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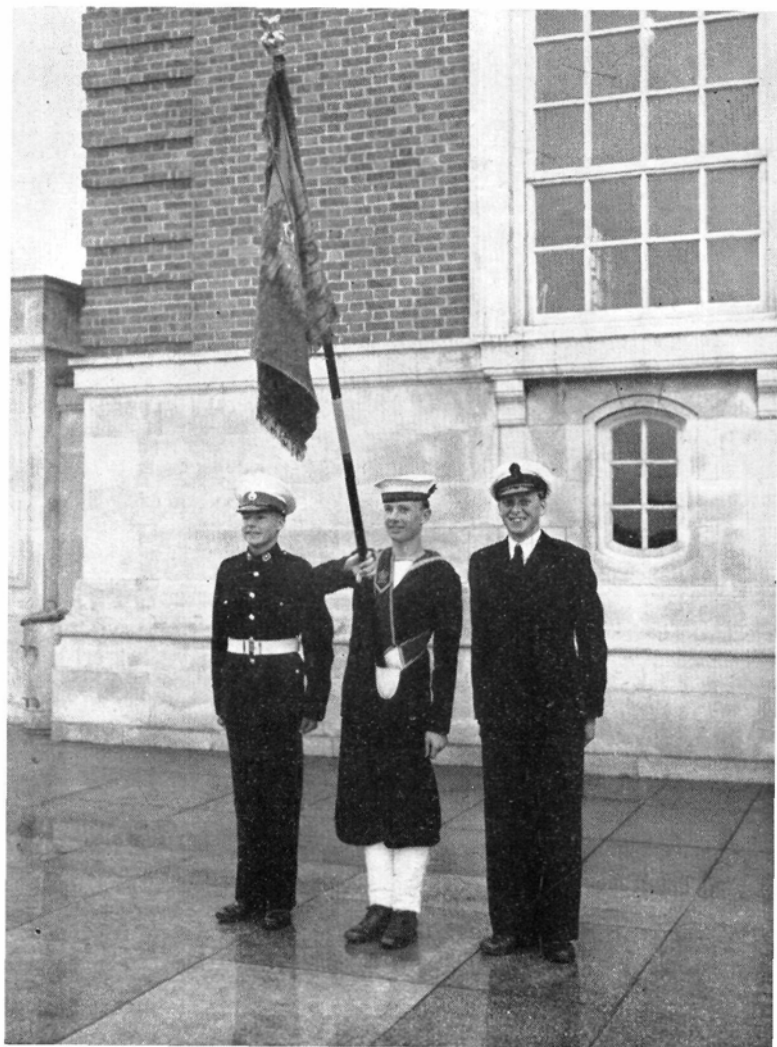
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THE NAVY ETERNAL

"I make this bequest . . . that Britain's Navy shall never lack material to remain in the forefront of the navies of the world."

—GIFFARD SHERMAN READE.



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King's Banner, carried by C.P.O. Boy S. E. Hardy and escorted by Boy Bugler M. E. Mead and E.R.A. Apprentice E. J. Sherval, O.B.A. Reunion, 15th June.

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EDITORIAL

The school year just closed has been marked by one of those punctuations which occur, from time to time, in the history of a nation. With the loss of our beloved Sovereign there came to an end the Georgian Age; a period of two generations, during which father and son had led our country, with a steadfast faith and courage, through two world wars and troublous times of peace.

Now, as we offer humble duty and loyalty to our young Queen, we hear much of a revival of the glories and greatness of the Elizabethan age. Yet, in the vast changes that have taken place in 400 years, the only link with those times can be in the spirit of our people; and the renewal of that spirit is dependent on seeking adventure and not security. That is a challenge, above all, to youth. "Security is a necessity to the young," said a great man recently, "but, if overstressed, it saps the life of the spirit. Security is only valuable to those who know the meaning of adventure."

The very names of Drake and Raleigh, in those far-off days, spelt adventure. Safety first was not the watchword of Hawke and St. Vincent, of Nelson, Collingwood and Cornwallis, as they sought the safety of England off the shores of France and Spain. Nor was it for Craddock at Coronel, for Harwood with his little cruisers against the Graf Spee, for Warburton-Lee signalling "I'm going in" against known odds at Narvik. "With the fall of France, and the consequent numerical inferiority of our forces in the Mediterranean," wrote Cunningham in 1940, "an offensive policy was imperative."

The Navy has ever shown the spirit of adventure, the value of the calculated risk. Let us, sons of the Navy, not be unworthy of our forbears. When looking at the future, let us not seek always the "safe" job. Let us, in our daily lives, think a little less of care and comfort, a little more of the fleeting chances (for those who will grasp them) of life, which is itself the "glorious adventure."

SCHOOL NOTES

This term four boys took the entrance examination for Dartmouth, and 23 the General Certificate of Education; 15 boys sat for the R.N. Artificer Apprentices examination, and two for the Royal Dockyards. The only results so far received—the R.N. Artificers—show that all our entries passed, and that D. H. Marshall obtained 4th place of 612 candidates.

Distinguished visitors this term, apart from on speech day, have been: Rt. Hon. J. P. L. Thomas, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty and his Naval Secretary, Rear-Admiral R. G. Onslow, D.S.O.; Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, K.C.B., C.B.E., Commander-in-Chief The Nore; Sir John Maude, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education; Rear-Admiral A. H. Taylor, C.B., O.B.E., D.L.; and Captain J. F. Whitfeld, D.S.C., Commanding Officer, H.M.S. Ganges.

The Guard has paraded to receive officers of Flag rank, and on the occasion of the official celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday.

The Band has played at Harwich for the final of the Essex Charity Football Cup, at the British Legion Fete in Ipswich, at Clopton Flower Show, and at the Fete at East Bergholt Friary. They also played on parade and in chapel at the annual rally here of I Group British Legion. C.P.O. Verrion, P.O. Robson, and Boys Aisthorpe and Jukes provided the escort to the Union Flag on the last occasion.

C.P.O. Boy S. E. Hardy has had the honorable distinction of carrying the King's Banner this term.

For the first time C.P.O. Boys have been permitted bicycles at school. Runs up to 50 miles have been carried out to the sea resorts, towns and local places of interest.

Parties of boys visited the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court, the Queen's Birthday Review at "Ganges," and the Essex v. Middlesex cricket match at Colchester.

Cricket Colours: S. Hardy, C. Carson, J. Lambert, B. Figgins, P. Lambert, J. Shepherd, P. Draper.

Shooting Colours: M. Bozier, R. Kemp, A. Hughes, E. Verrion, D. B. Smith, P. White, L. Clarke, I. Wright.

Marksman's Badge: C. Johnson.

Signal Badges: C. Gregory, P. McIvor, D. Burnett, C. Norsworthy, L. Darton.

Proficiency Badges: E. Leeman, R. Wormald, C. Norsworthy, G. Hunt, W. Frost, B. Cumming, M. Cox.

Boatswain's Mates: S. Gregory, G. Farrar, R. Morse, R. Bustin, J. Smith, T. Fielding, D. Redmond, R. Harper.

Chief Petty Officer Boys: R. E. H. Kemp (senior), E. J. F. Verrion, A. N. Hughes, M. J. Bozier, C. M. J. Carson, D. H. Marshall, E. N. Thorpe, B. Pyner, M. A. Press, S. E. Hardy.

Captain of Cricket: S. E. Hardy.

Captain of Shooting: M. J. Bozier.

STAFF NOTES

We welcome the following, who joined us at the beginning of the Summer Term:

Mr. N. B. Worswick, who came from Hantoub School, Wad Medani, Sudan, to be Housemaster of Anson.

Mr. R. C. Tatton, from Weston Zoyland County S.M. School, Bridgwater, to be Handicrafts master and Assistant Housemaster of Drake.

Mr. S. Fisher, previously at Liverpool Blue Coat School, to be Handicrafts master and Assistant Housemaster of Nelson.

Miss M. Alexander, as House Sister of St. Vincent, from Shrewsbury School.

We say farewell to:—

Mr. F. M. Laughton, who has been with us for more than five years as Mathematics master and Deputy Housemaster in Howe. He has been in charge of school cricket, and captained the Staff XI. He takes up the Headmastership of Duncan Hall School, Scratby, Norfolk.

Mr. H. G. Scarfe, who for six years has looked after our Roman Catholic Boys and been Deputy Housemaster of Raleigh. During his tenure the R.C. chapel has been provided in the school, and a choir formed. He goes to St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill.

Mr. G. Gibbs, who has been at R.H.S. more than 26 years, the last 20 of them as Chief Baker. His quiet, unobtrusive work has been greatly valued. He is retiring to Midhurst, the home he left 49 years ago to enter the R.N.

To them and their families we offer our thanks and sincere good wishes for their future happiness.

Mr. C. G. Hawkins has been elected an Associate Member of the Public Schools' Bursars' Association.

Members of the staff were guests at "Ganges" on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday Review, and at the R.N. Swimming championships.

The Masters' Common Room entertained the Wardroom of "Ganges" at a cocktail party, tennis, bowls, and croquet. We hope this will be a regular fixture.

A Staff Swimming Club, numbering, with children, well over 100 members, has been very active during the summer. A most successful gala for the children was held on August 1st by the efforts of Messrs. Roddam, Monk and Attwell.

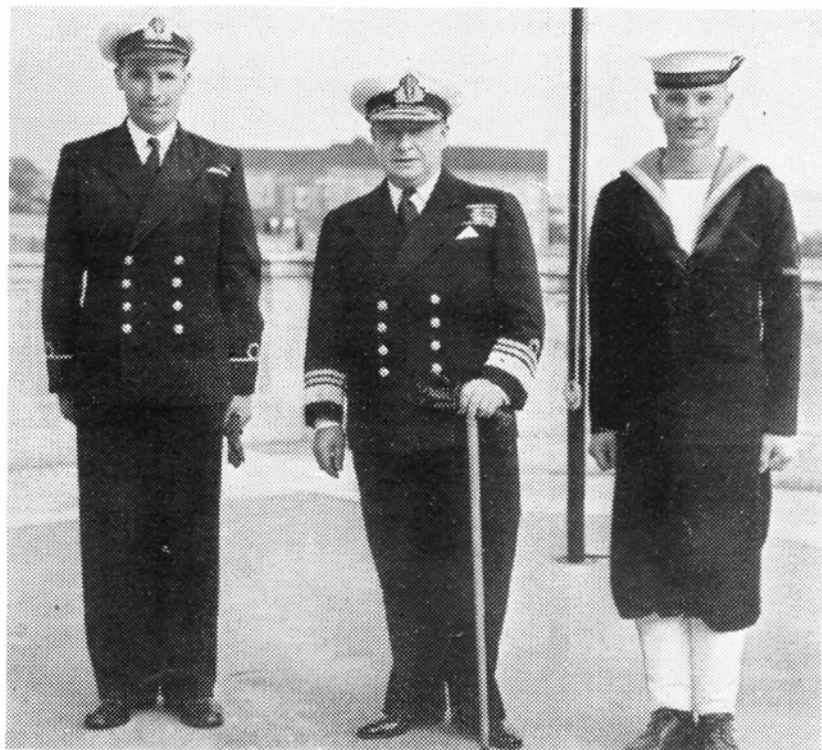
The Staff Tennis Club have held a tournament during the term, and a dance after the start of leave.

The Staff Cricket Team has played 11 matches: won 3, drawn 5, and lost 3. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Laughton scored most runs, and Mr. Roberts and Mr. Hawkins obtained most wickets. The organisation of teas by Mrs. Dunwell was much appreciated.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. H. Fisher, Headmaster's Secretary, and an old Boy, on his sad bereavements.

SPEECH DAY

The 26th July was an historic day in the long annals of the school, for Vice-Admiral Sir Philip K. Enright, K.B.E., C.B., its most distinguished son, had come back, with the honours and rewards of a lifetime of service, to be the guest of honour. Sir Philip, who was "piped aboard" by 12 Boatswain's Mates under Mr. Woods, was met at the main entrance by the Headmaster,



Photo—E. A. D. T.

FORTY YEARS ON

Commissioned Gunner G. R. P. Weaver, H.M.S. Ganges (1934-38), Vice Admiral Sir Philip K. Enright, K.B.E., C.B., Admiral Superintendent H.M. Dockyard, Devonport (1907-10), and C.P.O. Boy S. E. Hardy (1947-1952), winner of Old Boys' Cup.

and introduced to Heads of Departments and their wives before proceeding to the parade, to be received with the appropriate honours from guard and band. After inspecting divisions and taking the salute at the march past, Admiral Enright met members of the staff, while boys and guests gathered in the Assembly Hall.

The Chairman, Commander Alan Noble, D.S.O., D.S.C., M.P. (Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty) welcomed parents and

guests, who included Sir John Lang (Permanent Secretary to the Admiralty), Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Lyne, Vice-Admiral Marsesrh (President, R.N. College, Greenwich), Rear-Admiral Richmond (Director of Naval Training), Commodore Brown (Harwich Force), Captain Whitfeld (H.M.S. Ganges), Mr. C. B. Coxwell (Director of Greenwich Hospital), Mr. L. Missen (Director of Education in East Suffolk), Alderman J. Chalmers (Mayor of Ipswich), and two former Headmasters in Mr. S. Hewitson and Mr. N. Lee. He told parents and boys that there was a fine career in the Royal Navy, and a real welcome for all R.H.S. boys.

The Headmaster, in giving his report of the year, said that the school was fully comprehensive, in that it catered for boys of Grammar, Secondary Technical and Secondary Modern standards, and should be judged on its success in each of these three lines. In the past year 79 boys had entered the Royal Navy, and a further 14 the Merchant Navy and Royal Dockyards, making a total of 61% of all those leaving, with a further 24 boys rejected on medical grounds. After reviewing the sporting activities, the Headmaster said "Boys have continued to receive instruction in the Christian faith, according to the wishes of their parents. There must be few children today who are given the opportunities for worship and for the regular learning of Christian principles enjoyed by boys of this school."

Admiral Enright then presented prizes and cups, and handed the King's Banner to C.P.O. Boy E. Verrion for Howe to guard in the ensuing year. He congratulated the boys on their bearing on parade, and the prizewinners on their successes. The prize, for which all should strive, was to make something of their lives, and in that struggle there was not a minute to lose. He told of the steps of the ladder he had climbed and how, although it had seemed a long time, he had enjoyed every minute of it, for there was nothing to equal the joy of work and the comradeship of the Navy. There had been four lower-deck Admirals, and he was proud that three of them had come from Greenwich Hospital School. Today the road to promotion was easier, and it was only lack of ambition and fixity of purpose which prevented the 25% of lower deck commissions, which was the Admiralty's aim, from being attained. "My days are ending," said Sir Philip, "but you are starting on a long road of which you know little, and I would like to give you some of the ideals that will help you on that road—hard work, honesty, smartness, good companions, and pride in home and parents. Responsibility: the acceptance of it is a virtue. The true meaning of discipline: if it was as well understood in the country as it was in the Navy, we should be in a better position than we are today. Conscience and religion: hold firm to them and never lack the courage to go to church. Your foot is on the bottom of the ladder; as you climb it I hope you will remember my words."

The Director of Greenwich Hospital moved the vote of thanks to Admiral Enright, and proceedings were concluded with three cheers, called for by the Head of the School.

This year an innovation was made in providing tea for parents in four of the Houses. It was a successful experiment, and it is hoped that next year it may be possible to extend it to all Houses.

After tea some thousand spectators watched a display on the parade. The gym display consisted of club swinging, rhythmic exercises, groundwork and apparatus work by boys of all ages from 11 to 17 years. There followed a semaphore signalling display, and a demonstration of arms drill, before the final ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Band and Drums. In all these activities, boys and instructors are to be congratulated on the high standard reached: in the words of the news reporter, "They performed with impressive precision and with evident enjoyment."

The day concluded, in the school, with military honours to the Admiral on his departure. But members of the Staff were privileged to attend as guests at a cocktail party on board H.M.S. Cadiz, the destroyer which had brought Admiral Enright from Devonport. As we returned ashore and saw the Admiral's flag flying from the foremast in the evening sunlight, we could not but reflect on how proud Sir Philip must have been of the long road he had travelled. But no more proud, surely, than the school which has the honour to claim him as her son.

A.H.R.B.

PRIZE LIST

Sixth Forms—

English—A. Cocking	French—D. Black
Mathematics A—R. Kemp	Mathematics B—D. Marshall
Physics A—R. Kemp	Physics B—J. Budd
Chemistry A—R. Hughes	Chemistry B—G. Duddridge
History—W. Oxley	Geography—M. Bozier
1st in A.A. Exam— D. Marshall	Scripture—J. Shepherd.

Fifth Forms—

5U—F. Evason	5A—C. Cheeseman
5B—B. Cumming	English—F. Evason
Mathematics—C. Gregory	Science—A. Lister
French—C. Carson	History & Geography— E. Verrion
Scripture—J. Jamfrey	Special Endeavour—J. Nolan

Fourth Forms—

4U—D. Burton	4C—V. Smith
4B—B. Berry	English—R. Young
4D—G. Peplow	Science—H. Mason
Mathematics—D. Burton	History & Geography— R. Derbyshire
French—S. James	Special Endeavour— R. Middlemiss
Scripture—M. Verrion	
4A—J. Harrison	

Third Forms—

3U—D. Whitehead	3A—D. Figgins
3B—M. Merriman	3C—D. Jones
3D—B. Hood	English—D. Whitehead
Mathematics—J. Hodgson	History & Geography—C. Parsons
Scripture—W. Steel	Special Endeavour—J. Love

Second Forms—

2U—D. Hunter	2A—C. Verrion
2B—P. Fowler	2C—C. Calder
2D—T. Parker	English—P. Barter
Mathematics—J. Studd	History & Geography—B. Till
Scripture—L. Draper	Special Endeavour—J. Ellis

First Forms—

1A—R. Houghton (1st); A. Smith (2nd).
1B—R. Lindsell (1st); M. South (2nd).
1C—K. Brooks (1st); R. Holland (2nd).
1D—J. Rottenbury. 1R—I. Glen.

R.C. Scripture—R. Wormald.

Art—

1st. L. Carter
2nd. J. Leonard
3rd. M. Blogg

Handicrafts—

Woodwork—Senior: J. Curtis. Junior: P. Jesse.
Metalwork—E. Thorpe.

Naval Instruction—

H.M.S. Suffolk Prize—E. Verrion
5th Form Seamanship—L. Darton
4th Form Seamanship—P. Lawrence
Signals—C. Gregory
Smartness and Bearing—D. Collins
Silver Flute—D. Mills
String Orchestra—K. Smith
Military Band—A. Lister

O.B.A. Cup and Medal—S. E. Hardy

First Lord's Cup—Cornwallis House

King's Banner—Howe House

KING'S BANNER ORDER

HOWE
CORNWALLIS
COLLINGWOOD
ANSON
HOOD
BLAKE

RALEIGH
ST. VINCENT
HAWKE
NELSON
DRAKE

GIFFORD SHERMAN READE

(The brief account of the life of Gifford Sherman Reade, concluded below, has been compiled from Mrs. A. Kaye-Wilson's "The Life of Gifford Sherman Reade," with the kind permission of the author.)

After his marriage during one of his home leaves, Gifford Reade journeyed out to Assam with his wife, and on their first night in Silloni Bari, hearing some animal prowling about in the undergrowth, he saw a tiger, and promptly shot it from the window. This was scarcely a reassuring occurrence for his wife at the outset of her life in Assam, but she bravely settled down there and grew very much attached to it. As the plantation prospered, and they had more leisure, he bought three elephants to carry him on his hunting trips. His favourite, who was called Sally, was devoted to him, and on one occasion he shot a tiger while steadying his gun on her trunk, such was her confidence in him.

The tea plantation developed steadily under his unremitting care, and before he retired he had 3,700 acres under cultivation, and employed 1,200 coolies; he had rebuilt the bungalow, sheds and living quarters, and the riverside jetty. He had several young men training under him, and he was in a position to take life more easily. His health was not good, and he was thinking of retirement, when the decision was taken out of his hands. Mr. Reade had taken native hunters and his elephant on a hunting expedition into the jungle. After riding for some time he dismounted to follow the spoor of a rhinoceros on foot. Suddenly, a large beast appeared from behind a tree and, charging, tossed him into the boughs of a tree. Although he was badly hurt, he managed to cling on to the branches until the angry beast had got tired of searching for him, and had gone back into the forest. Then he let himself down from the tree, and, with the help of

his bearers, got back to his elephant. When he was examined, it was found that his shoulder was badly damaged. He was ill for some weeks and when, on top of that, he had an attack of asthma and malaria, he and his wife decided to leave Assam and come back to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Reade settled in Holbrook, enjoying the peace and quiet of the English countryside, and taking a great interest in the boys of H.M.S. Ganges. Living, as he had, for the greater part of his life in a remote part of Assam, he realised the supreme importance of the work done by the Royal Navy in protecting merchant shipping, and in providing a constant link between the far-flung parts of the Empire.

From time to time Mr. and Mrs. Reade would set out on their travels. They nearly always went where the fishing or shooting was good, because throughout his life Gifford Reade found the greatest pleasure in these sports. It was with this in view that they visited Canada, Norway, Tasmania, and finally New Zealand, where they were staying when the 1914-18 war broke out. Mr. Reade was most anxious to take part in it, but his age and the state of his health made this impossible; so he and his wife stayed on in New Zealand. From there they followed the course of the war, and were especially proud of the part played by the Royal Navy. Therefore, at the end of the war, Mr. Reade decided to offer the Holbrook estate to the Admiralty, who decided to hand it to the Greenwich Hospital Trust. The school at Greenwich was overcrowded and the site cramped, and Mr. Reade very willingly agreed to the suggestion that new buildings should be erected on the Holbrook estate, and that Greenwich Hospital School should be moved out there. As he said when giving approval to the scheme: "The gift was for no purpose of self-aggrandisement, but to ensure that the British Navy should never lack for material to keep her in the forefront of the Navies of the world."

On 26th October, 1928, Mr. Gifford Sherman Reade received a Royal Message from His Royal Highness the Duke of York (the late King George VI). The cable stated: "With the approval of His Majesty I have this day laid the Foundation Stone of the new Royal Navy Hospital School at Holbrook. Your gift of this fine open site is indeed a fitting symbol of your admiration for the work of the Royal Navy. It is my earnest hope that every success will attend your endeavour to increase, for the years to come, those benefits which were first inaugurated by Royal Charter at Greenwich over two centuries ago. Albert P."

Thus, when Gifford Sherman Reade died in New Zealand on 5th December, 1929, Greenwich Hospital School had yet another name to add to its list of benefactors. You who have, or have had, the good fortune to spend your formative years at the Royal Hospital School in its present site, remember with gratitude the name of Gifford Sherman Reade, of Holbrook House, in the County of Suffolk.

FIDDY REE RETURNS

(We are grateful to a School Magazine Editor of Greenwich days for this contribution. Although he modestly hides his identity, many will identify him through his choice of a mathematical nom-de-plume. Boys, in Greenwich days, were known by their numbers, preceded by the number of their Company, e.g. 3.53. Boys, being naturally lazy, dropped the Company number and, finding even that too much, corrupted 53 to "Fiddy Ree." Ed.)

Fiddy ree was back again! Not at the old school at Greenwich, but in the new buildings at Holbrook, which dazzled him with their splendour, set as they were amid the countryside and their own playing fields. What a change from the dirt and smoke of the old place! And a change from the clang and clatter of trams and heavy lorries along the main road in front.

As he stood there on the terrace on Speech Day he was reminded of innumerable other changes. One thing alone seemed unchangeable. Siggy doo and Vordy vi were here as well. He had already tripped up Siggy doo on the steps leading to the upper region; regions to which he was unaccustomed. Today he was here as a parent and not a schoolboy; his son, Adam Phoule, of Rodney house, had asked him to come, and, as many of his pals from Portsmouth were making the journey, he had decided to join them. Now, as he looked at the boys below, drawn up in houses with the King's Banner to lead them, he could not help experiencing a thrill of pride. True there was no traffic which so mysteriously found reasons for going very slowly or completely stopping on the road outside the old school on Speech Day. Doubtless any excuse was good enough to enjoy the colour and pageantry of the Parade. Instead, there was the river, an expanse of stippled silver, shining in the sun. Interestedly he looked at the parade and the march past, recalling how he had turned the wrong way as a New Jack and gone marching off on his own; watching the Houses carefully he did not think that Rodney was doing very well; only Adam Phoule was in step!

After the parade the prize giving itself—not in the old gym, with its concrete floor, green painted park seats, and rows of kicked and battered lockers, but in a fine Assembly Hall. Though the setting was different, the scene was very much like Greenwich. Naval uniforms and ladies' dresses, floral decorations and bunting still provided a colourful occasion.

After the presentation of the King's Banner and the Old Boys' Cup he made a short tour of the School, guided by his son. Landing first in the Seamanship Room he took a dim view of its size. "Why it's only a cupboard compared with the one we had at Greenwich! What's this?" he added, pointing to the bow of the cruiser model of the London. He nearly broke down and wept when he found that the old model around which he had spent so many happy

hours at Greenwich had been so decapitated! It reminded him vaguely of heads stuck on the spikes of the railings on Tower Hill.

From the Seamanship Room they went upstairs.

"Where are we going? Up Dom?" enquired Fiddy ree.

"Up Dom?" repeated Adam vaguely.

"Yes! You know. Where you sleep."

"Oh, the Dormitories. No—they're in the houses," said Adam.

"What's up these stairs, then?" asked Fiddy ree.

"Classrooms!" replied his son.

Those who know the history of Fiddy ree at Greenwich will realise that these were the last places he wished to see. Compared with them, in his mind, the Torture Chambers of the Inquisition were Palaces of Ease and Luxury. He had lost sight of the number of times he had heard the dread words "Bend down!" All the teachers seemed to be in one vast conspiracy to stripe his skin. However, he felt he ought at least to "show willing" and set his son a good example. He trudged up the stairs, and on opening a classroom door noticed the polished floor.

"Hmph, I see you don't have to scrub floors then," he remarked. "Doesn't take you long to polish these I suppose?" he added.

"Oh, we don't polish these at all," Adam replied. "A man comes and cleans them each morning and they are polished in holiday time."

"Well! Well!" ejaculated his astonished parent. "How times do change!"

The next port of call was the Gym, and here he had to admit its superiority to the old one. True, it looked less homely—there were no lockers and no stage. Instead, a gallery and a place for a boxing ring in the middle. Less homelike but more efficient—he thought!

"Where are your lockers then?" he asked his son.

"Oh, they're in the day rooms of the houses" was the reply.

"Dayroom? Houses?" asked the puzzled Fiddy ree and left it at that.

They left the Gym and went in the Swimming Bath. Here Fiddy ree shuddered, for he had never forgotten his first attempts at learning to swim at Greenwich. The memory of himself passing into unconsciousness and being dragged hurriedly from the water was indelibly etched on his mind. Yet he could not but admire the wonderful building he was now in, and asked innumerable questions of his son as they walked along the side.

"How deep is it?" he asked Adam.

"Three feet at the shallow end, and six at the deep end," replied Adam. "Look, you can see it marked on the side."

As he bent over to look he unaccountably lost his balance and tipped into the water with an almighty splash. Coming to the surface, spluttering and rubbing his eyes, he realised that his overbalancing was not unaccountable. There, guffawing and shaking with laughter, were his old enemies SIGGY DOO and VORDY VI!

This, felt Fiddy ree, was the end of a perfect day!

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THOUGHTS ON ENTERING THE SCHOOL

When we entered the Royal Hospital School for the first time we were partly excited and partly nervous. A number of things struck us forcibly. Firstly, the sincerity and promptness with which orders were carried out by the older boys of the School. Secondly, the loyalty of the majority of the boys to their houses. Another thing we noticed was the vast amount of work put in by the masters and the Naval instructors for the advantage of the boys. When first coming into contact with older boys of the School, we thought they were very friendly and helpful to us. Before having our first meal we were expecting tin mugs and hard biscuits. We did not think much of the night shirts in which we slept at first.

J. W. BROWN & R. A. JENKINS, Nelson House.

THOUGHTS ON LEAVING

It was past—or very nearly, anyway. Only three more days. If he had been a traditional boy, he would have been counting the days and hours to that theoretical instant when he would be back to civilisation. But for some reason he wasn't. He had walked round the school for the last time on a drab Sunday afternoon and, looking at the torn remnants of the previous day, had seemed to see in them the inevitable outcome of pomp and show. Lying in bed that night, he wondered from what source that thought had come: probably it was only due to reaction from the previous day's tension. For it had been tense; then his own climax when the distinguished visitor had murmured a few words, and finally the gradual unwinding. His last act had been to haul down the White Ensign as the bugles blared—a symbolic gesture.

Now it was all over with the coming departure as an anti-climax, or so it seemed, for now, at the last minute, he did not want to leave. His thoughts wandered over his past life in the school. His bewildered entry; his first promotion and its blunting of over-enthusiasm; and then finally to one of the élite, as it had seemed to him.

There had been such a lot to do; so much which had had to be left. If only he had had more time . . . if only . . .

M. J. BOZIER, C.P.O.

CHURCH NOTES

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

During Easter leave a fashion was set; Mr. W. A. Smith's granddaughter was baptised Geraldine Joan in the School Chapel. This was followed, during the next two months, by the baptism of Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seacome; Mr. and Mrs. Hunisett's son, Brian John; and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartleet, Linda Jane. If you should wonder why these notes should start by recording such family occasions, it is because the Church is carrying out, on these occasions, her full life and duties, and it is fitting that our own chapel should be the scene of such activities. We wish the children God's blessing, and assure them of our prayers.

There have been several notable occasions during the term. On 25th May "I" Group, Suffolk County British Legion, held at the school their annual rally and service, at which our choir assisted. The service was impressive, thirty standards making a fine splash of colour in the chancel, and we felt honoured to be able to offer the use of our chapel. During O.B.A. week-end we welcomed a priest with the closest associations with the school, Rev. E. D. Gale, Vicar of All Saints' Gravesend. He is an Old Boy who joined the Royal Navy in 1927, and it is the first time that an Old Boy has stood at the altar or preached from the pulpit: we hope it will not be the last. We were also glad to have Rev. B. C. Snell, Rector of Tattingstone, to take one of our evening services. Our Diocesan Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 36 boys on 12th July, and a pleasing number of parents were able to be present and to remain for Holy Communion next day.

The early part of July was clouded by the sad death of Alec John Barbour, of Blake. As simply and sincerely as we could, we prayed for the repose of his soul and for his mother and family.

Commemoration Service was made notable by the visit of Rev. Owen Roebuck, O.B.E., Q.H.Ch, Senior Church of Scotland and Free Churches Chaplain, who with our own Free Church Chaplain, Rev. A. Scott Currie, R.N., took part in the service. We are very grateful to Padre Roebuck for his sermon. A feature of the service was the singing of Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by the choir, accompanied by Mr. Bartleet at the organ.

Thanks are due to Rev. B. R. Beasley, R.N. and the other chaplains of H.M.S. Ganges for their assistance on occasions when the Chaplain would be hard pressed alone, and to the ladies who, throughout the year, arrange the flowers in Chapel: it is no easy job and we thank them sincerely.

The worship of Almighty God proceeds day by day in the school throughout term. May it be hoped that that same worship, which we offer as a community here, continues to be offered by us as individuals during leave.

J.N.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND FREE CHURCHES

The Summer Term is always the most hectic of the year and it has been no exception this time. For us it ended most appropriately with a Confirmation Service conducted by the Reverend O. Roebuck, O.B.E., Q.H.Ch., R.N., Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland and Free Churches, Admiralty, at which ten of our senior boys were admitted to full membership of the Church. They were—David H. Marshall, Anthony G. Abbott, Michael C. Coombs, Frank Evason, Geoffrey Franks, Barry M. Geach, Brian A. Smith, David G. Stanbury, James A. Turner and Peter R. White. We were delighted to have so many parents with us at this service.

In June we paid our annual visit to Museum Street Methodist Church on the occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary Services. Over a hundred of us attended and at the Evening Service David Marshall read one of the lessons and we all rendered the hymn "Be Thou my Vision." Of course, what we all enjoyed most were the "big eats" laid on for us by the members of the Church!

When I had to be away for the Ganges' Confirmation we had a new visiting preacher in the person of Instructor Sub-Lieutenant H. R. Terry, B.Ss., R.N., of H.M.S. Ganges. I understand that his service was much enjoyed. Indeed, I was told that it was a far better service than the usual!

The boys who rig and unrig Church went to Flatford Mill for their outing this year. Flatford Mill is a delightful spot in the heart of the Constable country. The river there is suitable for boating and swimming, and both these activities were enjoyed to the full, much to the dismay of the fish. A good tea rounded off a very pleasant afternoon.

Many of our boys have left the School this Term and we wish them all every success in their chosen careers. Let those of us who remain roll up our sleeves and make the Terms that remain to us memorable in every way.

A.S.C.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

The boys tell me that they like the Summer Term best of all. I have a shrewd suspicion that outings and sports have a great deal to do with their preference. Certainly the choir outing, financed by Father Guardian of East Bergholt, was a great success. River trip, meals, Butlin's and a tour of the Coastguard station with the help of Mr. Dobson were thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. In addition to periodic visits to East Bergholt Friary for tea, some boys were invited by Mrs. Maclachlan, of Stutton Lodge, to the flower show which was held in her garden.

The Works Department have made a very good job of installing the little shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in the chapel.

In June, Mr. Ted Kavanagh (of "Itma" fame) asked me to take him on a hurried visit round the school, and some lucky autograph hunters made hay while the sun shone!

From time to time on these pages we have paid our tribute of praise to Mr. H. Grant Scarfe on his work for the boys. We were, therefore, very sorry to learn that he was leaving R.H.S. The boys presented him with a lovely book on sailing barges as a token of their appreciation, and the inscription on the fly-leaf will remind him of our gratitude. Once more I am grateful to Housemasters, Sick Bay Sisters and to Mr. Gregory for their help and co-operation.

FR. H. MCKAY, O.F.M.

HOUSE NOTES

ANSON

Firstly we would like to welcome our new Housemaster, Mr. N. B. Worswick, and his family. Although Anson has not shone in his first term, we hope that next year will see an improvement in our Banner position. We send best wishes for a happy and successful future to P.O. Boy G. Clements and to B. Felton on their entry to H.M.S. Ceres, and we are also sorry to be losing C. Johnson, D. Garrett and R. Hunt at the end of term. Our congratulations go to G. Swift and A. Savage on their promotion to Leading Boys.

In the realm of sport the three main events have been the Swimming and Athletic Sports and the Whaler Races: although we came only fourth and fifth respectively in the first two, we succeeded in winning the Effingham Cup, against strong opposition, for the second successive year. We thank Mr. Gregory for his coaching and congratulate the crew of T. Fox, D. Marshall, P. Crick, G. Swift, A. Savage and C. Thompson on a fine display of rowing.

We have been glad to welcome back this term some of our Old Boys, including Austin, Elsdon, B. Pearson and D. W. Crick. We should like to assure all old boys that we are always glad to see them once again in Anson.

D. H. MARSHALL, C.P.O.

BLAKE

During the year we have raised our place in the King's Banner order from 8th to 6th. We started the Summer Term well by sharing first place in the Aquatic Sports with St. Vincent. We congratulate L. Carter and W. Allen on each obtaining two winner's medals. In Athletics we climbed from bottom to third place; three boys won first prizes, Bone and F. Johnson in Junior and Intermediate High Jumps respectively, and C. Carson in the Open Cricket Ball. The last two set up new school records. In the Whaler

Races we were unlucky to be defeated in the qualifying heat by the narrow margin of two strokes.

In Cricket a high standard was set, and it was no fault of ours that, after reaching the semi-final, we were beaten by an exceptionally strong team in Cornwallis, the eventual winners. J. Johnston is worthy of mention for the steadiness of his bowling and C. Carson for his performances with both bat and ball. The Junior XI took revenge for the seniors by beating Cornwallis in the first round, but then went down to the eventual winners in Howe. We failed badly in the Shooting Competition, but A. Deacon shot well to be our highest scorer, and was in the School VIII.

During the term we have been pleased to see a number of Old Boys. Five of the house have left during the term—Darley to the Royal Marines, Bailey to "Collingwood," Perkins to "St. Vincent," Deacon to "Fisgard" and Featherstone to civilian life. We wish them all success in their future careers.

Finally, congratulations to those who played for the School at Cricket in their various age groups: C. Carson in the 1st XI, W. Allen for the 2nd XI, J. Bunn and W. Wareham for the Under Fourteens, and P. Hartt and R. Hazelgrove with the Under Twelves.

C. M. J. CARSON, C.P.O.

COLLINGWOOD

Our main achievement this year has been to retain 3rd position in the King's Banner competition. It has been mainly due to success in sport and smartness on parade, that this has come about.

In the senior cricket competition we won through to the final, owing to the splendid efforts of our captain, C.P.O. Pyner, and Stephens who is a young cricketer of great promise. We were beaten by a far better side in Cornwallis, whom we congratulate. We also did quite well in the other summer sports, coming in the top half in Athletics, Shooting and Swimming. In the Whaler Races we were beaten in the heats.

Collingwood has not, however, done so well as last year in schoolwork, and we were below the average in points gained by class positions. Only three prizewinners appeared on the stage on Speech Day.

During the term we have had the pleasure of numerous visits from Old Boys. The elder Pyner came from "Caledonia" for the O.B.A. weekend, and Rew and Graham from "Collingwood" on Speech Day. Mills came from the same establishment to receive the Silver Flute as the best musician of the year, the first time a boy from the house has won this. James also paid us another short visit.

Seven boys leave us this term. Beasley has joined the R.M. Bands, Jukes has gone to "Collingwood," D. Wilson to "St. Vincent," Pyner and Mitchell go to "Fisgard" and Taylor and Gray to the Merchant Navy. Best of luck to them all.

D. H. T. BLACK, Boy.

CORNWALLIS

As this Summer Term, 1952, closes, I am bound to reflect on its passing more than usual, because in June I completed my tenth year as Housemaster here. During that time well over 150 boys have passed through on their way from childhood to manhood. I hear from some of them from time to time, but I often wonder about those who do not write. What kind of men have they turned out to be? I wish I could know.

This term we have many more boys leaving than usual, and among them will be some who have given to Cornwallis more than any other group of boys have given since I have been Housemaster. I am very proud to have had them, and to have seen their great efforts crowned with success. We should never have won the King's Banner in 1951, nor the First Lord's Cup in 1949 and 1952 without them. I hope those remaining will try to give as much as they did.

Cricket has been much in our minds this term, as we were lucky enough to have five boys in the School XI, among them the captain, Sam Hardy. They have had a grand season, and we went into the Inter-House Competition with quiet confidence: We dared not have more since the most amazing things happen in cricket. After very interesting and pleasant games with Howe and Blake, we beat Collingwood in the final to win the shield for the second time. We were very proud of this as we had earlier in the year won the soccer shield for the second successive year. We shall be happy to congratulate the house that beats that record.

In the other events of the term we tried hard, but did not win any of them. We were in the running for the Essingham Whaler Cup, but the immaculate length of "Davidge" Crick and his crew was too much for us. Swimming found us well behind, and it will be a real gala day when we win this shield. In Athletics we were sixth, badly let down by our middle age group. The last event of the term was Shooting, and here we were not as straight as with the cricket bat.

In conclusion we should like to congratulate our House Captain, Sam Hardy, on winning the Old Boys' Cup and Medal, thus becoming the third Cornwallis boy to do so.

L.S.B.

DRAKE

We have had a moderately successful Summer Term. In the league cricket we won all games except against Raleigh: we also went down to them in the Shield Competition.

Our performance in Athletics was creditable, for we were the runners-up. Young won the Intermediate 100, 220, and 440 yards, beating the record for the latter distance. Dobson broke the records for the Intermediate Long Jump and Cricket Ball. We have great hopes for them next year, when they must train even harder. Peplow captained a school relay team, which included Young and D. J. Smith, in Ipswich Police Sports.

We pressed Anson, the eventual winners, very close in the heat of the Whaler Pulling Races; the crew—a light and inexperienced one—fought very pluckily and surprised everyone. In the Shooting Competition we tied for fourth place with Nelson, losing the shoot-off. D. B. Smith was in the School VIII.

Our position in the King's Banner list came as a shock to some boys, but not to all. Those who were shocked were the passengers in the house, who look to the few to carry them through in all activities. They would do well to remember that the strength of the cable is the strength of its weakest link. Until there is maximum effort from **all** members of the house we shall remain in a lowly position. Every boy must give his utmost not only in games, but in school work and general conduct at all times. We have the talent to do well, but success depends on team work and a real effort from those who in the past have been content to let the other chaps make the effort. The aim of each one of us must be to ensure that the last becomes the first.

DUX.

HAWKE

This term our chief sporting interest has been in swimming, and we have put in some hard practice. We offer special congratulations to Robson, who won the three open free style events in the sports, breaking a school record, in addition to a record-time Stewart Cup win. The house finished one point behind the dual winners in the Aquatic Sports, and took first place for open events. Norsworthy, particularly, backed up Robson nobly in these. Much interest has also been taken in Life Saving practice, some boys having reached a good standard of practical efficiency.

The less said about cricket results the better; but two bright features were Draper's success in earning his School colours, and some promising material in the Under Thirteen team.

Our outdoor interests of the term have been divided between the production of many photographs of ourselves and our friends, and the breaking and "repairing" of several gramophones. It is, however, learned on good authority that the final main spring has broken; at all events peace once more reigns over the precincts of the Senior Dayroom.

We have said goodbye to P. Brown, J. Brand, and R. Dickens and wish them every success in their new careers. Since we have little doubt that D. Robson will have passed the aptitude test for Artificer Apprentice, we wish him good luck also. End of term promotions included C. Norsworthy and R. Derbyshire to Leading Boy and Draper to P.O. Boy. We trust that with P. McIvor, who is still with us, they will have the backing of the whole house in a successful term of leadership.

S.G.

HOOD

We have had a successful term athletically, coming among the first four in all the sporting events except shooting in which, after some excellent practices, we were sadly off form on the day. We have had welcome rivals in swimming, rowing, cricket and above all Athletics; although only fourth in the Athletic Shield, we came top in open events, thanks to the sprinting of R. Hughes, the distance running of Leadbetter, who broke the School mile record, and the hurdling of Barry. For our fourth place in swimming we are again indebted to R. Hughes and to Mallinson, as well as the members of a fine intermediate relay team. Mr. Woods' patient enthusiasm with our oarsmen has at last had its reward, and we came a good third in the Effingham Cup. In the semi-final of the cricket shield, Hood and Collingwood produced what was perhaps the best game seen here this season. Thanks to some good batting, particularly by Barry (42 n.o.), we amassed the promising total of 114. But Collingwood retrieved a disastrous start through the courageous batting of Pyner and Stephens, and despite steady bowling by James and Wormald managed to pull the game round. Even so, it was touch and go at the finish, and the winning "hit"—actually a bye—by Collingwood's last pair almost ended in a run out and a tied game. A splendidly exciting game of fluctuating fortunes!

The following have represented the school:—1st XI Cricket: C. Barry; 2nd XI: S. James, R. Wormald; Under 14s: D. Hunter; Shooting: A. Hughes. W. Oxley is also to be congratulated on being one of the two 1st Class Coxswains in the school.

Lest it be thought that we are over-zealous about sport we might mention that A. Hughes, W. Oxley, C. Cheeseman, J. Nolan,

R. Wormald, S. James, J. Harrison, D. Hunter, R. Lindsell and K. Smith all received prizes on Speech Day. We have had visits from R. Oxley, D. Wright, F. Wright, K. Smith, D. Homer and J. Giblett this term, and news of A. Booth and M. Bleaney. News of, and visits from, Hood old boys are always welcome.

K.H.S.

HOWE

The Summer Term has been a busy one, both in and out of school, and boys of all ages and interests have found themselves fully occupied.

At cricket we improved on last year's record and, although unable to provide a member of the 1st XI, were well represented in the second team by the captain, A. Cocking, Ross, Lutman, and Smith; by K. Turner, Cannell, and K. Cocking in the under 14s; and by R. Hardaway in the Under 12s. In the Shield Competition we beat Anson 106 to 65, Ross scoring a spirited 49 and J. Verrion taking 5 wickets for 35. Meeting Cornwallis we scored 67, not a very high score, but against such formidable opponents the outlook seemed bright when 3 of their wickets fell for 15 runs: but a copy-book innings by Shepherd raised the score to 103 without further loss. Hibben's breezy knock of 26, including two sixes, was the highlight for us. The Under 14s were more successful in winning the Junior Shield. Some very good bowling by K. Turner and K. Cocking, and high scores by Cannell contributed to wins over Blake, Nelson and Raleigh.

Interest in swimming has not been of our usual standard, but Merritt, K. Turner and Hampton gave a good account of themselves. More enthusiasm was shown in Athletics by boys winning 75 standards. Bartram, A. Cocking, Duddridge, Hardaway, Ross, and Jenner represented us on Sports Day, Jenner winning the Junior 220 yards and Cocking being a good third in the open long jump.

A word of praise to our shooting team—J. and M. Verrion, Hardaway, Wright, and Bartram—for scoring 207 to give us second place in the House Competition, and to M. Verrion and Wright for attaining 3rd and 4th places in the Individual Championship. The high enthusiasm set by B. Porter at boating last year has hardly been maintained, although it was some consolation to lose to Cornwallis who were 2nd in the final. Duddridge, Bartram, Condie, and Hunt qualified as 2nd class coxswains.

At schoolwork we have had a good year, the following winning prizes in the yearly exams.:—J., M. and C. Verrion, A. Cocking, Duddridge, Draper, D. Jones, Ellis, Fowler, and R. Houghton.

C.P.O. Boy J. Verrion won the H.M.S. Suffolk Prize, and M. Verrion and Hunt were awarded Proficiency Badges.

We were very pleased to welcome several Old Boys during the term. To Merritt, Butler, Gay, Coombs, and Ward, who leave us this term, we wish every success in the future.

Looking back, the year has been a quiet, but fairly steady one. General progress has been well maintained on the whole, while in winning one junior and two senior competitions we have occupied a fairly high average position throughout. After occupying 4th place for two years, we received the King's Banner from Vice Admiral Sir Philip Enright on Speech Day. We hope that with high endeavour we may prove worthy holders of this honour.

HOWEAN.

NELSON

In Swimming this year we came seventh. This is not as good as last year, but as some of our boys in open events were juniors, we should put up a much better show next year. In Athletics we were fourth. Our winners were K. Davies who won the open 880 yards, and M. Champion who won the Junior 100 yards. Altogether we obtained 41 standards.

Cricket was a moderately good field of achievement. The Junior team reached the semi-final; the Senior team won their first game, but lost their second by a small margin through poor batting of a long tail; and in the League we won three games and lost two. Here again juniors filled places in our Senior team, which is a good omen for the future.

For the fourth year running we reached the final of the pulling races. Boating has always been extremely popular in Nelson, and this term's newjacks have already been clamouring for admission to the club.

We reached fourth position in the shooting competition, and as our team with the exception of Bozier, the School captain, was a young one we have high hopes for the future.

During the term D. Hessey and J. Talbot have left us for "St. Vincent," while we have received five newjacks: all have settled down well and two of them have earned places in house teams; Champion in Athletics and Pattenden in Cricket. We were pleased to see Bennett and Manning at the O.B.A. Weekend.

M. ANGEL, P.O.

RALEIGH

Our first term with our new housemaster, Mr. Brown, has been quite a successful one, although we did only come seventh in the King's Banner List.

We won the Athletic Shield for the third successive year. N. Smith did exceptionally well, gaining two firsts and two seconds. Chittel ran for the School Relay Team.

We won the Shooting Shield also, L. Clarke scoring 49 out of 50. In swimming we were not so successful, finishing seventh. Although knocked out in the second round of the Cricket Shield, we won the League. More than ten boys represented the School in one or other of its cricket teams. To be knocked out in the first heat was our fate in the pulling races.

We were glad to see several old boys during the O.B.A. week-end and on Speech Day: we are always delighted to welcome back those who have left, and to learn from them something of their new mode of life. Of the many boys who are leaving us at the end of term, I think mention should be made of E. N. Thorpe, who has been a keen and efficient Chief Petty Officer both in the house and in the school.

R. E. H. KEMP, C.P.O.

ST. VINCENT

We were delighted to welcome, at the beginning of term, Miss Alexander as our new House Matron. She arrived at a strenuous time, but quickly settled down and has been the greatest help in all ways. We do hope she will be very happy with us.

Last term showed a great improvement in Sport. When on 24th May six boys competed for the Stewart Cup, four of them were St. Vincent swimmers. Redmond and Fulcher did well to come second and third to Robson of Hawke in a record time. This raised our hopes for the Aquatic Sports, and these were fulfilled for, after many gruelling races, we tied with Blake and hold the Shield for 6 months. Thanks should be given to Redmond, Doyle, Fulcher and Stickells, and the others who helped us to win.

We were rather disappointed when the day for the Athletics arrived, for though many tried hard the talent wasn't there and we finished far from top. The Whaler Races also brought disappointment: the crew had trained hard and shown considerable improvement, but two of them were unfortunately absent on the day of the race. They put up a brave fight and were only just beaten by Nelson.

With a large number of younger boys, we were not able to field a strong cricket team, but the right spirit was shown in many matches. The Juniors shaped very well, and as many of them will still be Juniors next year we hope for great things. We were very pleased when our shooting team came third in the competition. The highest individual score was made by Petty Officer Tuckey, and Petty Officer White who was in the School VIII also did well.

We were delighted to have visits from old boys at the Association's Weekend. It was grand to see Rose and Page who had been popular P.O. boys. We are happy to know that they are doing well at "Collingwood." We also welcomed Docking and Bennett, who came all the way from Rosyth, and Comlay from Portsmouth. During the term Hooper and Stickells left us for "Ganges." At the end of term Doyle leaves for "Fisgard" and White for "Ceres." Roxborough goes into marine engineering and Dickinson to U.S.A. We wish them every success. We were rather disappointed not to have got higher in the King's Banner, but next year we shall hope to rise nearer to the top. School work showed a big improvement, as could be seen by the number of St. Vincent boys receiving prizes on Speech Day.

M. A. PRESS, C.P.O.

DO YOU KNOW?

During the Summer Term—

Each boy has spent 7,440 minutes eating.

46,410 minutes sleeping.

42,440 minutes at leisure and games.

1,840 minutes washing.

2,150 minutes praying.

5,790 minutes marching and drilling.

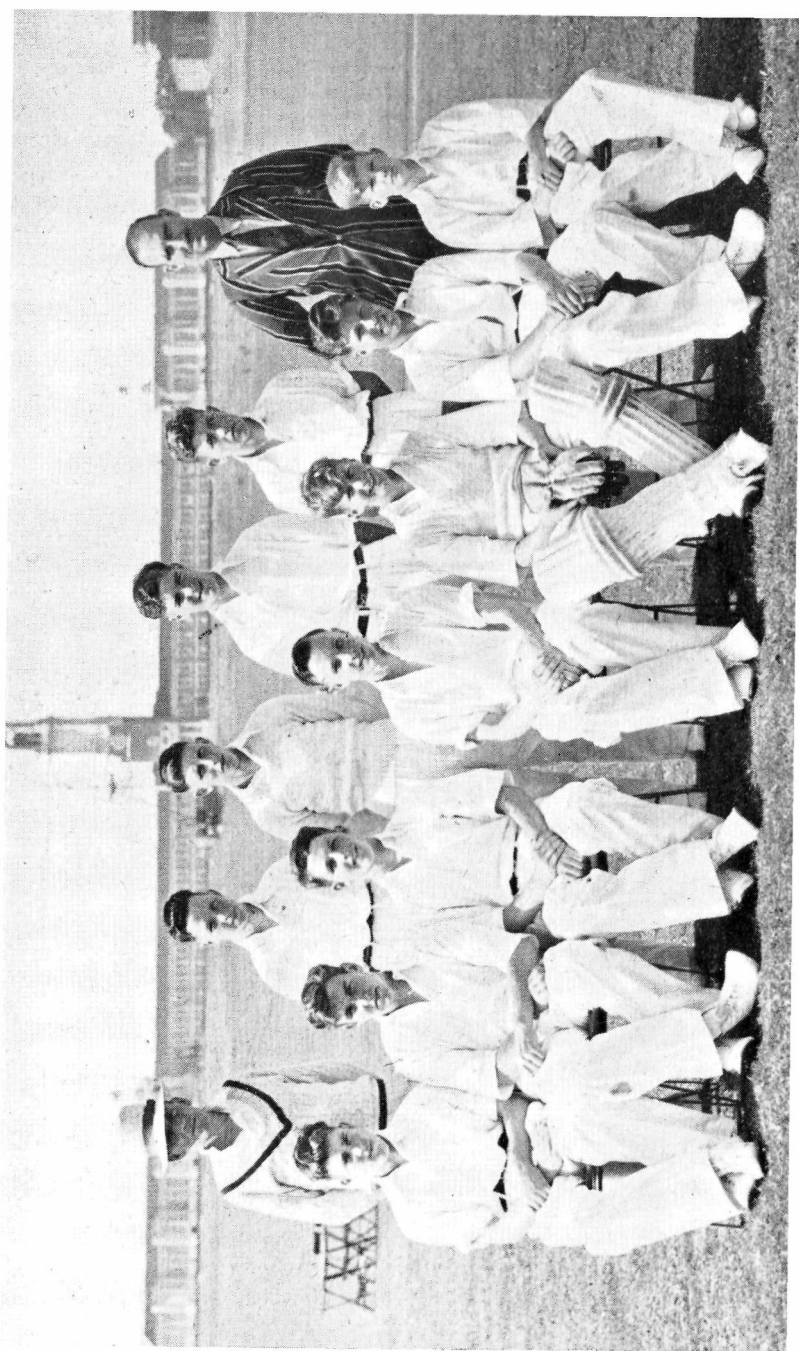
24,430 minutes working.

A total of 130,500 minutes=90 days 15 hours=one Summer Term, during which each boy has eaten over 300 lbs. of food.

The above figures are for the average boy, and assume the term to have started at 1800 hours on 1st May and ended at 0900 hours on 30th July.

A. N. HUGHES, C.P.O.

(We take no responsibility for the accuracy of these figures, even though emanating from the President of the Scientific Society. We hope they were not computed during the minutes devoted to items 5 or 6.—ED.).



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1st XI CRICKET, 1952

Mr. G. Elsby, C. Barry, K. Davies, J. Read, B. Pynner, Mr. F. M. Laughton,
P. Draper, J. Shepherd, C. Carson (Vice-Capt.), S. Hardy (Captain), J.
Lambert, B. Figgins, P. Lambert.

CRICKET

The season will, it is feared, be remembered mainly for the number of unsatisfactory drawn games. There is no question but that the side had considerable ability, but in match after match either unimaginative batting failed to build up a winning position or, if one was built up by good batting, then the chances were frittered away by amiable bowling or indifferent fielding. A good example of this occurred in the match against Woodbridge when excellent batting, especially by J. Lambert, took the score to 150 for 2 declared, only for the game to peter out in a draw through bowling that lacked hostility and guile, and weak fielding.

The batting of the side was its strongest asset, and some good innings were played. Batsmen must remember, however, that when it is necessary to increase the rate of scoring this is not done by wildly attempting to hit a six off every ball, but by intelligent taking of risks, and above all by quick and decisive running between the wickets. The running is still not good, and there is still too great a tendency for the non-striker to use his bat as a shooting stick instead of backing up for the quick run. Another noticeable weakness was a tendency to try and hit fast bowlers and to glide or glance the slow bowlers on the leg side, instead of the other way round.

Probably the School's most successful match was against Felsted School Cromwell Club, which resulted in a clear cut victory. Winning the toss, our batting was confident, consistent and stylish. A good rate of scoring was maintained, and we declared at 125 for 9, giving our visitors the same time to bat as we had had. Carson and Read bowled exceptionally well and, at one time, our opponents were 38 for 8, being eventually dismissed for 69. We must thank the ladies of the House and Sick Bay staffs and the boy volunteers who organised teas for the teams.

In the House matches Cornwallis, after a good game against Blake in the semi-final, had a comfortable victory over Collingwood, who had won their semi-final against Hood after a thrilling finish. The junior competition was won by Howe who defeated Raleigh in an interesting final.

FIRST ELEVEN

Played 15, Won 5, Drawn 5, Lost 5.

Batting Averages

			Highest Times			
	Innings	Runs	Score	Not Out	Average	
J. Lambert	15	273	80*	1	19.50	
P. Draper	13	192	42	2	17.45	
J. Shepherd	15	223	51*	2	17.15	
B. Figgins	15	123	35	3	10.25	
S. Hardy	13	133	28	0	10.23	

Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Carson ...	138	21	354	41	8.63
K. Davies ...	49	12	130	14	9.28
B. Figgins ...	86	20	231	23	10.04
P. Draper ...	52	15	114	10	11.40
J. Read ...	81	15	224	14	16.00

Catches—J. Shepherd 10, B. Figgins 7, S. Hardy and J. Lambert 5 each.

Characters

- S. HARDY (Captain). After a shaky start played some good innings. Was too modest about his bowling ability and often selfishly refrained when his offbreaks would have been useful.
- C. CARSON. A greatly improved bowler with length, pace and swing. His batting has been more effective since he discarded a prodigious back lift.
- J. LAMBERT. A stylish and dependable batsman and wicketkeeper, who rarely failed to give the side a good start. Scores his runs briskly and has all the strokes. Probably the most consistent run getter the School has had.
- B. FIGGINS. Our best all-rounder. An accurate medium paced bowler, a sound batsman who has remedied his faults and an outstanding fielder, particularly in the slips where he has brought off some brilliant catches.
- J. SHEPHERD. Has proved an excellent opening partner for Lambert with a succession of sound innings. A very good fielder in "silly" positions.
- P. DRAPER. A most successful batsman who is never over-awed by any situation. He does not always conform to academic standards, but uses his feet well and his ability to get to the line of pitch of the ball accounts for his consistency. A very promising left arm bowler.
- C. BARRY. A stylish and efficient bat who has not had many opportunities this season. A very good reserve wicket keeper.
- K. DAVIES. A much improved all-rounder who always gives of his best. Has developed considerably as a bowler.
- J. READ. A very inconsistent bowler, who has some very good and horrid bowling to his credit. An agricultural batsman.
- B. PYNER. A beautiful stylist who has not had many opportunities, but with Davies won the game against the Old Boys.
- P. LAMBERT. A luckless batsman, but a brilliant fieldsman who is always worth 20 or 30 runs to his side.
- J. REYNOLDS. A promising left arm bowler who was never lucky enough to strike a suitable wicket on which to bowl.

G.E.

SECOND ELEVEN

Played 5, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 3.

This team has a small fixture list, and does not therefore play much together. Its record would not appear to be a very impressive one, but some good cricket has been played under the captaincy of Cocking of Howe. Cocking himself had a good innings of 40 against Woolverstone Hall on our own ground, and in other games showed promise with the bat. Others seemed not quite to arrive as batsmen. Stickells, of St. Vincent, was the most consistent bowler, while Smith of Anson and Hawkins of Raleigh also got wickets for a side stronger in bowling than batting. Frequently the fielding left much to be desired.

J.N.

UNDER FOURTEEN TEAM

Played 10, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 5.

Such is the sad reading of our season's record. We should have won our first match; lost to a fine Framlingham side and were regaining form and confidence when the break of a fortnight in mid-term unsettled us again. The later results were unworthy of the quality that is undoubtedly present. Good innings were played by the captain, Bagwell, by Cannell, Stephens, Turner, and others but they were not as dependable as was Hall's bowling. We end on a note of optimism when we remember sterling efforts by under fourteens in the stern battles of House matches against strong opposition, and the consistently good fielding. Reliability must be our watch-word.

R.A.R.

UNDER THIRTEEN TEAM

Played 4, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 1.

In May we defeated Ipswich School away by 22 runs. In June we drew with Woolverstone Hall at home, making 107 for 7, our opponents replying with 45 for 5. In the home match against Ipswich School we won by 56 runs. In July a much weakened team lost away by 35 runs to Woolverstone Hall. The batting has been good, but there has been weakness in the bowling, which it is hoped will be improved next season, when as Under Fourteens they should have a successful year. The team has been ably captained by J. Hawkins of Raleigh.

M.B.L.

UNDER TWELVE TEAM

Played 6, Won 3, Lost 3.

After the usual preliminaries of testing, some twenty boys were chosen for the group. It was soon evident that there were among them some real enthusiasts; they worked hard and tried to put into practice what they had been taught. Quite early in the season we had our first game, and to everyone's surprise we had 81 runs on the board before we were all out. We dismissed our opponents, Brandeston, for 51 and so started with a win. Success does not always, in cricket, lead to success. We lost the next two games through bad captaincy and forgetting some of the rules we had been taught in the nets. These were against Culford and Orwell Park. We were hoping to give the latter a really hard game in the return match, but the break for Athletics completely put us out of our stride! However, we finished with two good wins against Brandeston and Culford. If only we could beat Orwell Park!

Perhaps the really good thing about the team was their fielding: they were always keen, and learned early that a poor fielding side rarely wins matches. In the last three games complimentary remarks were made by our visitors on this department, while at Culford their first two batsmen were run out and five others caught.

The following made over 20 runs during the season:—Dyas, Smith, Steele, Beggs, Calder, Patterson and Pattenden. This may not seem much to the casual observer, but in 1948 when we had a very good Under 12 XI only two boys reached this total. Some of those who made less have been making good scores for the 1st XI this season. Cheer up, Under Twelves, some of you may yet make a hundred before you leave the school. Beggs captained the team throughout the season, and was the most successful bowler. Others of the team were Guyler, Powell, Hartt, Hazelgrove, Sader, Richmond, Hardaway, Atkin, Bernard, and D. Steele.

L.S.B.

ATHLETICS

Increased interest was taken in this form of sport this year, with the result that eight new records were set up on Sports Day and a record number of standards, 752, were obtained in spite of several being increased in difficulty. Some of our standards are still too low, particularly in the jumps. Despite the improvement we have some way to go to reach the high level of athletic achievement which now obtains in most schools. We entered two relay teams in the Ipswich Police Sports, and although they ran creditably were unsuccessful. The raw material is undoubtedly there, as indeed it should be in a school such as ours, aiming at a high degree of physical development, but something more than energy on the day

is required. Success goes only to those who are in peak condition—it is not enough to be normally fit; we must be fully trained. Secondly, there is as much or more technique to be mastered in athletics as in any other game or sport, and this entails patient and determined study. When these points are realised, and acted on, we shall produce results which may well surprise ourselves. Raleigh, who are to be heartily congratulated on winning the House Shield for the third successive year, showed what can be done without any exceptional talent, and it is hoped that their example will be followed. Drake in particular have a number of promising and keen juniors who have the chance to set the pace in future years. In obtaining second place, they owed everything to their younger members. Hood, with their small number of seniors, and Blake, who have not in the past been an Athletics house, are to be congratulated on their successes; while the grit and determination of a few Cornwallis seniors showed their juniors, as they have done in so many other sporting events, what they have to live up to. Finally, we would like to thank those masters who assisted with their houses in training, and the many volunteers whose services as officials on Sports Day are so much appreciated.

RESULTS

Open Events.

100 Yards—1, R. Hughes (Hd.); 2, N. Smith (Ral.); 3, Hardy (Cws.).
11.4 sec.

220 Yards—1, R. Hughes (Hd.); 2, N. Smith (Ral.); 3, Hardy (Cws.).
25.4 sec.

440 Yards—1, N. Smith (Ral.); 2, R. Hughes (Hd.); 3, Peplow (Dr.). 57.1 sec.

880 Yards—1, K. Davies (Nel.); 2, Leadbetter (Hd.); 3, Bartram (How.). 2 min. 20.8 sec.

1 Mile—1, Leadbetter (Hd.); 2, K. Davies (Nel.); 3, Chittel (Ral.).
5 min. 7 sec. (Record).

High Jump—1, Brand (Hke.); 2, Clarke (Ral.); 3, Stripp (Nel.).
4 ft. 8½ in. (Record).

Long Jump—1, N. Smith (Ral.); 2, Hardy (Cws.); 3, Cocking (How.). 18 ft. 3½ in. (Record).

Cricket Ball—1, Carson (Bl.); 2, Humphreys (Ans.); 3, Bozier (Nel.). 85 yd. 2 ft. 9 in. (Record).

Medley Relay—1, Raleigh; 2, Cornwallis; 3, Hood. 1 min. 53.6 sec.

Obstacle—1, Gregory (Ral.); 2, McIvor (Hke.); 3, Poynter (Bl.).
1 min. 22 sec.

Intermediate Events.

100 Yards—1, Young (Dr.); 2, Johnson (Bl.); 3, Savage (St. V.).
13 sec.

220 Yards—1, Young (Dr.); 2, Savage (St. V.); 3, Bagwell (Ral.).
29.1 sec.

440 Yards—1, Young (Dr.); 2, Bagwell (Ral.); 3, Caine (Bl.).
61.5 sec. (Record).

High Jump—1, Johnson (Bl.); 2, Dobson (Dr.); 3, Jasper (Ral.).
4 ft. 5 in. (Record).

Long Jump—1, Dobson (Dr.); 2, Young (Dr.); 3, Johnson (Bl.).
15 ft. 2 in. (Record).

Cricket Ball—1, Dobson (Dr.); 2, Curtis (Bl.); 3, Morrison (Col.).
71 yard 0 ft. 7 in. (Record).

Obstacle—1, Cottenham (Ral.); 2, Glen (St. V.); 3, Welfare (Hke.).
1 min. 24 sec.

Junior Events.

100 Yards—1, Champion (Nel.); 2, May (Ans.); 3, Tough (Cws.).
14.4 sec.

220 Yards—1, Jenner (How.); 2, May (Ans.); 3, Horton (Ral.).
32 sec.

High Jump—1, Bone (Bl.); 2, Tough (Cws.); 3, Marshall (Dr.).
3 ft. 10 in.

Long Jump—1, Horton (Ral.); 2, Wray (Bl.); 3, Morrison (Col.).
13 ft. 4 in.

Sack Race—1, Blogg (Ral.); 2, Holland (St. V.); 3, Hunt (Ans.).
22 sec.

Band Race—Downey (Cws.).

Points for House Challenge Shield:

Raleigh	...	...	106	Nelson	...	...	44
Drake	...	...	83	Howe	...	...	41
Blake	...	...	72	Collingwood	...	...	34
Hood	...	...	71	Hawke	...	...	28
Anson	...	...	54	St. Vincent	...	...	25
Cornwallis	...	...	53				

A.H.R.B.

BOATING

The weather this term has been kind to us and more boys than ever have been on the river. By making use of every possible tide we have had 43 days and on two others only did cancellation occur—one the Whit-Monday picnic, which seems an unlucky date. We were delighted to have afloat several old club members during the O.B.A. Weekend. It is unfortunate that numbers in this increasingly popular sport are so restricted by shortage of boats, and we hope

that a kindly Admiralty may remedy this before long: in no other sport are facilities so inadequate to the numbers desiring to take part. Twenty-seven new cox'ns were qualified earlier in the year and these have been learning the joys, as well as the problems, of responsibility. Some of them, in addition to pulling and sailing, have had some experience with power in "Sirius" and "Spray." Once again we have to thank Mr. Showell, Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Woods for their help and interest at all times; the various House Instructors for their coaching of racing crews, and Mr. Fleming and his staff in the galley for their care of the "inner boy" on picnics.

The whaler races for the Effingham Cup showed a gratifying improvement in the style and a levelling up between the crews. All the heats were closely contested, Nelson and Hood defeating St. Vincent and Blake respectively by only two strokes, while Howe and Drake chased home Cornwallis and Anson. The final was rowed at slack water on 14th July in perfect weather. Anson got away to a beautiful start and led throughout to win for the second year in the record time of 6 min. 57 sec., but both Cornwallis and Hood put in some strong challenges to keep the issue in doubt for a long time. Nelson maintained their reputation as a rowing house by finishing a good fourth. It was very pleasant to see Hood so prominent after a number of lean years, and those crews which did not reach the final have the satisfaction of knowing that they were much closer in merit to the winners than the bare results indicate. Anson were worthy winners, a strong crew with excellent rhythm and length, the latter virtue not, perhaps, quite so noticeable as last year. They have done much to set a standard of style in the school. Their crew was: Thompson, Savage, Marshall, Swift, Crick (Stroke), and Fox (Cox).

A.H.R.B.

SWIMMING

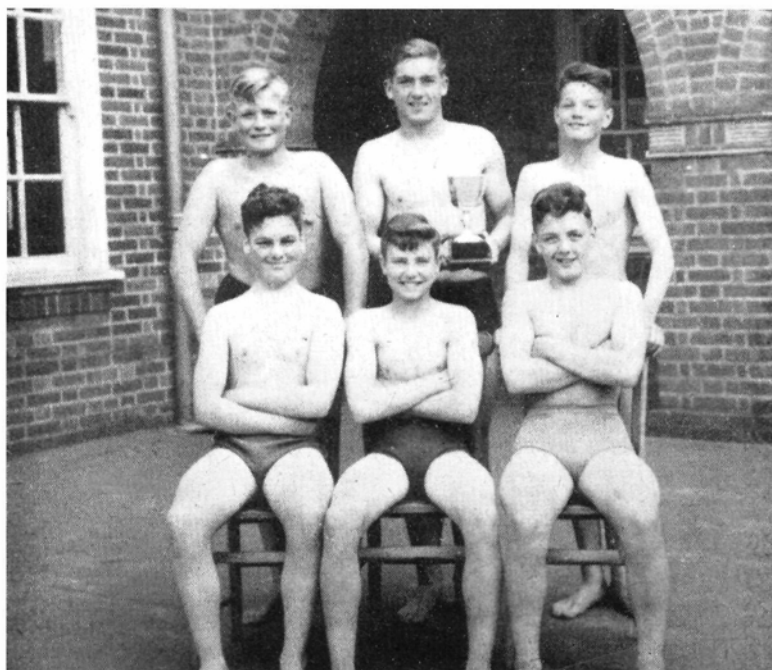
Thanks to an absence of epidemics, the bath has remained open throughout the year, with a noticeable effect on the standard of swimming in the school. Nearly 200 boys have passed the preliminary test, and there are now only 19 non-swimmers in the school.

Winter training for the Stewart Cup also produced an improved level of competitors. 19 boys carrying out serious training for this event, competed for as usual on Empire Day. We were grateful to Mrs. Stewart for once again making the journey to present the cup, and we hope she enjoyed the trapeze display arranged by Mr. Russett after the race. The six competitors all came from two houses, Robson of Hawke was a firm favourite with Redmond of St. Vincent expected to fill second place. So it proved in the race, for, though Redmond had a slight lead after 1 length, the better turns and superior stamina of Robson gradually told, and he won by 7 sec. Fulcher was, perhaps, the surprise of the day in gaining 3rd place.

Placings:

1. **Robson** (Hke.).
2. Redmond (St. V.).
3. Fulcher (St. V.).
4. Norsworthy (Hke.).
5. Doyle (St. V.).
6. Stickells (St. V.).

Time: 2 min. 59 sec., which beat last year's record by 0.7 sec.



Photo—S. Good

STEWART CUP, 1952

D. Redmond (St. V.), D. Robson (Hke.), R. Stickells (St. V.),
C. Norsworthy (Hke.), A. Fulcher (St. V.), T. Doyle (St. V.).

The Aquatic Sports, held on 5th June, produced an even more exciting finish than last year. Three houses had a chance for the shield when the last event came to be decided. St. Vincent's Relay team, in beating Blake for 2nd place behind Hawke, made a tie of it. Blake and St. Vincent, with 51 points each, share the shield for the year. Hawke, who owed almost everything to Robson and

Norsworthy, were 3rd with 50 points and a much improved Hood filled 4th place with 43 points. Results:—

Open.

3 Length Free Style—Robson (Hke.). 1 min. 24.5 sec. (Record).

2 Length Free Style—Robson (Hke.). 52.2 sec.

1 Length Free Style—Robson (Hke.). 22.6 sec.

1 Length Breast Stroke—N. Smith (Ral.). 31.5 sec.

1 Length Back Stroke—Carter (Bl.). 30 sec.

3 Length Medley—Carter (Bl.). 1 min. 56 sec.

Diving—Varns (Ans.).

Relay, 6 x 1 Length—Hawke. 2 min. 46 sec. (Record).

Intermediate.

1 Length Free Style—Mallinson (Hd.). 24.5 sec.

1 Length Breast Stroke—Cottenham (Ral.). 34 sec.

1 Length Back Stroke—Allen (Bl.). 32.8 sec.

Diving—Allen (Bl.).

Relay, 6 x 1 Length—Hood. 2 min. 56 sec.

Junior.

1 Length Free Style—Varns (Ans.). 32 sec.

1 Length Breast Stroke—Morrison (Col.). 37 sec.

1 Length Back Stroke—Isham (Col.). 38 sec.

With the exception of the 3 length medley, all open and Intermediate times were better than last year, but Junior times were disappointing. Varns, however, is to be congratulated on winning the Open Diving as a junior. Allen, who was second to him, was the more consistent and reversed the placings in the Intermediate event. Robson proved himself one of the best swimmers the School has had. He has, rather late, learned the importance of attention to every detail of technique and the sine qua non of peak fitness. If he will remember these maxims he should be heard of in future years.

A.H.R.B.

SHOOTING

In spite of the rival claims of other sports, the fine Summer gave ample opportunities for practice and a general standard higher than for the last three years was achieved. Our thanks are due to Mr. Cooper, whose long hours of coaching and interest has brought this about. It is true to say that three or four teams could represent the school, of nearly the same ability. This levelling up is confirmed by the narrower margin between teams in the House Competition.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS

This was the first time such a match has taken place: the O.B.A. kindly presented a shield for annual competition, thus ensuring that this will be an annual event. The Old Boys put out

a scratch VIII which included some experienced service shots. Weaver was the top scorer, but in a friendly match against our best. Jukes, lost by one point.

		Slow	Rapid	Tiles	Total
R.H.S.	...	163	159	196	518
Old Boys	...	152	160	187	499

Old Boys: Cd. Gunner Weaver, P.O.s Trickey and Fair. Art. Apps. Sherval and West, Messrs. Ampleford, Baker and Oxley.

School: M. Bozier, R. Kemp, D. Smith, A. Hughes, E. Verrion, E. Jukes, P. White and A. Deacon.

SCHOOL v. MASTERS

Our opponents were restricted to the academic staff, Naval instructors being classed as "pros." Rumours of practice scores by our opponents caused some misgivings, but the result was a comfortable win, which may not always be repeated. Wright scored a possible in the slow and Kemp dropped only one point in the rapid.

		Slow	Rapid	Tiles	Total
R.H.S.	...	175	162	196	533
Masters	...	156	132	176	464

Masters: Messrs. Lloyd, Tatton, Foster, Good, Laughton, Brown, Fisher and Peat.

School: M. Bozier, R. Kemp, A. Hughes, E. Verrion, D. Smith, P. White, L. Clarke and I. Wright.

HOUSE COMPETITION

Raleigh, who have so often flattered only to deceive, at last achieved success. Their team: Kemp, Clarke, Symmons, W. Steel, J. Hawkins and Walkington—all shot well, with the first two outstanding. Leading scores:

Raleigh	...	...	212
Howe	...	...	207
St. Vincent	...	...	191
Nelson	...	...	190

The fourth house were within 2 points of last year's winning score.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

All holders of Marksman's Badge competed. Firing point nerves appeared to attack most, with the result that scores were disappointing. R. Kemp won the Silver Medal with a score of 47, M. Bozier, after a tie with M. Verrion, the Bronze Medal with 46.

A.H.R.B.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

All ex-members of the R.H.S. are urged to join the O.B.A., subscription to which is only 1s. per annum to the age of 18 years and 5s. thereafter. The Hon. General Secretary is Mr. R. D. Palmer, 34, Lyndhurst Road, North End, Portsmouth. Members of the Staff of the School are also eligible. Supply of the R.H.S. Magazine may be assured by placing an order through a Branch of the Association. Regular meetings are held by the various Branches and news of general interest promulgated. An Old Boys' Reunion is held in June each year. News from Branches and from individual Old Boys is welcomed for insertion in the Magazine, and should reach the Editor, Major A. H. R. Buckley, O.B.E., R.M., 46, R.H. School, Ipswich, not later than 15th March and 15 August for the Spring and Autumn issues respectively.

ANNUAL REUNION

Held 14th-15th June. I am sorry for those who have not yet availed themselves of the chance of attending these for space forbids me giving a full picture of what they are missing. About 50 of us gathered for lunch this year from all parts of the country. To the cricket match, inaugurated last year, was added a shooting match. Our cricketers, under the captaincy of the Gen. Treasurer, Mr. Hoare, again found the school just a little too strong for them, but put up a good fight to lose by 2 wickets. Mr. Weaver captained the Shooting VIII and, in spite of some good individual scores, they too had to admit defeat to the school, being perhaps a little unlucky to find their opponents in exceptional form, particularly at the Tiles. Individuals also enjoyed themselves on the river and in the swimming bath, while a few who had not previously been to Holbrook did a thorough tour. We were pleased to have the opportunity at the A.G.M. of meeting our new President for the first time officially.

The dinner was a grand affair, and, to those who had attended these functions before the war, quite like old times; we were very glad to have members of the staff and their wives with us. After the loyal toast, our President proposed "The Association," expressing the hope of larger numbers next year. He mentioned honours recently gained by Old Boys, showing the pride the school takes in its past members. In reply the Hon. Gen. Secretary thanked Mr. Babington for his good wishes, and appealed to all to do their bit by increasing the numbers and the activities of the Association—it was up to every individual to contribute something to its welfare. He then asked the President to accept two small trophies: one on behalf of Portsmouth Branch for annual competition between Old Boys and School, and the other from himself for a Darts Match between the O.B.A. and Staff. Chatham Vice-President, Mr. Fillingham, in proposing "Absent Members," said that some were

thousands of miles away on Active Service and others absent through ill-health, including one who was missing for the first time in 26 years—Lt. Cdr. Blood of Portsmouth. Afterwards, we spent a cheerful evening in the Club House, where I'm sorry to say we lost the initial Darts Match 2 legs to 1.

After a good night's rest, thanks once again to Sister Chamberlain and her staff we awoke to steady rain, which made the annual parade impossible. The Commemoration Service was well attended however and the escort for the King's Banner was provided this year by E.R.A. Apprenice E. Sherval, Hon. Sec. of Caledonia, the youngest officer of the O.B.A., and Boy Bugler M. Mead, R.M., the youngest member. We hope it was an honour they will always be proud of. After photos. had been taken in Jellicoe Library, we had our last meal together for another year, during the course of which we expressed our appreciation of the marvellous way Messrs. Silcox and Swift and their band of helpers had looked after us. I would add, as an incentive to others, that at least two who were attending for the first time have booked already for next year; and in conclusion offer my thanks to all who helped to make the Re-Union so enjoyable for us.

R. D. PALMER.

GENERAL

Since the last issue of the magazine, H.M.S. Condor Branch has amalgamated with Caledonia, who now cater for all Scotland; our thanks are due to C.P.O. Rayner and Art. Apprentice A. Cole for all they did for the Association in Scotland.

Will members, who ask me to forward them magazines regularly, please try to be prompt in remitting payment for them, since neither the O.B.A. nor the magazine are in a position to stand loss on them.

Will anyone who knows of a former boy of the School, whether he was at Greenwich or Holbrook, who lost his life in the last war (whether in the Services or on civilian duties) please forward to me name, ship or service with any helpful details, so that a suitable memorial may be inaugurated.

My grateful thanks to all who have helped me during my time as Acting General Secretary, and for the confidence you have expressed by confirming me in office.

R. D. PALMER

CHATHAM

During the last six months membership has not increased as much as we would wish, but our meetings have been held regularly at the "Viscount Hardinge."

We were disappointed that the support required for the O.B.A. Weekend in June did not come up to expectations, so far as Chatham was concerned, but those members who did attend voted the function a great success in spite of some inclement weather. The sermon in chapel on the Sunday was preached by a member of our branch, Rev. E. D. Gale (5/99, 1924-7), and the lesson was read by our Hon. Secretary. Our thanks are extended to the officers and staff of the school for the hospitality which was greatly appreciated by all Old Boys present. We are still looking forward to the day when the Old Boys (the younger members of them, we mean) win the cricket match, but we made a close thing of it this year.

While we regret what we hope are only the temporary difficulties of the London Branch, we are glad to have the opportunity of welcoming Messrs. F. Lawrence, S. Lawrence and G. Curtis on our books. The last named was a member of this branch, when it was first formed. A recent new member is Mr. J. A. Attrill (3/125 and 3/29, 1929-32) of Canterbury, whom we are very pleased to have at our meetings.

We hope that any Old Boys living in the area will join us on 14th September for evening service at All Saints, Gravesend, the church of which Rev. E. D. Gale is the vicar; we trust, too, that we may be joined by some of the London members.

We would like to congratulate Mr. R. D. Palmer on his election as Hon. General Secretary of the Association, and to say how much we appreciate the work he has put in towards the success of the Old Boys' Weekend.

Those who went to Holbrook from Gillingham on Speech Day tell us that it was the best Speech Day trip they have had. Mr. H. Bessant, who attended, gave us an excellent report of the day's proceedings.

G. H. ANCHORS.

PORTSMOUTH

Another six months having elapsed, it is time for us to give some news of this Branch. We continue to go from strength to strength in our membership, and among our new members is an old friend of many who have passed through the school. He is Mr. W. G. Bushnell (known to most of us as "Old Bill Bush"), who was a boy at the school 1894-9, Coy. Officer of No. 7 1924-33, Instructor 1933-9 and Housemaster of Nelson 1939-47. We wish him well in his retirement. Others whom we have welcomed into the Association are those who have recently left the school, and we do hope to impress on them our aims. We want to remind them that they will one day be taking over the reins of the Association, and so we hope that they will retain their interest and membership. So many have joined for a couple of years or so and then fallen away; not because they have no more interest in their old school, but just through forgetfulness.

This has been more or less a close season for social activities in the branch, but we are looking forward to the Dances which will be starting shortly, and hope that they will prove an even greater success than last season. The attendances at our meetings have steadily increased, and the newly instituted "Get Together" evenings have proved very popular. We had hoped that the practice put in on the dartboard would have stood us in good stead for the O.B.A. Weekend match against the School Staff, but they proved too good for us.

One of our members, Mr. "Porky" Mellow (5/39, 1906-11) has asked me to pass on his fraternal greetings to old chums, and would like to hear from any of them. His address is 93, Walcott Avenue, Luton, Beds.

Some of you may have already seen the blazer badges being produced by the Branch. These can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Portsmouth Branch, by any O.B.A. member for £2 7s. 6d. in gold wire or for 14s. if silk woven. For those who do not know the badge, the design is that of the Greenwich Hospital arms, as shown on official notepaper, on the School Tower, etc., with the initials R.H.S.O.B.A. beneath. It is hoped to send a photograph of the badge to all branches.

On the business side we have been pleased to elect Senior Commissioned Gunner C. W. Hall, R.N., to the chair as Vice-President. The offices of Treasurer, Secretary and Social Secretary have been accepted by Mr. R. D. Palmer, Mr. G. M. Cole and Lieut. F. W. Barton, R.N. respectively. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. E. C. Hill, our retiring Vice-President, and Mrs. Hill for their untiring efforts during the last two years; also to the Ladies' Committee, who have paved the way for so many of our social successes.

In closing, we offer our profound thanks to the Staff and Boys of the school for such a splendid time spent by those who attended the Re-Union Weekend. We hope that next year the Services may have their exercises at a different time, and so enable many more from this branch to attend. We would also congratulate the school on their many successes during the past year, as reported to us by the Headmaster on Speech Day.

G. M. COLE.

LONDON

The branch is suffering, at the moment, from the lack of suitable accommodation for a regular meeting place. Lack of membership necessarily contributed largely to this through shortage of funds. A central place for this large area is considered a first essential, and the remedy must be largely in our own hands—increased membership. There must be large numbers of Old Boys in this great area, employed in all walks of life, and a call to join

the branch may be regarded as a challenge to those in civilian life to show that they are no less loyal to their old school than their Naval comrades. So come on you who pride yourselves on being true Cockneys and get together in a determination to revive the prosperity of what should be a proud branch, and one which has the advantage over other branches of its comparative nearness and accessibility to the school. Application for membership should be made to Mr. A. E. D. Leatherby, 26, Melrose Avenue, Wood Green, London, N.22, who, as many readers will know, was until recently General Secretary of the Association.

A.H.R.B.

PLYMOUTH

We regret having to report that our present membership is low and, although we have had 10 meetings, attendance has only averaged about 7. Officers for the year 1952-3 are: Vice-President, Mr. G. Norsworthy; Hon. Sec., Mr. R. Hodge; and Hon. Treas., Mr. R. Parker. We were sorry to hear of the death of one of our oldest members, Mr. J. Hutchinson (3/1, 1874-9), who was a member of the branch for 20 years. Lt. Cdr. H. E. Hurst, a staunch and active member for over 25 years, represented us at the funeral. We were extremely sorry to lose the services here of Lt. Cdr. A. J. Clegg, who has moved to Hull, but we hope he will soon be with us again. We were sorry not to have been able to send any representatives to the O.B.A. Weekend, but sent good wishes through the General Secretary.

Readers will be interested to know that the new Deputy Lord Mayor of this City is an Old Boy, Alderman G. Wingett, to whom we offer our congratulations. Four Plymouth Old Boy brothers recently met here when H.M.S. Gambia returned from foreign service. Supply Asst. G. Campbell, in the cruiser, was met by E. R. A. J. Campbell, now in H.M.S. Sparrow at Devonport, and Ldg. Supply Asst. Raymond and Naval Airman Norman, both of whom were on leave at the time.

In conclusion we would like to wish all success to the magazine, and appeal to all West Country Old Boys to join the Association and so maintain touch with their old friends and with the school.

R. C. HODGE.

CALEDONIA

In the corresponding issue of the magazine last year it fell to us to express our thanks to the organisers of the O.B.A. Weekend. I can only repeat what has already been set down: "Thank you, one and all, for a really grand weekend." Unfortunately fewer of us were

able to make the journey this year, largely due to the expense of the rail fare from Edinburgh! However, next year we hope to do better.

The attendance at monthly meetings during the summer has fallen somewhat, but this was anticipated since the business concerned mainly those members expected to visit the school. We had one or two amusing experiences on the way down to Ipswich, culminating in a rather boisterous taxi ride to the school. We left "Gillie" Potter on Waverley Station, Edinburgh, because the last dance at the Edinburgh Palais apparently took longer than was expected. Better luck next time, Gillie! Our contingent were not entirely without casualties: the Hon. Secretary had a boil on his neck, and by the time Nurse Thompson had dealt with him he looked like a mummified Pharaoh (this being penned at considerable personal risk!). We took advantage of everything the school had to offer—cricket, boating, shooting, swimming and Tolly's Brown Ale. Three of us spent a hectic hour, round about midnight, chasing rare moths all over the Sick Bay for the benefit of a young entymologist with a broken arm. We had a cup of tea for our pains anyway. In short, a jolly good time was had by all throughout the weekend. We deemed it an honour, to the activity and growing importance of our branch, that our Hon. Secretary was chosen—along with the youngest member present—to provide the escort to the King's Banner.

Of individual members, we would like firstly to congratulate Eric Bacon most heartily on his very early promotion to P.O. Apprentice. Also to Vic Balhatchet, Dave Budd, Charlie Hunter, Johnny Sherval and Keith Docking on their advancement to Leading Apprentices. Johnny Taylor has been disappearing into the hills at weekends as a member of the Mountaineering Club. Keith Docking has built himself a sailing dinghy, and named it Dink, but as yet no one has accepted his offer of a trip in her. John Sherval is Assistant Scout Master to a Scout Troop in Rosyth, and still keeps his hand in with the crotchets and quavers.

Finally, may we remind all ex-members of the school who live north of the Tweed that Service or civilian—a hearty welcome awaits them in this Branch of the O.B. Association.

E. J. SHERVAL.

We regret to report the death of Commander (S) William H. Samways, M.V.O., O.B.E., for some 17 years Chief Clerk to the Master of the Household at Buckingham Palace. He entered the school in 1892.

Congratulations to Sergt. R. J. G. Anderson, R.M. on two Royal Tournament records. He won Sabre, Foil and Epée Championships, a feat never before accomplished in the same year, and

became Champion-at-Arms for the fourth successive year. He represented the United Kingdom at the Olympic Games at Helsinki.

Cadet J. T. Green gained the senior Mathematics and Engineering Prizes at R.N. College, Dartmouth, and was awarded his Cricket colours.

Art. Apprentice B. H. W. Belsham was awarded the Ordnance Prize at H.M.S. Fisgard.

A distinguished visitor to the school at O.B.A. Weekend was Captain W. J. Pimm, and we look forward to him giving us a talk on his adventures in the old-time Merchant Navy.

D. G. Sheppard is a Sergeant in the Army Educational Corps during his National Service.

R. G. Bustin is now E.R.A. 5th class and is serving in H.M.S. Protector, netlayer based on Devonport.

D. E. Beeny is apprenticed to motorcycle speedway engineers at Wembley.

P. D. Snow is serving in H.M.S. Chevron in the Mediterranean Fleet.

D. Clifford is in a printing office in London.

W. Jamfrey is a Radio Officer on board S.S. Arawa.

Petty Officers G. Buck and H. Sharp were running in R.N. colours during the summer, and we were proud to cheer the former to victory in the open invitation 100 yards at Ipswich Police Sports. Both are serving as P.T.I.s at Portsmouth.

Congratulations to J. E. Giblett on receiving the B.E.M. from the hands of H.M. the Queen. He was one of the gun carriage crew which had the honour of drawing the late King's body on the last journey through London.

A. J. Booth is a Gunnery Instructor in H.M.S. Battleaxe.

D. E. Porter is a draughtsman with Airspeed Ltd.

D. E. Walsh is with Crossleys Ltd., Manchester.

A. H. Ashby is a Ldg. Seaman in H.M.S. Ceylon and in Radar Control. He has been in action off Korea, and during a recent leave visited Tokio. He comments on the low moral standards, the poor buildings and disgraceful roads of Japan.

D. Scarlett is serving in H.M.S. Cochrane.

Petty Officer J. Saunders is now at Victoria Barracks, Portsmouth.

W. J. Gladwish has been advanced to Acting Petty Officer in H.M.S. Whitesand Bay.

G. E. Grimstead has completed courses and is now in H.M.S. Collingwood awaiting draft.

K. Dunstan and L. Smith, who are in Devonport Dockyard, cycled the 300 miles to be present on Speech Day.

B. A. Ward, J. Newcombe and D. Wilson are in H.M.S. Indomitable. We were very pleased to see them at the school in May.

D. P. Hall has obtained an appointment on the Great Northern Railway (Ireland).

By the kindness of Vice-Admiral Sir Philip Enright, Artificer Apprentices Lewis, Davies, Marshall, Pettitt, Adcock and Elsdon of H.M.S. Fisgard and Ldg. Seaman Caine were able to attend Speech Day, having taken passage in H.M.S. Cadiz.

M. Graham and F. Rew are in H.M.S. Collingwood.

Sub. Lieutenant N. Barkaway is at R.N. College, Greenwich.

J. Norsworthy, F. Cox and J. Brewer competed in the R.N. Swimming Championships at Shotley in July.

Lt. Cdr. A. J. Clegg, D.S.C., is in H.M.S. Egglinton.

J. Akehurst is First Lieutenant of Slough Sea Cadet Corps.