadaisical Temple who won the game 2 - 0, and the Knock-out Cup.

### **Junior Knock-out Competition**

The preliminary rounds of this competition were very hard fought and the Juniors are to be congratulated on their football which was always spirited and often of a high standard. Churchill beat Nansen 3 - 1 in the 1st round but were defeated by Temple, the favourites, in their Semi-Final tie. In the other Semi-Final Roosevelt narrowly defeated Fleming. In the final Temple played well and never looked like losing, to the game but less skilful Roosevelt.

M. Haworth

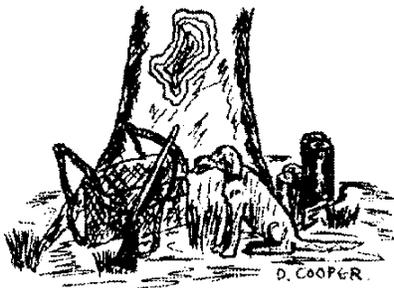
## **RIDING**

THE standard of riding this term has continued to improve under Herr Kaufman's tuition, with the help of Mr. Hall and Miss Bolton, and at the end of term a number of riders were upgraded.

Owing to bad weather during the first half of term riding could only take place in the covered school, but later when the weather improved it continued as usual outside, and very little riding was lost. Under a new scheme each rider has been able to have two rides a week, one in the ring and one outside for 'P's and 'Q's, and both in the ring for 'R's. The horses have kept in excellent condition and none of them have been lame for any length of time, and our old stalwarts, like Aladdin and Tony, are as good as ever.

To all riders who are leaving, we wish the best of luck and hope they are able to continue riding wherever they may be going.

Anne Sarjeant



## **SHOOTING**

THIS term, owing to the work of forming the Cadet Force contingent, only the Junior House cup was fired for. Many of the regular senior shots are already enrolled in the Cadet unit and will be firing the .22 Empire Test and .303 practices as part of their training. It would be fine if - following the precedent of the White City - we could one day send a team to Bisley.

For the third time in succession, the Junior Cup was won by Fleming House. The practices were 10 rounds Application (the last 5 unsignalled), followed by 5 rounds Rapid, and the scores were:

		<b>450</b>
1st	Fleming	396
2nd	( Churchill	375
	( Nansen	
4th	Roosevelt	369
5th	Temple	347
	(teams of 6 firers)	

The 12 highest individual scores were:-

	<b>75</b>	
Cary	72	R
P. Lyons	71	N
Cooke	71	T
MacFarlane	70	F
Rawlinson	69	F
Bicknell	69	F
Haigh-Brown	68	C
Wall	68	C
B. Harper	61	C
E. Baber	66	R
Tarratt	65	F
Minhall	65	N

We have Waffenmeister R. Zabel to thank for his continued care of the rifles and rifle-range.  
J.A.O.F.

## BOXING

ALTHOUGH boxing has only been going officially for six months, we managed to arrange three boxing competitions this term.

The first contests were elimination fights to select boxers for the finals the following week.

In the finals the juniors fought first. Field, Cooper and G. Potter showed us that the little men could do their stuff, but the most exciting part of the finals was the senior bouts. Paton and Kitt boxed excellently and both won by technical knockouts. Bedford fought very scientifically to beat his much heavier opponent Beale, who was 20 kilo heavier. Wilson and Walters literally slogged it out for three rounds, and Walters emerged the winner by a small margin of points. Cullerne-Bown and Birch both set a high standard of boxing in the last fight. Cullerne-Bown won a well-deserved victory, using his long left to good advantage.

S. May.

### K.A.S. v T.S.V. Plön

The first two bouts were given by four boys from Plön T.S.V. to show us what to expect. Then the team events commenced, Watson our youngest fighter put up a very plucky fight, but lost to a more experienced boxer. In the second bout Kitt was faced by an opponent much taller than himself. But in spite of this it turned out to be a first class bout. Although his opponent was continually warned for holding and rabbit punching he beat Kitt by a very slight margin of points.

The fight of the evening was Wilson's, who put up a magnificent show and demonstrated how to give and take hard punches against his younger but much more experienced opponent. Wilson gave us the first K.A.S. victory at the cost of a well-mauled and bleeding face.

The fourth bout gave us a second victory. Birch punched hard and fast, keeping very cool

throughout the fight, letting the German come to him all the time and therefore tiring him out

The final fight was between Cullerne-Bown (Capt. of boxing) and Janke of T.S.V. The two contestants were very different in style, Cullerne-Bown tired himself out by boxing too fast in the first round while Janke conserved his energy by moving slowly. The first round was Cullerne-Bown's, thanks to his very effective straight left. The second even. But in the third Janke concentrated on the body and over a very tired Cullerne-Bown wiped out his first round deficit. Janke won by one point.

Throughout, the bouts were keenly contested and the match was highly successful and fairly fought. Let us hope that all future matches will be fought with the same spirit and with as much success.

S. May and I. Cullerne-Bown

## GYMNASTICS

ON the last Saturday evening of term the inter-house gymnastic competition for the new Hanauer Trophy was held. Unfortunately out of the five Houses only three Houses entered teams, namely Nansen, Fleming and Temple. The competition began by a general inspection of the three competing teams by Major Hankinson who was chief judge. The competition was divided into five groups, these being general exercises, apparatus work, rope work, mat work and finally mat voluntary. The general exercises such as trunk bending and various movements of the body were to give the judges a fair idea as to the capability of the team working as a whole, with particular reference to poise, style and timing. In the remaining four groups of exercises it was mostly individual work. In apparatus work each individual had two of the following to choose from:- through vault, neck flip, head spring, long fly and roll on back lift off; All these exercises were executed by each individual with perfect timing and balance. In mat voluntary, and I am sure the audience will agree with me, from the time the individual left his place, he excelled himself in every manner from an easy natural spring to the breath-taking running somersault. Finally while the final results were being checked and worked out, the three teams of four became one of twelve and under the direction of Mr. Ronald gave the audience an exhibition on boxwork and how it had to be done. Major Hankinson then proceeded to tell the audience how glad he was to judge the competition, and that he was very impressed indeed by the high standard, appearance and efficiency of the individuals. He continued by saying that the team working as a whole was not so good as the individual work. Major Hankinson then concluded by telling the pupils to make full use of their wonderful facilities, as a healthy body was worth its weight in gold. The cup was then presented to P. Lyons of Nansen whose team had kept ahead of the other two throughout the whole competition. The competing teams and the Gym staff must be congratulated on the amount of hard work which they must have put into their training and preparation for the competition. It is to be hoped next time that there will be five competing teams instead of only three. The first 5 individual placings are as follows:

1. M. Hunt	143 pts.
2. P. Lyons	141
3. D. Hunter	140½
4. F. Pook	138½
5. G. Walters	137

The final points and placings of the teams were:

1. Nansen	659½
2. Temple	623½
3. Fleming	594½

T. Bartlett

## SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM'S VISIT TO WIESBADEN

AT the end of last term the School sent an athletics team to compete in a four-nation track meeting, at which representatives of French, German, American and British schools were present.

The team were staying in Wiesbaden as guests of the American School which sent a basketball team to Plön last year. We, the team, travelled to Cologne on the School train and arrived there at about nine o'clock. We rushed over to the platform from which our train left and seated ourselves in three compartments, with Mr. Ronald in the middle one where he could look after all of us. At ten we all had some food or drink, which cost us nothing - coming out of the travelling expenses, after which we yarned, yawned, and tried to catch glimpses of the flooded Rhine.

The train reached Wiesbaden at twelve-thirty, two hours late due to the Rhine floods. A master from the American School met us there and we were taken to a Hotel where we were to spend the night. This was an Officers Hotel, but due to the huge Air Force Garrison at Wiesbaden which is the Headquarters of the American Air Force in Europe, a room, once the dining room of the establishment, had been filled with beds and made into a dormitory.

By three in the morning all were in bed, ready for sleep, when it was discovered that there was no visible light switch. Another half hour passed before the manager came to our assistance and disclosed the switch in a cupboard.

Five minutes later as it seemed to us Mr. Ronald was turfing us out of bed. Breakfast, American style, milk, fruit juice, tea, ham and eggs (sunny side up) coffee toast and marmalade, more coffee to wash the two eggs down. After break fast we went on a tour of Wiesbaden. We saw the Casino, the famous springs, the Greek orthodox Church - admittance sixty Pfennigs.

After the Church a visit to the Henkel Champagne factory. Then to the School for lunch. Here we were introduced to the Americans individually. We met our sponsors and got to know them, and I can say for all the British boys that no one was disappointed.

Transport was provided for us to go down the town to do any shopping we wanted to do. Those with Dollars made a beeline for the American Snack bar where milk, banana splits and doughnuts were devoured in huge quantities.

In the evening the sponsors took us to their homes. The athletics meeting was held on top of a hill over which a strong wind blew all the time. The results are already known, so it suffices to say that the school won quite comfortably.

Mr. Ronald sprung one of his usual sweet surprises and told me that I had to run in the 1500 metres, a race I have never attempted before in my life. All through the race I could hear Herr Sontag, the trainer, telling me to step out. This I desperately tried to do but with little success. After the race he told me that he meant me to step out of the race.

In the evening we were taken home by our sponsors and all enjoyed the famous American hospitality. I was staying with a family by the name of Schneider. Mrs. Schneider was an extremely nice lady, as were all the American mothers, and she made me feel quite at home.

The next day Thursday we attended some lessons until eleven o'clock when we played Volleyball, for the third time, and the result was a draw, one game each. In the afternoon a basketball match took place in a magnificent gymnasium, but the Americans proved to be the better players and won 54 to 44.

That night many of the boys went to the cinema with their sponsors. I unfortunately living far away in Hamburg had to leave that night. I said goodbye to Mrs. Schneider and thanked her for what had been a short but very enjoyable stay. My sponsor Walt Schneider took me to Frankfurt station and put me on the train for home.

S. May

### Result of the match v American High Schools

1. King Alfred School	35 points
2. German Schools	30 points
3. American Schools	13 points
4. French School	8 points

### Individual Results

100 m	1.	J. B. SMITH	Time 10.9 sec.
	2.	R. PALMER	
400 m	1.	P. GLASS	Time 54.9 sec.
	2.	D. WILSON	
800 m	3.	H. BROWN	Time 2.16 sec.
High Jump	3.	D. FROST	Height 5.4 ft.
Long Jump	1.	D. FROST	Length 20. ft.
	2.	M. HAWORTH	Length 19.6 ft.
Shot	3.	H. BROWN	Length 37.5 ft.
4 x 200 m Relay	1.	King Alfred School	Time 1.36 mins.
		(Team: J. B. SMITH, R. FROST, D. FROST, M. HAWORTH)	

This was a most enjoyable trip and extremely good match. Our thanks to the Americans who arranged it at the last moment. It gave us the chance to see what our White City Team could do under competition conditions; and they came up to our best expectations.

We are looking forward to running again against the Americans in June and I am sure they will be more prepared for us than they were in the match at Wiesbaden. Our thanks once again for all their help.

P.G.R.

## L.A.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS WHITE CITY APRIL 1952

### King Alfred School's Results

1.	Junior 110 hurdles	4.	R. Frost Best time 15.4 Standard Medal (Entries 33)
2.	Junior 100 yards	Semi-finalist	J.B. Smith 11 sec (Entries 87)
3.	Junior 250 yards	1.	J.B. Smith (Cup Winner, Standard Medal) Best time 27.7 New record for the meeting (Entries 64)
4.	Senior Mile		D. Thomas 4 mins. 40.1 sec. (Entries 48)
5.	440 yards	Semi-finalist	C. Cornock Standard Medal Time 53.7 (Entries 68)
6.	880 yards		D. Thomas Standard Medal. Time 2 mins 5 sec. (Entries 53)
7.	Long Jump		D. Frost 24.4 ft. Standard Medal M. Haworth 19.8 ft. Standard Medal (Entries 100)
8.	4 x 110 Relay	5th	out of 36 Schools

We were unofficially placed 7th, as only the first six places were taken. This was out of a total of 203 Schools. Well done the team, it was worth all the hard work we all put in during our training.

When I first arrived at the White City and saw the high standard that was being put up by other schools, I thought to myself; "Well, at least we have come on a nice trip." But that was about all. I soon changed my view when I found our standard was as high as any school competing. Congratulations to the team and especially to J.B. Smith in winning the Cup after

having to run 4 heats in one day. Bad luck, R. Frost, in having a slight accident in the final of the hurdles when he was winning.

I cannot end without thanking Mill Hill School and the boys at Mill Hill who so kindly put us up. Without their help the trip would not have been possible.

Team: M. Haworth (Captain), D. Thomas, C. Cornock, P. Glass, S. May, H. Brown, D. Frost, R. Palmer, A.B. Bower, P. Fillingham, J.B. Smith, R. Frost, J. Carlin.

P.G.R.

## FIVES

ONCE again the Inter-House 'Knock-Out' Fives' Cup was competed for this term and in spite of the lack of time for practising, all matches were very keenly contested.

In the 1st round Nansen, the holders of the cup, met Roosevelt and the score resulted in a win for Nansen. This meant that Churchill, Nansen, Fleming and Temple went into the semi-final. After two very good matches Churchill and Nansen qualified for the final for the second time in three years. This match proved to be by far the closest and most exciting one witnessed in the competition. When the last game was completed the score rested at two matches all, but on totalling up the games played Nansen proved to be the winners by six games to five, thus retaining the cup for the third consecutive time.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Clark for the way in which he organised the competition so successfully. Thank you sir.

C. Cornock

## GIRLS' GAMES

THIS has been a very unfortunate term for out-door games. For several weeks the weather was too bad or the ground unfit for play. Hockey and netball matches against the W.A.A.F. 2nd Tactical Air Force and against the W.R.A.C. were at first postponed and then finally scratched owing to the snow and ice which covered the ground. Later in the term, when the weather was good and ideal for hockey, Prince Rupert School were prevented from coming because of illness. The matches against Hamburg School were also doomed to disappointment. Their hockey team was depleted, again because of illness, and consequently there was not sufficient opposition for our 1st XI. The senior and junior netball games were not played at all as they were unable to bring any netball teams.

The hockey XI had one other match; a good game against the Staff at the beginning of term. The netball teams have practised hard and with enthusiasm and would have been a fair match for any opponent.

House games continued as far as possible, in spite of the weather. Each House entered one hockey XI and one junior netball team for a knock-out tournament in each game, the trophies being two new cups. Enthusiasm amongst the junior netball teams was especially high and their standard of play has risen very considerably. The final game between Roosevelt and Temple ended in a draw and was replayed with the result that Roosevelt is the first proud possessor of the Junior Netball Knock-out Cup.

House hockey too shows marked improvement. If hockey players faced the cold weather with as brave a front as the netball enthusiasts I think House hockey would attain an even higher standard.

Temple won the cup, beating Roosevelt in the final.

### School Hockey Match Results

v	Staff -	won	2 - 1
v	B.S.H.	won	15 - 0
v	P.R.S.	)	
v	W.A.A.F.	)	scratched
v	W.R.A.C.	)	

### House Knock-out Competitions

#### Hockey

C ) 8  
F ) 0

R ) 5	T ) 6	R ) 0
N ) 3	C ) 1	T ) 11

#### Netball

C ) 5  
R ) 10

T ) 12	F ) 5	R ) 15	replay	R ) 19
N ) 4	R ) 2	T ) 15		T ) 6

### School Teams

#### Hockey

G.K. Celia Dalton  
R.B. Betty Ryan  
L.B. Diana Ritchie  
R.H. Margaret Harris- Burland  
C.H. Rosemary Rees  
L.H. Norma Gentles  
R.W. Lydia Haworth  
R.I. Barbara Evans  
C.F. Mary Ryan  
L.I. Brenda McCall  
L.W. Anne Sinclair  
Reserve Barbara Seymour

#### Senior Netball

Jennifer Davies  
Betty Ryan  
Margaret Harris-  
Burland  
Mary Ryan  
Ann Dove  
Brenda McCall  
Celia Dalton  
Ann Cooke

#### Junior Netball

S. Yvonne Buckettt  
A.S. Joan Ryan  
C.A. Margaret James  
C. Sheila Stone  
C.D. Jennifer Campbell  
D. Fiona Finlay  
G.K. Marjorie Adlard  
Reserve Sally Proudfoot

B.W.

## SCOUTS, SPRING TERM 1952



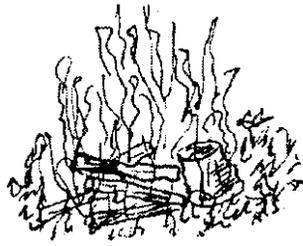
THE two under-15 troops had a successful although uneventful term. Many tests were passed and the standard of both troops was raised.

The Senior Scouts in their last term as a separate body had a quiet term. The decoration of the Senior 'den' was not quite completed owing to lack of materials. The Air Scouts have made great progress with their navigation under the tuition of Mr. Hoffmann. Sea Scouts have also been learning navigation under Mr. Law, while the Scouts have been busy making light-weight hiking tents.

A very successful fire fighting course was attended together with the under 15 PLs. The fire officer Hamburg Area very kindly came up to give us a few hints and some very realistic demonstrations.

Next term will see the beginning of an experiment and that is to divide all the Scouts in the school into three troops i.e. Scouts, Air Scouts and Sea Scouts. Whether or not this will be a success remains to be seen. At the end of term the Headmaster distributed the Bob-a-Job cards and made an end of term speech asking us all to do our best to beat our last year's total.

R. Palmer



## GUIDES

DURING this term guiding here has progressed steadily, and many guides have passed various badges and tests. The weather has prevented us camping but we have hiked on many occasions. Our ceremony for Thinking Day on the 22nd of February went very well. We had many German scouts and guides to add to our campfire circle.

The three guide companies with their separate patrols have been competing in a test sent from Headquarters in London, to British Guides in Germany. Each patrol had its own Challenge Sheet, telling the patrol leader what to do. It read as follows:

This is a challenge to you and your patrol - a slightly adapted version of the Chief Guide's challenge recently issued to the guides in Great Britain. See if your patrol can stay the course and carry out these tests of your guiding. Recruits should take part in the challenge, if they do we'll they may score for their patrol but if they fail they will not pull it down.

The patrol challenge included making a patrol log, making a useful article for the patrol, an agility test, a half day's hike or entertaining a guest to a meal, a nature challenge and lastly a test in keeping the guide law. When the patrol had completed this part of the test, the patrol was given sealed orders, these were emergency tests in mapping, tracking, signalling, and required quick thinking.

The completed tests will be sent to Headquarters to be judged and the winners will be notified early next term.

During the term Miss Hopkins took a party of guides and rangers to the Planetarium in Hamburg, it was very interesting and any of you who get the chance of visiting the Planetarium should by all means go.

Next term is our busiest, everyone is in the mood for guiding as we can camp nearly every weekend, and Miss Hopkins has a busy time finding us camp-sites.

We all hope to see many new recruits in the new term and hope that those who joined us this term are enjoying guide life. To all those guides and rangers who are leaving us, "Good Bye" and we hope you'll carry the guiding spirit of this school wherever you go.

M. Butler and E. Dobson

## HEILIGENHAFEN

50 Boys were chosen to go to Heiligenhafen to take part in a N.W.D.R. Broadcast, with a German school there. Heiligenhafen is on the Baltic coast. It is a small town and very attractive, with its sand dunes and its mudflats. The journey there was a lively one with Wilkinson playing his piano accordion and the rest singing. The scenery was very attractive with its woods and lakes. The school was called Volksschule West. We arrived at precisely 10.30 a.m. the time arranged. Mr. Farnell and I alighted from the bus to make arrangements as to where we were to go. We were met by the N.W.D.R. radio technician (Herr Ernst) who put us on the air straight away by asking us if we enjoyed the journey and what our first impressions of the place were. We answered favourably, and were then taken into a form room. The building itself was a long wooden one, with a corridor down the middle and the form rooms either side of it. Straight away we started making friends. I think every one was a bit excited and nervous, so we played table tennis to settle down. At about a quarter past eleven we started the broadcast. We had our photos taken during the broadcast, and we soon had it

running smoothly. We had quite a lot of breaks to rest ourselves and prepare the next bit. All the Germans had scripts, which shook us a bit but I don't think they did so much better than we did, if they did do better then we redeemed ourselves by beating them in a game of Basketball afterwards. The Broadcast was meant to be a Geography lesson on Germany and England. The Germans were meant to speak in, English but hardly any of them could. They also performed a small play, which hardly any of us understood. After the broadcast we were shown round town by the Germans. Mr. Farnell and I went off on our own down by the sea shore to look for any signs of wild life. Just before we reached the shore we came across some mud-flats where a couple of hundred Mallards flew up. At the same place we saw a flock of swans and quite a few peewits. The time to go came too soon and we started back at quarter to four. Just before we went they recorded a song, "the Mocking Bird Hill", and we arrived back at school tired but contented.

A. Ball

## COMMANDER KING-HALL'S VISIT

COMMANDER Stephan King-Hall, on a visit to the School, gave two most stimulating talks to Seniors and Juniors on Parliament at home and abroad.

Introduced by the Headmaster as "the man whose voice comes from his sea boots", he began by saying that as his subject was a wide one and as his time was limited, he would only speak about the free parliaments of the world, contenting himself with only a passing reference to a certain country and a certain minister of that country who had approached him in a more than jovial mood and stated "our parliament is better than your parliament because there are more women in it".

Commander King-Hall took for his example of a free parliament the parliament of Great Britain. Contrary to what some people, M.P.'s among them, might think, parliament does not exist merely for the making of laws. By explaining the proceedings and the working of a parliament, Commander King-Hall hoped to make this point clearer. He then went, on to discuss the division of the British Parliament into the two Houses. Commander King-Hall placed particular emphasis on the little-realised usefulness of a member of the House of Lords, who, not having to rely on an electorate, need be in no fear of offending a constituency by his views and thus risk losing his seat.

Abraham Lincoln, said Commander King-Hall, defined the Second Chamber which is the American equivalent of the House of Lords, as "the saucer into which one poured the stuff from the cup to cool it off". After explaining the disadvantages of the British electoral system, Commander King-Hall went on to discuss the alternative to this - the system of Proportional Representation, as practised in Eire. Passing on from this Commander King-Hall decried the workings of the Congress and the Senate of the U.S.A. as dictated by the system of Separation of the Powers.

In conclusion Commander King-Hall stated that while the aim of a free parliament was to practise democracy, a parliament can be no better than the people who choose it. He emphasised the importance of a vote and the danger in not using it properly or thoughtfully, it being the only time one can influence the Government of one's country. Finally the Commander impressed upon the School the importance of its position out here in Germany; for as a country is known by its people, so are we virtual ambassadors of Great Britain.

In his talk to the Juniors, Commander King-Hall treated us to a fascinating demonstration of the snags and pitfalls that beset a Parliamentary candidate and a new Member. His impersonations of Members and their constituents (drawn we hope from life, but he did not say so) delighted all of us, and gave us a deep insight into the daily life of an M.P., with all its exhausting duties and responsibilities. We thank Commander King-Hall for the great trouble he took to enlighten and inform his young audiences.

M. Haworth

## WINTERSPORTS at K.A.S.

THE winter sport season this term was rather disappointing for the keen skater as skating was curtailed by frequent falls of snow.

During the four days of skating on the Stadtheide lake many figures were to be seen gliding, racing or falling on the ice. Friendly games of ice-hockey were organised between the boys, whilst the girls contented themselves with plain skating. Temple Girls, dressed in all the hues of the rainbow, added splash of colour to the scenery. Eventually, when the snow came, efforts were made to clear an area on the School pond which was used by Staff and Helpers, and later by other members of the school for skating. Floodlit skating seemed to prove popular among the staff.

As soon as the snow fell skis were drawn from Herr Sonntag and small parties of skiers and tobogganists made their way to the 'Alps' behind the Mill House. In spite of the lack of snow a good time was had by all especially the tobogganists who caused great amusement to the onlooker as they leapt into the air over the 'Witch's Back' and somehow managed to land on an even keel.

After five days of skiing and tobogganing the thaw set in and so once again the Winter Sport season at King Alfred School came to an untimely close.

C. Cornock

## RURAL RIDES



I imagine most of you were delighted to see the magnificent display of colour in the flower beds around school, when you returned from the Easter holidays. This display did not happen accidentally of course. Not only did the gardeners, under Herr Stonis' able direction, put in a great deal of hard work. Before that the gardens committee discussed very thoroughly and planned this display, and the Summer display which will follow. And I think you will agree the result is impressive. But what about those House borders for which you yourselves are responsible? We certainly put in some hard

work there too - but not all the plants survived. However many of the wallflowers have borne fine flowers and those small brown tulip bulbs you planted have sent up tall majestic blooms. (Despite the heavy feet which did so much harm last term - do be careful, all of you, this term. When the bulbs are lifted they will be replaced by summer bedding plants.)

This term we may be able to assist the gardening staff with some of their work. Already small groups have been helping out, by watering the quarterdeck window boxes, weeding, and pricking out plants. This should prove healthy and pleasant, although by the very nature of the work only small groups can be employed on particular jobs. Let us see what we can do then to help maintain the school estate in full beauty.

The latest addition to the school farm has been the chickens hatched out at the end of last term. 5C girls set and helped turn the eggs in the incubator. Their efforts were rewarded when, on the 21st day after setting the eggs, a faint chirping was heard coming from the incubator. On looking inside we saw a lone, bedraggled chick standing beside the two halves of his shell, and gazing along the rows of eggs, which were shortly to break open and release his comrades. He was first out and King of the Castle, or rather, King of the Incubator. Many of you know what followed. During the next few hours his comrades tumbled out of their shells one by one, were dried and transferred to the brooder and later all were taken to the farm. Hard to imagine that these strong chicks at the farm today are the same delicate creatures which staggered blearily from their shells only six weeks ago.

J.M.



## "Entlassungsfeier" at the Oberschule

ON Saturday morning March 15th the 'Oberprima' (or 'Upper Sixth') of the Plön Internatsoberschule held its "Entlassungsfeier" or 'Leaving Ceremony'.

This event takes place each year, when the Oberprima, - the senior form of the school - takes its official farewell of the school, and when most of its members receive their "Reifezeugnis" or 'Leaving Certificate' - the great goal and aim of the older students in a German Secondary School. To this year's ceremony the Headmaster and myself were invited as representatives of King Alfred School and some of you may be interested in this description of a ceremony, differing from anything we know, although it bears a certain similarity to an English Speech or Prizegiving Day.

The ceremony was held in the school-hall at the "Schloss" high up in the building, from which there is a fine view over Plön lake from quite a different aspect than the one to which we are accustomed. Here on March 15th a large company assembled - consisting of the rest of the Oberschule, a crowd of proud and admiring friends and relatives and various local dignitaries as is the custom on those occasions. The proceedings opened when the members of the Oberprima filed to their seats at the front of the hall. Then the School Orchestra and Choir opened with a hymn.

There followed a series of speeches interspersed with items from the Orchestra and choir. Each speaker gave his address from a rostrum at one side of the orchestra. The first was given by the Captain of the Leaving Form, Detlev Curtius (approximately equal in standing to our Head Boy). He launched into a well-constructed piece of oratory which must have lasted some ten minutes. Not being equipped with the facilities or abilities of a newspaper-reporter I cannot give the full substance of this or the other speeches, but I remember that it contained warm reference to the various people who had helped and been associated with the form in their progress through the school. Gratitude and affection was expressed towards the school they were just leaving.

Following another orchestral interlude a speech - equally oratorical and well-prepared - was made by the succeeding 'Head Boy' (or Captain of the Unterprima - the future Upper Sixth) - Busso von Bredow (son of our modelling teacher). He expressed to the 'Leaving Form' the good wishes of their successors. There then followed what appeared to us rather a pleasant and touching little ceremony, when a small girl from the 1st Form (Sexta) spoke a few words of farewell on behalf of the younger element, and then a number of young, flaxen-haired, pigtailed maidens of the 1st form went round with baskets of flowers, presenting each 'Oberprimaner' with a flower. (We wondered if our first-form girls might be persuaded to do something similar for our - no doubt red-faced - seniors at the end of next term.)

Next the form-master, Dr. Geissler, made his farewell speech full of words of wisdom and guidance, and, we were pleased to note, with a strong emphasis on the spiritual as well as academic values which he hoped they would carry away with them. Further music by the orchestra and then the Bürgermeister of Plön (Herr Andrischok) briefly added the good wishes of the town, stressing, the sympathy and interest which it took in the school and hoping that those from afar would not forget the school, or Plön and would some day come to revisit both.

Finally the Headmaster, Dr. Schmidt, gave his farewell address in a speech not unreminiscent, in some ways, of speeches heard at English Speech Days. In it we from K.A.S. were reminded of our own good fortune and advantages when Dr. Schmidt referred to the difficult times - the years of collapse, hopelessness and seeking for new values, throughout which this Oberprima had spent most of its school life at the Schloss. He urged them to go out to try to help rebuild a new Germany, - not to be ashamed of being German but also not

forgetting their wider responsibilities as European and world citizens. Above all they should be true to themselves, and he ended with a quotation from Shakespeare which perhaps some of our German scholars may translate for themselves:-

“Dies über alles; sei dir selber treu,  
und daraus folgt, so wie die Nacht dem Tage,  
Du kannst nicht falsch sein gegen irgendwen”  
(Hamlet, I iii)

The proceedings closed with a song and farewell from orchestra and choir. As Dr. Schmidt stated, in presenting the leaving-certificates, the ‘Oberprimaner’ could now officially consider themselves ‘entlassen’, i. e. having left school.

Comparisons are odious, but it is natural that we should make one or two. Despite certain similarities to an English Speech, Day, this Leaving Ceremony was more limited in its scope, and fundamentally very German. The content of some of the speeches might, perhaps, be looked upon as something of a cross between those of an English Speech Day - and an Old Boys’ Dinner. But in form they were typically German - thorough, rather long and oratorical to our taste, precisely and carefully constructed. They did not contain the humour or funny stories with which the average English Presenter-of-Prizes usually deems it necessary to sugar his pill. On the other hand we were impressed by the fluency and oratory of the German schoolboy speakers, though in fairness, it should be pointed out that they were older and more mature than their average British counterpart.

In conclusion we hope that members of the Oberschule will be able to come to our next Speech Day to make their own observations and comparisons with regard to that ceremony, which, whilst of a different order, is certainly our nearest equivalent to the Oberschule “Entlassungsfeier”.

K.S.A.

## ANGLO-GERMAN PLAY-READINGS

AS a corollary to the above article I should like to mention briefly an attempt that has been made this term to extend our relations with the Plön Oberschule to more cultural and social ones than the usual sporting fixtures excellent though these may be.

Thanks to the help and co-operation of Herr Levin, whom many of us here know well, and who is now at the Oberschule, a series of joint meetings were held during this term between senior girls and boys of the two schools, at which excerpts from both English and German plays were read. In English we read selections from Laurence Houseman’s “Victoria Regina” and also from Shaw’s “Saint Joan”; in German we read two one-act German comedies. But apart from the purely cultural side, we have tried to make these meetings an occasion for friendly social relationships and forgetting to know each other better. We have held several such meetings this term - alternately at the Schloss and here, usually with an interlude for tea (or coffee) during the proceedings

Next term we should like to continue these meetings - perhaps on a wider basis than just play-readings. It has been suggested that we might constitute ourselves into a more or less organised society - for such cultural and social events as joint rambles, discussions, social evenings, 20 Question quizzes (in both languages!) and possibly even - at a later date - say in the Christmas term - we might attempt a joint play.

This is more conjecture and suggestion, of course, at present - and it will depend entirely on how much support we can get from interested Seniors in the school - preferably with some knowledge of German! I do feel it is a worth-while venture, and I think I can say that those who took part in these meetings this last term, have thoroughly enjoyed them.

K.S.A.

## FORTY YEARS OF THE Grosser Plöner See

ONCE upon a time . . . that's how a fairy-tale begins, while the history-book always talks about a certain year. So I will only put down something of my remembrance. Shall I start with telling you that I have been living here already for forty years? Compared with the age of the Plöner See that is a very short time. Nevertheless during that period the picture of the lake has changed.

In those days Plön was a very quiet little town, and on the lake were, like today, the pleasure boat to Bosau, the fishing-vessel's, and the small boats of those people who are able to sit hours and hours watching the floats of their fishing lines. I really can't remember when I saw the first sailing boat on the lake or when the sailing club was founded. You see, I was not a sailor.

The first world war and the years after did not change much here. It was a calm comfortable life in those days, and that the Biological Station was searching for the secrets of life in the water of the lake did not bother us at all. A few years before the second war they started to build barracks for the German Navy and so later on they also rammed big posts in the lake bottom to build a pier. Now began another chapter. Motorboats, which were later on re-named PRIMROSE, DAHLIA, IRIS, DAFFODIL, were launched at that time and many cutters put into the water. Loud commanding voices and the noise of naval training rolled across the lake. On the other side near the Schloss the rowing and sailing club of NAPOLA was established. And since here were also brought to the lake explosive boats for testing, here was a rather big fleet.

So then it was a very active life around the lake. But the lake itself had lost nothing of its beauty and width. In any case it was large enough for a boat - and this really happened - to land in a mist in Bosau instead of Plön.

The British troops brought to Plön some more boats, especially sailing yachts. Ruhleben was occupied by the Royal Navy, the boathouse near the Schloss became the Officers' Yacht Club, and near the Biological Station the OR's Boating Club was established. After the troops left Plön the King Alfred School was started in 1948.

That, then, is my short chapter of history. But it is always the personal experience that makes the life worthy to remember. So I can tell you about cold winters, when the lake froze and the bus to Bosau went across the ice. There was the winter 1946 when we had four ice yachts here, and it was Signalman Whittle who sailed an ice-yacht along the distance Watertower to Bosau four times in twelve minutes. This means a speed of about 80 miles per hour. - Because we are talking about speed I'll tell you we rebuilt some of the explosive boats for water skiing, making 32 - 34 knots. - There was caught a big pike by a fisherman. After fighting about one hour and capsizing the small boat the fish was landed. 16½ kilo was the weight and more than 4 feet the length. Yes, on our jetty was a boy fishing with a reel of cotton-



thread as fishing line. The result was double. A small fish, being interested in the worm, got snapped by a pike. The thread was not strong enough but a skilful knock with the boat hook did the rest. Shall I tell you some more? Perhaps about the soldiers' greasy-pole battle - or the opening of the yacht club's swimming season when everybody knocked everybody in the water? I can tell you about trips and cruises, about capsizing and the rescue work our motor boat did for strange boats. Hours and hours I could tell you. For forty years the lake has been to me the shiny centre and all the remembrances are sparkling spots making everything more beautiful and true to life.

Johann Volger

## THE WYVERN CLUB

THIS is the last time I shall be writing the notes of the Club for the Red Dragon as I am returning to England at the end of the Summer term.

Mrs. Boswell, whom you will all remember, has very kindly undertaken the duties of Secretary, so that there will be no break.

We are now at the beginning of the fifth year of the School and the third year of the Wyvern Club and both as you know are well established and flourishing. It has been interesting to see both School and Club taking shape, and now it is evident that the Club has its own useful place in the School's life. There were quite a number of members who managed to get to the White City to meet our team and others are meeting up again in all sorts of places throughout the world.

We have now managed to obtain a supply of Wyvern Club Ties. These are green with a pattern of small Red Dragons and are obtainable from the Secretary.

Your letters to me. have been very interesting and I thank you all. I am sure that you will continue to send news of your progress through your new Secretary, because the School and our old friends are interested. It will help if you will let us know your changes of address quickly and if you will send renewals of subscriptions as soon as due, and, of course, when there is a re-union let us know if you possibly can if you will be there. I hope I shall see many of you at the next one.

G.P.



## NEWS OF OLD PUPILS

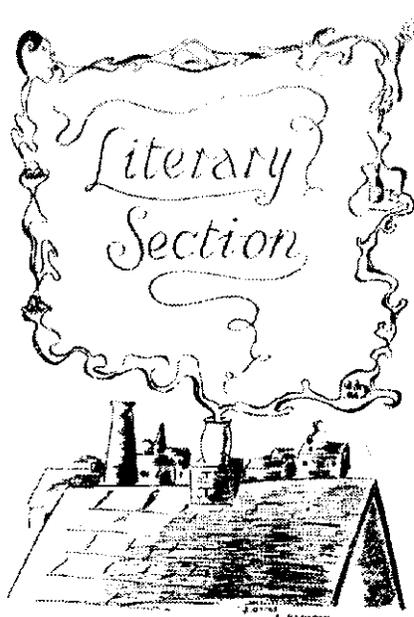
- I. Arnold (F)** Has been ill in Singapore but when last we heard he was on his way for a holiday in the Cameron Highlands.
- Pat Bailey (T)** Hopes to be able to visit K.A.S. at the end of the term.
- A. Bainton (R)** Is now with H.M.S. Collingwood at Farnham Hants.
- Tessa Beavis (N)** Finds life in Paris very expensive. 2/- for a bath!
- D. Berry (C)** Temporarily employed at Denstone College. Trying to get a post in Germany.
- M. Bland (N)** Hopes to become an Army Clerk and is taking a course in Shorthand & Typing.
- P. Bowd (T)** Was stationed for a time in Cyprus when he met **R. Thompson (F)** and **Isobel King (N)**.
- Jean Carter (N)** Now helps her father run snack bar and shop. **Ronnie** is also in the business while **Brian** still attends Greggs Secretarial College.
- Neil Castle (F)** Now attends Shelford Secondary Modern School.
- J. Craig (F)** Working in a home for invalid boys. Hopes to train as a nurse later on.
- A. Dugmore (F)** At the Convent of the Assumption, Richmond, Yorkshire. She hopes to spend this summer term at a convent in Paris.
- A. Free (F)** Now on the United States and Far East run with the Blue Funnel Line. When at home he helps with a cub pack and Scout Troop.
- P. Froggatt (F)** Still with the Alfred Holt line. Met **Ian Arnold** recently in Singapore.

- K. Greenwood (T)** Has been asked to write an article on K.A.S. for her School Magazine.  
**K. P. Haskins (N)** Now at Westminster City School, London.  
**Judy Hayward (N)** Has a temporary post with a small riding school where she helps with stable management and instruction. She hopes to get a permanent post of the same kind later on.
- Beryl Hyde (F)** Now nursing at the King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor. **Maureen Minhall (F)** is with, her and they are both very happy.
- Ann James (T)** Is at a Convent School in N. Rhodesia and this is her 8th School and she hopes her last.
- W. Jones (T)** Now at school at Tidworth, Hants He plays Rugger for the under 15 team.  
**Jennifer Lloyd (T)** Now a boarder at the Welsh Girls School, Ashford Middlesex. Her family were forced to leave Egypt because of the riots.
- Duna Martin (R)** Is at MacArthur Hall School, Belfast.  
**Denis Mayoux (F)** Now attending a Newcastle School, with **Peter Berrigan** and **M. Heaton**, is hoping to sit for the R.A.F. Entrance exam in June this year.
- Catherine Millar (R)** Is still in Kent while Moira has gone back to school in Scotland. Catherine hopes to visit Duisburg in August and to see some old friends from K.A.S.
- Linda Millership (N)** Attends Windsor County Grammar School.  
**Gillian Redvers-Apsley (C)** Has been working for 16 months at St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping. She has passed her Preliminary State Exam and now has two more to pass.
- John Rees (C)** Is now at the Intelligence Corps Depot at Maresfield, Sussex.  
**Jane Renwick (T)** Has been successful in the Civil Service Exam and is now awaiting a posting she hopes to Edinburgh.
- June Rockley (T)** Is doing very well in her chosen profession - nursing, and came out top in her first exam. She was also top in the weekly exam throughout training.
- Valerie Swinnerton (C)** Plays centre forward for the Witherington Hockey Club. Her school only plays Lacrosse.
- Valerie Stone (N)** Now at school in Weston-super-Mare, has won a certificate and medal for piano duet in the Junior Arts Competition in Weston. She has entered for another this term so we hope she repeats her success.
- Gavin Thomson (C)** Hopes soon to join his father in British Guiana.  
**D. Truscott (T)** Has finished his full time Army service and is living on the Welsh border. He hopes to enter a medical school or University.

## THE RED DRAGON

Back numbers are still available if you wish to complete your sets. Many of these contain excellent photographs. They are obtainable by sending 1/- for each copy to the Secretary of the Wyvern Club.

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## LETTER FROM EGYPT

LAST November, owing to a recall telegram, I found myself in company with the rest of 3rd Inf. Div. on the way to Cyprus. No sooner landed and unpacked than my Battalion had orders to move to Suez (where no doubt you heard of their exploits at the filtration plant).

As we packed in preparation of leaving Cyprus, on the 13th November, my Platoon was detailed as defence Platoon to 3rd Div H.Q. This meant that our job was to guard the General, in this case Major-General Sir Hugh Stockwell. Well, we had a slight breather as Div. H.Q. was staying in Cyprus and not only that but just outside the capital, Nicosia. We spent the next two and a half months there, and during that time I had two great surprises, the first being on Christmas Eve, when I was sitting in a Cabaret in town. I saw a Scots Guardsman passing my table and saw to my astonishment Bob Thompson whom I had last seen at K.A.S. Our surprise was mutual and for the next month we saw a great deal of each other as he was in Camp only two miles away.

The next surprise happened as we came out of the Cinema one night and came face to face with Isobel King, late of Nansen. Shortly after this, however, we were separated again when Div H.Q. moved to Ismailia in the Canal Zone, which, I suppose, everyone has heard of now.

Life then took on a different aspect. Guards, Guards and more Guards and then - I was detailed to run the Canteen and be Post Corporal for the Unit. So now I run the Canteen and the Post while outside everything gets easier, no longer does one sleep with his weapon tied to his wrist and all the other necessary precautions. Now one can walk out in Ismailia and I frequently do or go swimming in Lake Jimseh, or - occasionally - across the Suez Canal.

In fact out here everything is very nearly back to normal and it is high time 3rd Div returned to England.

Having only a few months left of my service to complete, time seems to pass more slowly every day and both Ken Pryde and myself are looking forward to being at the next Reunion dinner in London.

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## **MY IMPRESSIONS ON THE DEATH OF OUR LATE SOVEREIGN LORD, KING GEORGE VI.**

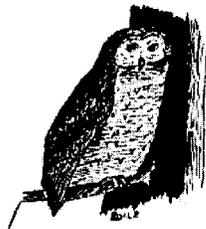
The death of our late King, George VI, was very sudden. Although he was in bad health, he seemed to be recovering from his illness. At first I did not believe it as I was in the school hospital, and we were not told officially until later. I thought it was a rumour which had grown because the flag was at half mast.

The personal meaning was not so great for me as for many others, as I had never seen any of the Royal Family, but I had caught their warmth and friendliness through pictures and films. My main thought was for the Royal Family who at the time of their sorrow would have to make public appearances, and try to smile through their unhappiness.

The funeral, which I listened to on the school broadcasting system, lasted about half an hour. It was very simple, but had a certain grandeur that made it very impressive. It was a pity that the two minute silence which preceded it, was not made more obvious: a bell was rung but most people thought it was a warning bell.

I am sure that everyone will agree with me in hoping that the new young Queen's reign will be happy and prosperous, and that she will carry on the good work of her father before her, and uphold the motto "Defender of the Faith".

Jennifer MacGregor 2 A



## **FOUR TERMS AT KING ALFRED SCHOOL**

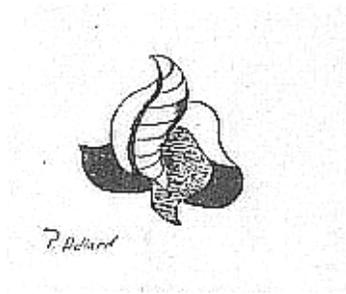
When I first came to King Alfred after several years at German schools, I thought I would never settle in. I didn't dare to look at anyone who was older than I was; I felt ever so small. Of course the main trouble was that I could hardly speak or understand English, and that made me think everybody laughed at me. If anybody told a joke I could not understand, and the other people laughed, I was furious, because I thought they were making fun of me. At last, when teachers and friends had convinced me that they only tried to help me, I was happier, and I got to know more people. But that again caused trouble, because I never understood what anyone said to me; I didn't understand the English at all! I had gone to a German school

before, but everybody acted differently here.

Although we didn't do as many sports and games in the German school, we certainly did not learn more there. We didn't have sports teams or captains, and the boys were forbidden to play football. The form rooms looked bare, because we did not have any curtains or pictures. We didn't have boys and girls together in one form either. The children in the German school expressed their feelings more than the English do. At first I used to think the English were unfriendly and cold, but I soon found out that that was not true. I have often heard the Germans say that the English are "stiff", but I have been to some parts of Germany where the people hardly ever speak. Of course, as I have not been to England yet, I can't really say what I like and what I dislike, because people in England might be different altogether.

My second term was better, because now I could understand English. Of course there were times when I wished I had never come to this school, but those times passed, and now I would hate to leave.

Ingrid Allard 4B



## CROCUSES

Suddenly, just over night they came,  
Orange and violet plumes on the  
Lawn of the quarterdeck. They were  
Scattered untidily and looked tired  
From their journey from down-under.  
We marked their coming and felt  
They had invaded our quarterdeck;  
The fir tree shivered just a little  
At their presumption, but their forces  
Swelled and we added number  
To number as each assembly  
Passed and we walked by.  
We forgot their preposterous notions, we smiled  
A welcome to those newcomers who guarded  
The doors of Smuts and Curie. We forgot  
Dingy green stalks of wallflowers,  
But we could not forget our invaders  
With their plumes, white violet and gold.  
The suddenly, just over night they went,  
They left the lawn, their parade ground,  
Bleak and bare;  
No-one noticed their absence;  
No-one seems to care.

P. Fillingham U VI

## CROSS COUNTRY

Fleming House trials were held on the Thursday. I came second, and so was selected for the Cross Country Team.

On Friday we walked over the course, and marked on it various white lines. That night we were given our numbers, and I asked for number thirteen just for fun.

The following afternoon, all competitors went to the big playing field where the race was started about ten minutes later.

As soon as the race started, I could tell my left shoe wasn't secure, and discovered that the back had split, I had got about a hundred yards from the start when it came off. I struggled to put it on, but it only came off again, so I could do nothing but run the course with one shoe on.

I soon discovered this a painful experience, and very soon a large hole was appearing in my sock.

About half way was a steep hill running up through a wood, and I walked up it, recovering some of my breath. It was fairly easy after that, except when running on the road near the chapel where the surface was hard and stony, and did neither my foot or my sock any good.

C. Rawlinson 2 A

## MY HOBBY

ON a cold winter day when the rain is pouring down outside, there is nothing I like better than to get out my Meccano set and build models.

I can faintly remember the time my parents bought me my first set. At this time I was living out in India and it was for my seventh birthday. Of course, as you might expect it was only a small set, No. 1 I think. I was very destructive then, and I did not look after it very well at all. By the time we left India it was just a few boot strips, and plates, with all the nuts and bolts missing.

On my tenth birthday I had another set given to me, a No. 5. In this set there was a good selection of models. If I had neglected this set, I would have been severely punished. However, when I came out to Germany the set was still in order, so for the following Christmas I had a No. 5a set. This converts No.5 into a No. 6.

If you get down to making any model, the average time it takes you is about three-and-a-half hours. The models range from tanks and engines to bridges, cars, lorries and ships. In most of these models an electric motor may be fitted. If you have no electric motor, then a clockwork one may be purchased and used. These motors are not included in the sets. They are bought separately. Some people like adding to their set by sending away to the firm or their local dealer for certain parts required. I prefer going up in "Accessory Sets", as they are called e.g. 1a 2a, 3a, etc. The highest set is a No. 10. This costs somewhere around seven pounds. At Liverpool where the firm is they have made a model which stands six feet high. Special parts have been made for this. On the whole I think it is a very interesting hobby for anyone who wants to become an engineer or mechanic.

R.C. Mackey 2 B

## CHINA

I was born in Shanghai on the east coast of China. My father had a job in the police force. I can't remember much because the war was on and we couldn't walk about in the streets. In our house it was like any English house, except that the bedrooms were different; you had to take off your shoes before you went in or you would ruin the lovely soft straw "flaten". It is like a huge carpet except it covers the whole room; I used to play in it most of the time. The war broke out in 1939 just after I was born. The Japs raided our house and took most of our things and my father was taken away to a concentration camp and my mother, sister and myself had to move into another house. The camp was not well guarded and my mother used to go there every night when it was dark. A little later on the Yanks came and the camp was bomb-ed. Then we left for England.

W.A. Bullen 2B

## DESERTER

It is 1809. The coast of France defended many batteries of 32- pounder guns to prevent Britain's mighty Navy from attacking Bonaparte's crumbling empire. On the parapet of one of the batteries that guarded the mouth of the river Seine, the sleepy figure of Private Henry Fitzwilliam, (an English deserter) now of the 246th Emperor's Own Regiment of Foot, walked slowly up and down on sentry duty. 10 paces up, 10 paces down, 10 paces up, and so on. At one end the beat terminated at the breech of a 42 pounder and at the other end his blue uniform coat just brushed the watch tower. In it there were no officers or corporals as there usually were for they were in the mess room having a dance, which was why Private Fitzwilliam was so sad at having been detailed for duty this night. 10 paces up, 10 paces down.

Beneath him the low grey rollers of the Channel swooped towards the cliffs and burst there, hurling spray upwards to where the solitary figure of Private Fitzwilliam walked his beat. Behind the battery was clustered shipping, large and small, safe, as they thought, from Britain's might. Among them were the 103-gun ship-of-the-line and three 74's and two 26-gun frigates which had to run from Brest while the blockading squadron was away.

Suddenly, Private Fitzwilliam thought he caught sight of a ship's royals through the mist but when he looked again it was gone. He forgot all about it. 10 paces up, 10 paces down. Suddenly the mist rolled away and there, clear and beautiful in the faint morning sun were five, six, seven, British ships of the line. Private Fitzwilliam stood stock still for a minute, then dropped his musket and rushed to sound the alarm. Oh, how the drums did beat; the officers shouted orders, gunners ran to the guns and there was terrific bustle. But for all this by the time the guns were ready the first ship, a three-decker with a Vice-Admiral's flag was already abreast of them. The massive 42 pounders fired and vomited smoke and flame at the flagship but most of the shots went high. At the heels of it came the British broadside and all the shots went home. To Fitzwilliam it seemed that the world had crashed around him. Men were slashed by grape and already two guns were wrecked. And soon came another broadside smashing its way home and the Private leaped inside the watchtower to see what happened.

Inside the bay it was a shambles; already a French 74 was heeling over and the 105 was being attacked by British ships. While he watched a deafening explosion shook him as a frigate's magazine exploded. When the smoke and debris cleared away he could see all that remained of the frigate, a rapidly sinking, shattered hull.

All the British ships had by now passed the shattered battery that lay beneath the Private and were discharging their broadsides into the stricken enemy ships. After about half an hour it was all over. The 105 gun ship was a mastless wreck and two of the 74's were deep in the water and the second frigate was heeled far over. The one remaining ship, a 74, was on the rocks and scattered pieces of chasse-marres were in the water after the guns of the British ships had sunk them. The British ships were now scattered all over the harbour chasing the commercial vessels, East Indiamen, brigs, schooners and so on.

About an hour later a string of signals ran up the lines of the flagship and in perfect succession the ships tacked towards the entrance. Around him a few men that survived loaded a gun, but before they could fire, muskets cracked and the men tumbled to the ground, dead. Fitzwilliam looked round and saw a group of red-coated marines passing into the battery with smoking muskets at the ready.

As soon as he saw this he went pale. Then he turned round. The flagship was just passing the entrance. On her quarterdeck was a group of fully dressed officers, among them the Admiral. Fitzwilliam's eyes gleamed. He picked up a musket from a dead soldier and took careful aim. As he was about to fire, a musket cracked and he pitched forward over the parapet to dash into the fire step beneath.

From the bay, a pall of smoke arose and hung over the shattered battery where lay Private Henry James Fitzwilliam with the blood dripping from the musket wound in his head. Never again would his still feet pace 10 paces or and 10 paces down.

David Hughes 1 A

## GOOD LOOKING UNDERNEATH

My dog's so furry I've not seen his face for years and years and years;  
His eyes are buried out of sight and I only guess his ears.  
When people ask me for his breed I do not know or care,  
He has the beauty of them all just hidden beneath his hair.

Gillian Mellors 1 A



## BARLEY SUGAR SWEETS

I had made up my mind to save my sweet ration. As I waited in the queue I resolved firmly to save every single sweet without even eating one. I chose barley sugar, and as I walked away I counted them - one, two, three . . . . twenty-six, twenty-seven whole sweets, with a chipped one at the end. I counted them from both sides of the bag to make sure I that there were twenty -seven. Then I opened my locker drawer and took out a shiny key with a number 54 painted on the cardboard.

With a firm step, I walked up the stairs, counting the steps as I went up. There were twenty-eight. I stopped before locker 54, unlocked it, and with a sigh threw the sweets into a dark corner. Then I relocked it, slid quickly down the banisters so that I would not be tempted to turn back, and forgot about them.

That night I had a peculiar dream. In front of my eyes floated twenty-seven barley sugar sweets, each with a number on it; but each time I tried to grab one, it jumped away. I tossed and turned, but could not get those sweets out of mind. To make it more tantalizing, a locker came into my dream, but as I tried to open it a blue padlock came into view, then last of all a shiny key. I could stand it no longer.

I put on my dressing gown and slippers, and, half asleep, walked up the twenty-eight stairs, and opened the locker. From a dark corner I grabbed the cellophane bag, and retreated slowly. I walked down the steps, eating a sweet on each stair, and leaving a silver trail of papers behind me.

When I came to the twenty-eighth step I turned down the corridor; but it was with a sigh of sweet content that I ate the last chipped sweet, and went back to a peaceful undisturbed sleep.

Theresa McCann 3A

## PARODIES

These I have loved:  
Sound of the waves at the foot of a cliff;  
Sun-burnt ferns beneath a cloudless sky,  
The seagulls' call and lonely gannets' cry,  
The melancholy stream just lapping on the rocks  
And milk white foam rushing o'er flooded locks;  
The smell of chips all sizzling in the pan,  
The thrill after scrumping, being chased by a man,  
The hum of bees; and howl of a dog,  
The crashing sound of felled cedar-log,  
The feel of a rifle cold in my hand,  
And running between my fingers, soft sand.

J. Previer 4B



These I have loved:  
Cool pools in cup-shaped rocks  
Wherein small creepy things do live. And socks  
With colours bright And spiders' webs at morn  
With dew like twinkling, sparkling diamonds, borne  
Upon the grass. A liner ocean-bound  
In proud and stately majesty. The sound  
And mighty power of water-falls that crash  
On jagged rocks below. A velvet sash.  
The rainbow coloured wings of dragon flies.  
All these have been my loves. And these shall die.

Alison Bache 4B



## SUNSET FROM THE BACKYARD

To be believed it must be seen, this sky,  
With the factories' tall fingers in black  
Silhouettes, and the gas tank's broad round back  
A Colosseum in the dark, where die  
Only faint vaporous ghosts; the image  
Is distorted where a plume of grey smoke  
Belches forth to declare the night-shift; folk  
Crawl underground, a fight for life to wage,  
And earn their bread and butter 'gainst the springs  
Of emotion that bid them sleep at night.  
All is softened as dusk slowly shuts down  
And, though amongst the tips no wild bird sings,  
All is bathed in imagination's light  
As still night falls tenderly on our town.

D. Thomas U VI

## A WARM DAYDREAM ON A COLD DAY

As I stood by the bus-stop in the street,  
With frozen hands and icy feet,  
And as my legs began to tire  
I spied the watch man with his fire.  
Then lo! I was on a sunny beach,  
Out of the rude wind's icy reach.  
The sun was shining O, so bright  
Different from the glaring white  
Of the snow, freezing in the street.  
And here was I basking in the heat.  
The sun made me feel very grand  
As I lay dozing on the sand  
And as I watched I slowly browned.  
I turned my head and looked around:  
People lying everywhere,  
Children playing here and there.  
A snowball hit me in the ear,  
Another whizzed past very near  
And I was standing as of old  
Shivering and freezing in the cold.

Rosemary Fortnum 4 B

## CONTRAST

Do you remember a School  
Miranda?  
Do you remember a School?  
And the jokes and the fun  
And that cross country run  
And the food that you. got  
If you liked it or not.  
And the praising and upbraiding  
For the dormitory raiding.  
And the Staff, oh! their voices  
If you made any noises  
The assistants and helpers  
As bad as the Staff.  
Take a notch! Take detention!  
Pay attention!  
Do you remember a school, Miranda?  
Do you remember a school?

Never more,  
Miranda.  
Never more  
Only the grey office door  
And the boss.  
What a bore!  
And the wives, how they natter  
And the clerks, how they chatter.  
And the typing and the shorthand  
And the files  
All a bore!  
So much petty office strife.  
Ah! Remember school days,  
The happiest days of your life.

Janice Walker 2 A



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