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## FOREWORD.

Among the many casualties which war has inflicted upon the school has been the Wycombiensian. The last edition was published in May, 1942, and even that had taken over a year to come out. There were many reasons why it was extremely difficult to keep up the regular termly publication of the Wycombiensian, not the least being staff difficulties ; happily the Old Boys Club has filled the gap most effectively by publishing three editions of the Old Wycombiensians Roll of Service ; that has at any rate enabled parents and old boys to keep in touch with what Old Boys have been doing in the various Services but it has not allowed the Old Boys to know what has been happening in the School. This is something very much to be regretted.

The Roll of Service which is sent to all Old Boys will be published until the end of hostilities in Europe, and since it contains all available news of Old Boys, such news is not included in this edition of the Wycombiensian which is sent only to actual members of the Club.

Every effort will be made to recommence the termly publication of the Wycombiensian. In the meanwhile, this edition is a special effort to bridge the gap not only between 1942 and 1945, but also between old editor and new editor, so that readers must expect it to take a somewhat more general form than usual, but at the same time to cover the whole field of the school's progress fairly comprehensively. I hope Old Boys and parents will accept this partly as apology and partly as amendment.

## EDITORIAL.

Since the last issue of the Wycombiensian, two outstanding events call for special note. Firstly, after three years sojourn here during which their numbers remained fairly steady around the 200 mark, the Chiswick County School for Boys which had found its way here in the general evacuation of London in September, 1939, decided to return to London and join up again with the other half of the school which had for over a year been actively working in their own home district. So in July, 1942, we bade farewell to the Headmaster, Mr. Carran, his staff and boys and wished them a happy and uneventful return home. When they departed they left us a most pleasing token of thanks and goodwill in the form of a substantial cheque which is to be spent after the war in the purchase of a clock, suitably inscribed, for the school hall. We shall long remember with pleasure the association with this London School. We still have a legacy from them in some 29 boys whose parents had moved to this area and who elected to stay here and become members of our own school ; some of them already occupy important positions in our Societies and teams.

The other event was a domestic one which should, however, have considerable repercussions not only on the public mind but also on the future development of the school. In February, 1943, the Headmaster was informed that he had been elected a member of the Headmasters' Conference and the school thus officially recognised as one of the Public Schools of England. The school also appears now in the Public Schools' Year Book. Election to the Headmasters' Conference depends upon the fulfilment of certain conditions :-the school shall be controlled in the public interest by a Governing Body created by some statute, scheme, or other trust deed ; in considering what schools shall be included in the List of Members or removed from it, the Committee of the Conference will have regard to the scheme or other instrument under which the school is administered (taking particularly into consideration the measure of independence enjoyed by the Governing Body and the Headmaster) ; the numbers in the school and, in the case of schools in Great Britain and Ireland, the number of resident undergraduates of Oxford and Cambridge or other British Universities educated at the school. The Committee may also take into account the proportion of boys in the school who, having passed the School Certificate or other equivalent Examination, are continuing their studies beyond that stage, and the quality and

variety of that work. The number of members of the Conference is limited to 200.

The number of schools newly elected to the Conference in this way during the last five years is extremely small and there is no doubt that the size of the Sixth Form, the Boarding House, the J.T.C. and the academic successes attained at Oxford and Cambridge during the last seven years, have been of considerable weight in securing the election of the Headmaster to that Body. The Governors and the County Authority expressed great gratification at the time of this recognition of the School's place in the educational system of the country and great numbers of Old Boys will feel equal satisfaction.

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While the war has undoubtedly restricted certain activities of the school it has certainly had no adverse effect on the numbers. It had been imagined by the Governors when the new buildings were completed in 1938 that the ultimate and final total of the school would be somewhere around 480, allowing for a three-form entry and a Sixth Form of 40 - 50. From 450 boys, however in 1939, the numbers have steadily grown each year until in September, 1943, the 700 mark was passed; the next September as a result of the implementing of the new Board of Education Circular, 1654, the total number reached 770. This huge increase in numbers has of course meant that there is very great overcrowding in the school buildings; small classes have had to be taken in the Boarding House and the Boarders' Hut, the laboratories have all had to be used as formrooms, and the library has been demoted from its rather exclusive function into a Sixth Formroom in which the prefects have had to share. The Governors and the County Authority have been well aware of the difficulties entailed and have already been making plans for the quick solution of the most urgent of the problems. At the same time they have taken in hand and made up their minds on a long term policy which should eventually raise the buildings and general amenities of the Royal Grammar School to a standard which should compare very favourably with anything in the country. The Boarding House has also continued to grow side by side with the school. The 30 who "lived in" in 1939 have now grown to 75 and are beginning to count seriously in the school, both for their games and also for their school work. The time has gone when there was much play but little work.

The changes in the staff have, of course, been enormous. This issue of the Magazine includes a list of the staff as it was in 1939 and also as it was in Sept., 1944. It will be seen that while a great number of the young masters have gone off to active service, the increasing numbers have also called for further increases in the staff so that now of the 34 teaching members only 8 were with us before the war, while 14 are ladies. This, together with the greatly increased claims of the J.T.C. and the new A.T.C., has meant that less time and less coaching have been devoted of necessity to school cricket and football teams. It has also meant that a very heavy burden in the way of the more masculine responsibility has fallen upon the younger men who are still with us. At the same time we must pay tribute not only to the older brigade but also to the very keen and willing men and women who have come to us since the war to help us out of our difficulties. The Sixth Form work in particular has grown into something really enormous and quite a great measure of it has been undertaken very successfully by some of the new ladies.

We cannot pass over a review of the staff without mention first of all of the death in action of Captain J. E. Aitchison, our P.T. master who was killed in the Anzio Beachhead early last year. He was deeply admired and greatly liked by boys, old boys, and colleagues who found in his magnificent physique, cheery friendliness and enormous enthusiasm, many of the qualities of the ideal schoolmaster. Our deepest sympathies go out to his grandmother and his fiancée.

We should like, too, to extend our sympathies to the Second Master, Mr. H. G. Brand, who suffered a most grievous loss during the Easter holiday, 1944, in the death of his wife. Mrs. Brand had throughout the whole of Mr. Brand's thirty years connection with the school taken the closest interest and deepest pride in all the school's activities. She always helped at plays, concerts and both during the Great War and recently had undertaken charge of numbers of boarders who slept in their house. Her passing after a very brief illness robs the school of a very loyal and devoted friend.

Finally we must offer our sincere congratulations to Mr. W. N. Bicknell on his appointment to the Headmastership of Tadcaster Grammar School. Mr. Bicknell had been in charge of the English Department for nearly ten years and had seen recently a considerable number of outstanding academic successes in his own subject



He had run the Tuck Shop, edited the magazine, coached the football XV and helped energetically with the cricket as well as in his early days being resident master in the Boarding House. His supreme responsibility, however, during the war years, had been the charge of the school squadron, No. 708, of the Air Training Corps, which under him attained to such numbers and such all round success that it is actually the largest in the whole country. Mr. Bicknell will take with him to his new post the best wishes of Governors and all connected with the school. In his place we have to welcome as Senior English Master, Mr. A. G. Standing, M.A. (Cantab.), who has come to us from Stretford Grammar School, where he was in charge of the English department.

We also have to record regretfully the departure after nine years excellent work here in the English department of Mr. S. E. Aldridge, who is going to be Senior English Master at Wolstanton Grammar School, Newcastle-under-Lyme. His services will also be much missed in the J.T.C. in which he had held a commission for four years.

Mention has already been made of the school games. These have proceeded during the last four or five years under difficulties as so little time and attention could be paid to them as compared with the Pre-Service training which was so essential to the nation's needs. The bare records, however, of the first teams in both Rugby and Cricket show that apart from a rare defeat here and there we carry with a school of 700 rather too many guns for the smaller schools. Probably the standard in both games can be raised very much higher but this can only come with increased time and training and with probably some harder fixtures in addition to those we already have. The first post-war years should see very interesting developments in the school games.

The activities of the Junior Training Corps and the Air Training Corps are recorded separately later in this issue. I think it should be stated, however, that the school's attitude towards these departments of Pre-Service training is bound to be that on the Secondary Schools of the country the nation depends for its supply of responsible officers and air crews and that the schools must devote a very great part of their time and energy towards equipping the elder boys with such knowledge and training as will enable them to be picked out easily and quickly as potential leaders and officers. As a result of this belief we have devoted much time to the Pre-Service training since the war began ; practically the whole of Tues-

day, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons have been devoted to A.T.C. or J.T.C. parades as well as two evenings a week for the Old Boys Flights of the A.T.C. The results have certainly shown that the effort has been worth while. It is very rare to hear of any boy who has been in the J.T.C. failing to be recommended for a commission or to go to an O.C.T.U. within a year of his joining; while the actual figures that the A.T.C. records show, namely that in three years over 200 members of air crew have gone from this school squadron into the R.A.F., reveal clearly how this institution has enabled the country to get through what seemed once a most perilous bottleneck.

Another national need has been most conscientiously and willingly met each year by the Harvest Camps that have gone out from the school during the summer holiday, and by the enormous parties of farm helpers which have been sent out daily as well. Each year camps varying in number from one to four have spent a month or more in various parts of this or other Counties, while fruit farmers in Chesham and market gardeners in Marlow have been most grateful for lorry loads of boys who have gone daily to do work that might otherwise not have been done at all.

At the same time we have managed to carry on many of our out of school activities. As records will show the school play has drawn its usual huge audiences each year and produced its excellent contribution towards the Youens V.C. Fund which helps to provide scholarships for our boys proceeding to Universities. During the Spring, 1944, the three performances of Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln" raised no less than £168, while other years have contributed comparable amounts. The School Concert, too, under Mr. Bailey's enthusiastic leadership, has kept the musical life of the school going and also made its financial contribution to school funds. The broadcast of the School Choir in January, 1944, brought showers of congratulations to Mr. Bailey and to the School. The various War Savings Campaigns have extracted most creditable sums from parents and boys, while the regular weekly savings have steadily gone on.

Finally a survey of school activities must include at least one remark about examinations and examination results. By 1939 the general standard of work had improved so satisfactorily that it was most rare for anyone to fail School Certificate, while the Higher Certificate work, in spite of the comparative small numbers of the entrants, was often very distinguished. As might have

been expected, the shortened hours and the frequent changes of staff, combined with the restlessness of the boys and the fact that few of them were able to look beyond their war service to the kind of career they wanted to follow after the war, resulted in a steady falling off in examination results. However, the numbers of Certificates obtained in School Certificate and Scholarship awards of various kinds secured by Sixth Form boys, still make it clear that the school can provide satisfactory opportunities in any subject to any boy who really wishes to take full advantage of the amenities of the School. We shall look forward confidently to another resurgence of academic ambition in the post-war years without feeling that the distortion of our efforts into somewhat unusual channels has been anything unnatural or in any way contrary to the claims of the time.

These years will leave gaps in the ranks of our Old Boys which fill us with the deepest sadness whenever we contemplate them. It is impossible to pick up a Grey Book without seeing in almost every form the name of someone or other who has given his life either in the Air Force, or in land fighting, or on the sea, in this second world struggle. One of our earnest desires is that a complete list of names of all who have given their lives in action during this war shall be most carefully collected and that in some way they shall be associated with the great changes, improvements and additions to this school and to the opportunities it should offer to this district which we are confident the Governors and the Local Authority intend shall come about when this struggle is over. It would be inopportune to outline in any detail the plans that the Governors have in mind for this school in connection with the new Education Bill and the various Government reports, but it is not inappropriate that all those who honour the past and value the future should have their ideas formed and their resolutions firmly fixed.



## SCHOOL NOTES.

### Governors.

The School would wish to convey their congratulations to the Chairman of Governors, Alderman W. H. Healey, on his splendid recovery from serious illness. It was in August, 1943, that the Chairman first went into hospital and for some seven months was sufficiently ill to be prevented from taking part in any public

business. We all feel deep satisfaction in seeing him back again with us resuming the intensely keen interest he has always taken both in the many activities of this school and in plans for its development.

We must as a school express to Colonel L. L. C. Reynolds our deep sense of sorrow at the sudden death of Mrs. Reynolds during the Spring of 1944. Mrs. Reynolds took an enormous part in the life of the town and commanded the deepest respect and affection everywhere. She will be deeply missed also in the School Boarding House where any emergency found her unfailingly on the spot to see if she too could give some most welcome help. The school was represented at Mrs. Reynolds' funeral by the Headmaster and Mr. Brand.

We should like to welcome to the Governing Body two new members in the person of Mr. A. Woodley, J.P., of Amersham and Mr. J. F. Watkins of Ibstone. Both these gentlemen are representatives of the Bucks County Education Committee on the Governing Body and both contribute, in addition to keen interest, special knowledge which is likely to be extremely useful to the Governors in the years of development that we hope are approaching.

We must express our pleasure to Mr. G. H. Brocklehurst and Mr. F. H. Glenister on their splendid recovery from their serious illnesses. They have both been missed at meetings of the Governing Body and we are glad that they are now restored to full health and strength.

Old Boys will be interested to hear that one of our "oldest" Governors, Squadron Leader R. P. Clarke, after serving for four years in the R.A.F. taking part in operations on "D" Day and being torpedoed shortly afterwards, has now been given long leave from the R.A.F. and is resuming his many activities in the town.

It happens almost invariably that the distinction of being Mayor of the ancient Borough of High Wycombe is held by a member of the Governing Body of the Royal Grammar School. The years 1943-45 will be no exception to the rule and see yet another Governor in the person of Councillor J. R. Avery holding this distinguished position in the town. We offer him our sincere congratulations.

## Staff.

Elsewhere in this copy of the Magazine we have recorded the staff changes that have taken place during the war years. Among many comings and goings there have been happily quite a number of the old staff who have been able to remain with us. Not all have found the going very easy. In 1941 Mr. Grant had to have a period of absence in order to get over the serious after effects of a bad attack of influenza which he was not able to treat as respectfully as he might, while later Mr. McQueen had a throat operation which necessitated a short period of absence. We are happy to say that these two faithful members of the staff are fully restored to their old vigour.

We offer our congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. C. E. C. Eastman on the birth of a daughter on 30th October, 1944. Captain Eastman, whose departure in 1941 was so much missed in the J.T.C., is we believe still in England.

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The relaxation of the fire-watching regulations and of A.R.P. duties in this area has brought considerable relief to the staff as a whole. Most of them were members of one or other of the defence services, and all the staff, ladies as well as men, shared in the fire-watch of the school building. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Jones in addition held responsible posts in the Bucks Battalion of the Home Guard. The time is approaching when they too will, perhaps with mixed feelings, go into retirement.

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The frequent coming and going of additional members of the staff has compelled us on occasions to be very glad to avail ourselves for short periods of the help of old boys who have either been on holiday from University Courses or perhaps enjoying a period of leave between a Six Months' Course and their posting. Among those who have helped us in this way are two old boys whose names we are sad to say will appear on the school Roll of Honour at the end of the war. E. J. Lovell, after obtaining a classical scholarship at Jesus College, Cambridge, taught here for a few months before being called up to the R.A.F. He had done practically a complete tour of duty with Bomber Command as a Flight Sergeant Pilot and had just been recommended for a commission when he was announced as missing after one of the mass raids on Berlin. No further news was received of him until the Red Cross reports resulted in his being announced as "missing, believed killed." R. A. Lear, after obtaining a County Major Scholarship, went to Jesus College, Oxford, and

having served in the S.T.C. for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years eventually went just before completing his course to an O.C.T.U. before being commissioned. He helped the staff on two occasions during his Oxford vacations and his death in action in Normandy was a further blow to us all.

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W. Clark, Esq. (now Capt. R.A.).  
N. Polmear, Esq. (now Assistant Secretary for Higher Education, Bucks County Education Authority).  
C. E. C. Eastman, Esq. (now Capt., Intelligence Corps).  
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T. E. Hood, Esq. (now Capt., R.A.S.C.).  
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**Staff—September, 1944.**

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E. R. Tucker, Esq., M.A., Headmaster	1933
H. G. Brand, Esq., M.A.	1911
P. L. Jones, Esq., B.A.	1916
G. A. Grant, Esq.	1918
J. A. McQueen, Esq.	1919
A. Marti, Esq., L. es L.	1920
E. C. Millington, Esq., M.Sc., Ph.D.	1928
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T. H. Price, Esq., B.Sc.	1935
C. Black, Esq., M.A.	1940
E. J. Somerset, Esq., M.A.	1940
Miss M. D. Ross, B.Sc.	1940
S. A. Savage, Esq.	1940
H. W. Johnson, Esq.	1940
Mrs. J. Redington, M.A.	1941
Rev. G. W. McAvan, A.K.C.	1941
Miss A. M. Baker, B.A., Ph.D.	1941
Mrs. G. Kernick, N.F.U.	1941
S. O. Speakman, Esq., M.A., B.Litt.	1942
Miss N. H. Turner, B.Sc., A.K.C.	1942
H. B. Rees, Esq., B.A.	1943
A. S. Hett, Esq., M.A.	1943
Rev. L. W. Cowie, B.A.	1943
Mrs. A. L. Jordan, B.A.	1943
Miss E. M. L. Brown, B.Sc.	1943
Miss Z. C. U. Boddy	1943
Miss G. G. B. Pollard, B.A.	1943
P. A. Seymour, Esq., M.A.	1944
J. A. Tucker, Esq.	1944
Mrs. C. Wears-Taylor, B.A.	1944
A. G. Standing, Esq., M.A.	1944
Mrs. P. Goulborn, B.A.	1944
Miss D. Jenner, B.A.	1944
Miss J. Shepherd, B.A.	1944
Rev. E. W. Shaw, B.A., B.D.	1944
Mrs. M. Savage, B.A.	1944
G. F. Bailey, Esq., L.R.A.M.	1935

## SPEECH DAY.

The Annual Speech was held on Wednesday, June 10th, 1942, The ceremony was of a more private nature than usual as no parents could be invited under war conditions, the Governors of the School only being present. After inspecting the Junior Training Corps, commanded by Capt. H. G. Brand, and the Air Training Corps, commanded by F/Lt. W. N. Bicknell, General Ira C. Eaker, of the U.S.A.A.F., supported by the Chairman of Governors and the Headmaster, proceeded to the School Hall.

In his welcome to General Eaker, the Chairman of the Governors commented on the homely nature of the scene, with the boys forming the main audience in the Hall instead of the parents as in times past. He spoke of the ancient foundation and fine traditions of the School, but he emphasised that he could look equally confidently to the future. He outlined the Governors' hopes for education after the war ; he paid tribute to the work of the Headmaster, Mrs. Tucker and the Staff. The Headmaster then read his report :—  
MR. CHAIRMAN, GENERAL EAKER,

It is eighteen months and more since we last had a Speech Day and an official report from me, and I feel that it is time for you to have a further report on the work of the school during the past year and also a brief statement of the arrangements we shall have to make for the coming year. General Eaker has inspected our two contingents of the J.T.C. and the A.T.C. and has already gained some idea of the kind of activities that have absorbed much of our time, but I would like first to summarise briefly the results of the academic work.

First of all the ordinary school examinations ; the School Certificate last summer showed definite signs of war strain ; the candidates had been for two years preparing for this examination with their teaching time very much cut down and their teachers being repeatedly taken from them by the claims of the Services. Forms have been far too large ; our buildings have been crowded, and consequently the results were definitely poorer than they had been for many years. It is not on the whole, however, discreditable to be able to report that more boys obtained the Certificate than had ever done so before, though quite an appreciable number failed, and that 28 boys obtained Matriculation Exemption. When one remembers that the School Certificate is the examination that is taken by every boy in the school before he leaves, it is clear that we are not as well able to drive on the reluctant as we were in peacetime,



but that the enthsuaistic are still quite as able as they ever were to get all the necessary instruction from the staff.

In contrast to the rather depressing figures for School Certificate, the Higher Certificate was probably as encouraging as any result we have ever had. Out of 10 candidates there was one outstanding, even brilliant success ; D. W. H. Crutchfield at 16 was awarded a State Scholarship for Classics with marks very little short of phenomenal. Of the other 9 candidates, 8 passed ; 5 beside Crutchfield were in the first 11 in the County, and one only failed. I think it is fair to say that he did not really try. On this Higher Certificate, 4 County Major Awards were granted, one to Crutchfield to accompany his State Scholarship, one to A. D. Moore for Science, and one each to E. J. Miller and B. W. Smith, both for Classics. D. R. Witney has also been awarded one. D. R. B. Saw and D. J. Wickens also did very well in Higher Certificate and were in the running for Scholarships. On the same examination Saw and M. H. Yeomans were awarded State Bursaries in Science and are both of them now at Cambridge Colleges.

The year also saw the most encouraging crop of Open Awards at the Ancient Universities. First of all in May, 1941, A. D. Moore was awarded a Tancred Studentship in Physics at Caius College, Cambridge. This is the only award of its kind offered at Cambridge annually to boys intending to take Medicine and, carrying with it as it does £100 a year for seven years, it is probably one of the biggest prizes that the Universities have to offer. The school has provided an advanced course in Science with Biology only since 1938, so that it was very fine indeed of Moore to have secured this prize so early in this department's history. Then in December, within two days we had news of 3 Open Awards—D. W. H. Crutchfield was awarded £100 Open Scholarship in Classics at Balliol College, Oxford, E. J. Miller, £40 Open Exhibition in Classics at Jesus College, Cambridge, and D. R. Witney, £40 Open Exhibition in English at Jesus College, Cambridge. When I heard of Crutchfield's success my mind went back to my first Speech Day here some eight years ago, when I reported to the Governors that we had commenced the study of Greek in the school, and that we hoped eventually to secure Open Classical Scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge from this school. My most sanguine moments never imagined that a boy from this school would ever win this blue riband of Classical Scholarship, the Open £100 at Baolliol, so that I think Crutchfield's performance is the complete vindication of the hopes and ambitions that I expressed then. We have heard only this week that, in addition to his County

Major Scholarship and Open Classial Exhibition at Jesus College, Cambridge, E. J. Miller has now been awarded a Kitchener Scholarship.

Our out of school activities have had to change their direction somewhat. Cricket and football are now more or less incidental, athletic sports, boxing and swimming have fallen out. The School Play and the School Concert have by grim determination maintained their place, but generally speaking all our spare hours are taken up with J.T.C. and A.T.C. activities. The Officers' Training Corps after losing most of its Officers at the outbreak of war suffered what was almost a final blow in September last when the Officer Commanding, who had seen the Corps grow from 60 to nearly 300 in the course of two years, succeeded in getting himself taken by the Army for active service and so he left us. However, other masters came forward and were commissioned and the work has been carried on. Some 50 Certificate A's were obtained during the last year, in the first examination some 100% passes being obtained. Countless old boys after obtaining Certificate A in school have, on joining up, been almost immediately picked out and recommended for commissions by their Commanding Officers.

The Air Training Corps is new to us and to the Country since our last Speech Day. It is not too much I think to say that the formation of this body is one of the outstanding successes of the War. Not only large numbers of boys have been trained in school and during school hours so that they are accepted immediately and earmarked as Crews as soon as they reach the requisite age limit, but also very considerable numbers of old boys are being incorporated and held together by this intensive training until the time when they, too, can join the R.A.F. I have been most impressed not only with the standard of work done in the Air Training Corps, but by the excellent spirit and devotion shown both by members of staff and by old boys who have given up many precious evenings every week to this vital form of national service. We want to express gratitude to certain civilian instructors who have assisted the commissioned Officers with this work, Mr. Rendell and Mr. Savage. I am sure their labours will have their reward.

When the scheme was first mooted by the Air Ministry there was a suggestion that we might amalgamate with the town unit to make one joint Squadron. I was all along quite averse to this idea as I felt that we should do far better work if we kept together boys who had all attained a certain definite standard of academic attain-

ment in the vital subjects of Mathematics, Physics and English, and so under the command of Mr. Bicknell, who holds the rank of Flight Lieutenant and with the assistance of Mr. Morgan, who has also given us much valuable help with the O.T.C., Mr. Millington, Mr. Price and Mr. Johnson, who are Flying Officers, a work that is really enormous, both in the numbers of people involved and in the amount of work that has been got through, is being carried on in close union with the school since February, 1941. The figures are most impressive—of the present boys there are 175 in the Corps, while 67 more are recruits below the age limit. There are at present 101 old boys who are members and who attend regularly three nights every week. In this short period 70 boys and old boys have obtained Proficiency Certificates, 62 of them as members of Crews and since the inception of the scheme 51 old boys have joined the R.A.F.—49 to become members of crews, 2 to ground staff, 2 to Navy, 1 to Fleet Air Arm. Of the numbers who have attested but have not yet joined the R.A.F., 38 have attested as Crew, 1 ground staff, 2 Navy and 2 Fleet Air Arm. These figures are most significant and tell their own tale of the contribution that schools of this kind are making to the vital part of our war effort. The quality of the work done, too, in school squadrons at any rate is equally impressive and has been commented on times without number with deep gratitude from high officials in the Air Ministry and of the Air Force.

During the summer months much help has been given both to local farmers by daily visits from parties of boys and also to less thickly populated country districts by a camp of boys which for five weeks under the supervision of several masters remained at work beyond Aylesbury. The work that this school did in the first year of the scheme and the suggestions we were able to make as a result of experience gained have been largely responsible for the very much improved scheme for schoolboy farming this year which has been put forward by the Ministry of Agriculture. This year not only are we providing a fixed camp in the north of the county of some 30 boys—this will be presided over by the Rev. G. W. McAvan who, man and boy, has camped with school parties for the last ten years—but with the aid of the staff we are arranging for some 140 of our senior boys to go out daily to farms who are communicating their needs to the Bucks War Agricultural Executive Committee.

I must say a word about the staff. It seems at long last that the Government has decided that they have reached the danger point and that no more of our masters will be taken from us for active service. Actually 13 masters have gone from this school to the Army, the Air Force or the Navy. Of the others remaining, ten have

commissions in the Army or R.A.F. and are reserved for service with the school contingents. The places of those who went have been extremely hard to fill, but we have been extremely fortunate both in the older men who have come along and also to the ladies whose help we have enlisted. Miss Hemming, who came to us two years ago to take charge of the Physical Training, is now joined in the Ladies' Staffroom by five other mistresses to whose devotion, deep interest, common sense and cheerful good humour, I want to pay most grateful tribute. Since our last Speech Day we have been joined by Mrs. Redington, Dr. Baker, Mrs. Kernick, whose excellent and devoted work with the Preparatory Form is bearing good fruit, and Mrs. Seal, who contributes energy and confidence to modern language teaching. On the men's side we have had invaluable help with Classics from Mr. Seymour, my old tutor, and the Rev. W. Richardson, who is at the same time Tutor and Vice-Principal at Ripon Hall, Oxford. In English and French from Mr. Savage, who has brought experience and most cheerful hard work to us at the expense of another school in the county; in Classics from Mr. Somerset and Modern Languages from Mr. Dagnall; we have also been very glad to see back with us two youthful Old Boys, in Mr. Johnson and Mr. McAvan.

The numbers of staff are bound to increase very considerably during the next term. For the last twelve months we have been struggling along with a number of staff quite inadequate to the number of boys in the school. Last September, for instance, we commenced the year with 608 boys in the school as against 450 just before war began. Our staff has never numbered more than 22. Next year, however, after three years' sojourn here of the Chiswick County School for Boys, we expect, through having to incorporate some of their numbers in our school, to reach a total which is not far short of 700. The Governors have faced this problem with sympathy and have authorised me to form four new forms and engage six fresh members of staff to deal with these extra numbers, so that next year we shall have four parallel forms going all the way up the school and a Sixth Form little short of 100 in which the two years are kept entirely separate.

The Boarding House too, has been for the last year full to overflowing. Originally intended to house some 35 boys, we have had to squeeze in some 56 and unless we are able to get possession of a large additional house by September, we cannot possibly contemplate taking a larger number than that ever, though fresh applications for places are continually coming in.

No report in wartime can be complete without some mention of that ever-growing list of Old Boys who have gone off to serve in one or other of the armed forces and will not come back. On our last Speech Day the number was, I think, 16 ; now it has grown to 30. During the last month we have heard of the loss in action of Sgt. Observer Raymond Vernon, whose father has long been a close friend of the school and of the Governors and who was actually architect for this hall, and also of the death in a Prisoner-of-War Camp of C. H. Hearn, who was here in 1935. Two months ago we heard of the loss on the " Barham " of Sub-Lt. W. J. Jennings, who the month before he died was at the age of 18 awarded the D.S.C. for gallantry and devoted service when he had to take charge of his ship in action after his Commanding Officer had been killed in the Battle of Crete. During the year the decorations of Oakeshott and East have been added to by a D.F.C. to Fabel and British Empire Medal to Wood. Of the 30 old boys who have gone, 17 are members of Air Crews—further eloquent testimony of the part our old boys are playing.

It is not inappropriate to have a final word about the future. We do not know what changes in educational administration will take place after the war. We can be sure, however, that they will be fairly extensive and fairly sweeping, but we can be equally sure whatever they are, this school above all, is bound to go forward and upward. We contain in us, I think, all the best elements of British education. There is no exclusiveness in our composition, or rather our exclusiveness is the kind that depends on ability and promise and not on privilege. We have a high standard of academic attainment and we have still higher academic ambitions. I will tell you now that I was hoping and expecting that by now we should have been producing 10 Open Scholarships a year, and while we have established ourselves in the eyes of the Governors and of the County Authority as a stronghold of learning, I think we should literally have attained that aim had it not been for the war. We have also kept up a tradition of sound service in both sides of pre-military training which I shall do my best to see continued as one of the main strings of post-war development both for boys in school and for old boys whom I hope to see in every single case bound to this school by this bond in the years between 16 and their actual military service. We have also got a Boarding House which is growing and will continue to grow, and we have finally a Governing Body and a County Authority who not only sympathise with our aims and ambitions but who give to us a most enviable amount of concrete help and encouragement.

We have then everything requisite for success, but we need, too, a real offensive, or if you like, a real progressive spirit. We as a school must regard ourselves as a vital part of our nation. We must be prepared to face up to new responsibilities both in Europe and in the world at large, and we must make ourselves ready for these responsibilities now in the immediate future, not at some vaguely remote time. Both we and the great American people must put away all isolationism, must put away all feelings of superiority and with the whole of both our peoples, not merely a class or a section of them, must go to challenge a future that is still more potentially glorious even than our past has been.

I want to thank General Eaker very sincerely for coming to talk to us to-day. I must say I was extremely optimistic in venturing to ask him to come to us and he must have been extremely determined to get here at all to-day, because I know he had several very important engagements thrust upon him after he pledged himself to us. I hope that he has gained some valuable idea of what an English School means and that he may even have caught a glimpse of one or two things which might interest his own people away in America. We are grateful too, to our Chairman of Governors, those members of the Governing Body who are here, and Mr. Cooke, who have between them given us so much help and invaluable encouragement by their presence at functions of this kind, and we are very glad to see the few ladies whom we managed to squeeze room for in this very crowded hall.



General Eaker then addressed the School as follows :—

HEADMASTER, STUDENTS OF THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, LADIES  
AND GENTLEMEN :

Three signal distinctions and outstanding events have occurred to me since my arrival in England. These I shall recount chronologically, and tell you why they have gone down in my memory as outstanding.

The **FIRST** was the opportunity a fortnight ago to review a Home Guard Battalion in High Wycombe.

The **SECOND** was the rare privilege of having dinner and spending an evening with the First Minister, Mr. Churchill, along with the Chief of our Army Air Forces, General Arnold, and a distinguished group of military leaders, when our Air Force Chief was recently in this country.

The THIRD has occurred to me here to-day—the rare privilege of seeing a little bit of the school system of England, and joining with you here in your ceremonies.

The first of the incidents which I mentioned—the reviewing of the Home Guard Battalion—went high on the list of my distinctive memories and valued opportunities, because it showed an evidence of goodwill, comradeship and friendship from a section of the British Armed Forces to me, as the first echelon, the leader of the advance guard, so to speak, of the American Forces which have come to join you in this war for freedom.

The Second event—the opportunity of observing and hearing that incomparable human being, that fighting leader of the white race in its hour of peril—Mr. Churchill—I shall never forget, because of the opportunity it gave me to study at first hand and close by, the characteristics of leadership so pre-eminently exemplified in a man your people, and your allies were fortunate enough to find in these times.

The third event I catalogue as distinctive—this meeting with you here to-day—I shall cherish and value for two reasons. The first because it is a courteous, kindly and considerate thought from your Headmaster, and your school authorities, toward a newly arrived American, about to be earnestly, enthusiastically and, I hope, intelligently engaged with you in a very important common undertaking—the winning of this war which has been forced upon us.

The second reason for my elation in seeing this school and its students at this form of ceremony is the opportunity it affords of observing the great school system of England. Our people in America have always thought that English Schools have been largely responsible for the fact that Englishmen have been able to control, and govern, and rule wisely, nearly three fifths of the habitable portion of the earth.

Your Headmaster did not know it, but in issuing me this invitation he passed it to a particularly receptive individual. Education is by way of being second only to military affairs in my list of principal interests. This came about quite accidentally and by a turn of Fortune's wheel. In 1916 I was in college in Oklahoma—one of our midland States. An Indian school down on the Red River, composed of about 60 young Redskin braves, had become dissatisfied with their headmistress, and had made her life so miserable that she had suddenly departed. A call had come from the Trustees of this "Headless" school up to the college where I was a student, for an

instructor to finish for the term. The President of our college sent for me, and asked if I would undertake the task. On his advice and counsel, I went the next day to take over the running of this Indian school for a few months until its close. I was not quite 20 years of age and weighed but 117 pounds. I found there a group of about 60 boys of my own age, the smallest of whom was nearly 6ft. and weighed more than 180 lbs. They were a fine group by physical standards, but not far advanced either in education or culture by what we call the White man's civilization. They were not quite certain at first whether I would do. I am quite certain my appearance was far from prepossessing by their standards of a leader. I was not certain whether they could be drilled and managed and educated according to my standards. During the ensuing few months we had some interesting times—they in testing me, and I in measuring them. Perhaps I can summarize the result best by saying that when we were ushered into the first world war a few months later, most of them accompanied me into our forces, and I never saw better disciplined soldiers, nor finer fighting men than they made.

That aside from my own school days assured my permanent interest in educational systems.

In our country we have always admired the English school system and have imitated it and borrowed such as we thought could be fitted properly to our people and into our institutions. We have thought that the English School system and its product was accountable to a considerable extent for the success of the British in diplomacy, in colonial management, and in warfare. I have seen nothing here to-day to change my opinion on that score.

It has been my good fortune to travel on all the continents, save Australia, and in most countries of the world. In all these far flung stretches I have come across Englishmen. I have marvelled at their success and enquired rather closely into their methods and their characteristics as human beings, which gave them this pre-eminence in the field of government, industrial management and military control.

I think, if you will bear with me for a few moments, I will list for you some of my findings on this subject. I have observed Englishmen in the British Armies, in the territories and colonial dominions, in India, in Africa, and in some of the islands. I have come across your sailors in China, in the island archipelagoes of the Far East, and when they have visited our shores. I have seen the industrial Englishmen running the tea plantations in Ceylon, the oil fields and refineries in Mexico, the rubber groves in India and the



coffee estates in Brazil. Wherever I have seen them, either in the armed forces or in industry, I have always found that Englishmen possessed some outstanding characteristics. One of these has been fair dealing. In all of these countries, the Colonials and the Nationals of other countries have found that an Englishman's word was good. He could be trusted to carry out his bargains. He was industrious and seldom fell into the slovenly ways or took up the bad habits of some of the people among whom he lived. He seemed always to remember first, that he was a white man and secondly, that he was the representative of a great nation in a foreign sphere. He seemed to know instinctively that the Caucasian race and the British Empire would be measured by him, by his conduct, and he modelled his career accordingly. The outstanding characteristic however, of the Englishmen whom I have met in the far flung stretches of the world which sooner or later came to the fore, and which I think is largely responsible for his uniform success, was personal courage and physical fitness. No people with whom the Englishman had to deal on any of the continents, on any of the seas, or on any of the islands, ever had occasion to feel that they were superior to the Englishman in fearlessness and determination to see the right thing through. This lean, spare, tall, taciturn fellow we foreigners know as the Englishman, has always seemed to keep himself in a little better physical condition so that he could withstand the physical rigours of his surroundings a little better than his associates, and that too, I think accounts to a considerable degree for his eventual success in business and in fighting.

You have noticed, no doubt, that I have not listed as the predominant characteristic of the Englishman, an outstanding mental equipment. By this omission I have not meant to imply that the Englishman was dull, or slovenly in his mental habits. It has seemed to me that he has prided himself more on tenacity and muddling through, rather than in figuring out always the best plan—the most brilliant thing to do. I believe it is a fair charge against the British people and the British Empire, that its diplomacy and governmental methods have not always been as good as its fighting men and its military system. I think that some shortcomings on the part of its diplomats and its governmental leaders have forced the English people into some very tight places, where only the superior courage of her fighting men has seen a bad situation through to a successful issue. I think, in other words, that it has been fortunate indeed, that a mighty fleet and a fighting army have been available to make good some of the shortcomings in statesmanship.

In conclusion, allow me to refer briefly to some of the problems

which face the Englishman, and the American too, I may say. In the years coming up, these are problems with which you will be primarily concerned. There is, of course, the war in which we are now engaged. About its successful determination there can no longer be any doubt. The British Empire, the American Republic and their allies are certain to come through to eventual victory in this present struggle. We have made many mistakes, and we have paid dearly for defective mental calculations, and primarily for the sad state in which we allowed our armaments to fall in the years following the first world war. All that is now behind us. Again we have muddled through. Eventual victory is definitely in sight ; we cannot lose.

What remains for us to worry about is : What shall we do with this Victory ? Shall we stop this war as we did the last, before the principles for which it was fought have been assured us, or shall we this time take the pains to see that the next generation will not have to do the whole thing over again ? Shall we follow this victory by the institution of a proper system of world government as against a loosely disjointed federation of suspicious and antagonistic states ? Having won the peace, shall we take the trouble to assure the continuance of that peace ?

I have no detailed plan to offer. Primarily I am a military man. Primarily that job is a task for statesmanship. But this I say to you : Until we have assigned this definite task to our best minds, and until there is a thorough going solution, we shall have recurrent wars with their horrible consequences.

I can give you an inkling of some of the aspects of this task by citing an example and sounding a warning. England rose to greatness among the world powers through control of the seas. She has maintained control of the seas by maintenance of the mightiest fleet. This war has demonstrated quite conclusively that it is no longer enough for Britannia to rule the waves. The world has changed quite considerably during the last 100 years and particularly has there been a revolution in armaments during the past 25 years, as proven by the striking events of the last three years. Britain and her allies, must rule the air, for he who holds and controls the air space above the continents and above the seas, will thereby control quite completely, the commerce and the warfare on those lands and on those seas. Great Britain was slow, as was my own country, due to aged, infirm and reactionary leadership, to appreciate that air power had come to join great fleets and vast armies to form a triumvirate in the military world. Unless the minds of our statesmen, the young men

who will be in control in the years coming up, are sufficiently elastic to perceive the change which has come in the world as a result of the flying machine, we shall prove a prey to the nations whose people see this vision in time.

I hope that Englishmen may escape, at least to a degree, some of their historic traditions, some of their love for the sea, sufficiently to prepare to control the air space above their lands and seas. If I could tell my people at home but one thing and know that they would believe it and follow it, I would say :

“ Hold always ready a preponderant air force to ensure that our lands may never be visited by a hostile air intruder ; build vast commercial air fleets to ensure our leadership in the commerce of to-morrow, a tremendous quantity of which will travel in the skyways at great speed, over vast distances.” Remember this : the nation of to-morrow which has leadership in the air will thrive and prosper like England when the mode for commerce and combat was on the seas, and when she had the greatest ocean going fleets for commerce, and the most powerful navies. Let us grow with this changing world. Let us recognize the innovations which must occur in thinking and in government and in commerce, as a result of the inception of the new inventions and the modern equipment.

Young gentlemen, it is customary on occasions such as these for old men to give advice to young fellows. I am not sure that this is a good custom, but I have not been able to escape the tradition. So I say to you, if your minds are a little more alert, and your bodies more fit, than your neighbours and your adversaries, in the keen competition of the world in which you are about to enter, you will continue the tradition of the Englishman—you will always be on the winning side.

Mr. Raffety, in thanking General Eaker, spoke of him as a student of human nature and world affairs. He was a great officer and a great foreigner, but he was greatest as a pioneer in aviation.

Mr. D. E. Cooke, seconding the vote of thanks, spoke of General Eaker's wide knowledge of Britain and Britishers. He paid tribute to America and Americans, and General Eaker was “ a fine representative of a fine nation.”

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### Order of Proceedings.

2.45 p.m. Inspection of Officers' Training Corps  
(Captain H. G. Brand).

3 p.m. Prizegiving in Hall.

Chairman's Remarks  
(W. H. Healey, Esq., J.P.).

Headmaster's Report.

Presentation of Certificates and Prizes.

Speech by General I. C. Eaker.

Vote of Thanks—

Proposed by P. C. Raffety, Esq., J.P.  
(Vice-Chairman of Governors).

Seconded by D. E. Cooke, Esq., M.A.  
(Clerk to the Governors).

### Examination Successes

1941

**Tancred Studentship in Physic (£100 P.A. for seven years),  
Caius College, Cambridge**—A. D. Moore.

**Open Scholarship in Classics (£100 P.A.), Balliol College  
Oxford**—D. W. H. Crutchfield.

**Open Exhibition in Classics (£40 P.A.), Jesus College, Cam-  
bridge**—E. J. Miller.

**Open Exhibition in English (£40 P.A.), Jesus College, Cam-  
bridge**—D. R. Witney.

**State Scholarship (Classics), 1941**—D. W. H. Crutchfield.

**Kitchener Scholarship, 1942**—E. J. Miller.

**Bucks County Major Scholarship Awards**—A. D. Moore,  
E. J. Miller, D. W. H. Crutchfield (deferred till 1942), D. R.  
Witney (deferred).

**Bucks County Major Exhibition Award (on Higher Certi-  
ficate, 1941)**—B. W. Smith (Classics).

**State Bursaries in Science awarded on Higher Certificate**  
—D. R. B. Saw (at Selwyn College, Cambridge), M. H. Yeomans  
(at Jesus College, Cambridge).

**Six Months' University Course for Commissions in R.A.'s**  
—F. H. Collins, B. W. Smith.

**Six Months' University Course (from A.T.C.) for Commissions in R.A.F.**—R. G. Bates, R. Goodburn, R. Piercey, G. Clements.

**Oxford Higher School Certificate, 1941**—D. W. H. Crutchfield (Distinctions in Latin and Greek), E. J. Miller, A. D. Moore, D. R. B. Saw, B. W. Smith, D. J. Wickens, L. G. Willmot, D. R. Witney, M. H. Yeomans.

**London Matriculation (School Certificate Exemption), 1941**—D. A. Aldridge, A. J. Alifat, P. L. Allman, R. Barnes, A. J. Birch, T. R. Bristow, G. Clements, G. W. Cox, A. H. Craven, A. C. Davis, E. F. Devenish, J. H. Dickson, A. V. Endsor, M. Gibbs, K. A. Goodearl, B. W. Grace, P. J. Green, F. J. Heather, N. L. Higgins, F. B. Kelly, K. J. Newell, L. T. Piper, R. Rance, R. L. Salter, D. J. Stammers, R. H. Whiting, D. J. Wilkens, D. W. Wintsch.

**Oxford School Certificate, 1941**—D. A. Aldridge, A. J. Alifat, P. J. Allman, D. Athanasoglou, R. Barnes, W. Bedwell, A. J. Birch, T. R. Bristow, D. H. Butler, R. E. F. Canham, R. G. Canneaux, E. D. Child, D. J. Clarke, G. Clements, G. W. Cox, A. H. Craven, E. L. Crayfourd, A. C. Davis, E. F. Devenish, J. H. Dickson, P. Dutton, R. E. Eales, A. V. Endsor, I. A. Fairnington, P. H. Gatfield, M. Gibbs, L. T. Giggs, M. C. Gladwell, K. A. Goodearl, J. H. Goode, B. W. Grace, P. J. Green, L. Harding, J. R. Harris, F. J. Heather, N. L. Higgins, D. R. Jones, F. B. Kelly, T. B. Kettell, D. M. King, R. L. McQueen, F. J. Newell, D. M. North, M. L. Ogden, D. I. Orchard, E. S. Palmer, A. J. Payne, S. G. Peasley, G. R. Peatey, L. T. Piper, K. S. Powell, R. Rance, G. O. Rendell, E. A. Reseigh, R. L. Salter, L. H. Smith, R. D. Smith, D. Stafford, D. J. Stammers, G. W. Stevens, T. R. Suckling, A. F. Tapping, J. R. Vinden, B. A. Watson, R. H. Whiting, D. J. Wilkens, D. P. Williams, M. H. Wilson, D. W. Wintsch.

**O.T.C. Certificate "A"**—50 Passes.

#### **Governors' Certificates.**

1942—D. R. Witney, D. W. H. Crutchfield, M. F. J. Ashford, P. I. Busfield, G. Clements, L. T. Giggs, B. W. Grace, F. B. Kelly, J. Priest, C. W. Shaw, G. W. Stammers, R. H. Whiting, D. J. Wickens, L. G. Willmot.

#### **Special Prizes.**

**Headmaster's Prize**—D. R. Witney, D. W. H. Crutchfield.

**Governors' Reading Prize** (presented by Mrs. A.J. Clarke, J.P.)—P. I. Busfield, C. W. Shaw.

**Governors' Classics Prize** (presented by Flt.-Lieut. R. P. Clarke, M.A.)—D. W. H. Crutchfield.

### Form Prizes.

Form II :	1st L. Pearl	2nd R. Birmingham 3rd B. F. Turner
Form III <sub>LA</sub> :	1st A. J. Smith	2nd R. A. Miller
Form III <sub>LB</sub> :	1st W. G. Putnam	2nd S. J. Langston
Form III <sub>LC</sub> :	1st K. P. Ladd	2nd G. R. Smith
Form III <sub>LD</sub> :	1st G. E. Browne	2nd N. Liptz
Form III <sub>UA</sub> :	1st G. E. Green	2nd L. C. G. Tilbury 3rd B. N. Littlewood
Form III <sub>UM</sub> :	1st A. D. Copcutt	2nd A. L. Savin
Form III <sub>UC</sub> :	1st R. A. Davis	2nd H. J. Brown
Form IV <sub>A</sub> :	1st C. T. Fletcher	2nd M. W. Warburg 3rd S. L. H. Clarke
Form IV <sub>M</sub> :	1st R. G. Harris	2nd A. G. Outten
Form IV <sub>C</sub> :	1st L. B. Burrow	2nd W. A. Grainger
Form V <sub>A</sub> :	1st P. J. Scally	2nd R. N. Stone 3rd L. C. Couling
Form V <sub>M</sub> :	1st D. Bowman	2nd J. Smith
Form V <sub>C</sub> :	1st E. Lewis	2nd R. V. Martin
Form V <sub>uM</sub> :	1st B. F. Lance	2nd G. A. Hipgrave 3rd C. J. S. Mitchell
Form V <sub>uC</sub> :	1st J. Vaughan	2nd J. T. Wright 3rd A. W. Bradley
Form VI :	Classics—H. A. B. Leeser	
	English—D. R. Witney	
	French—D. R. Witney	
	History—J. W. Priest	
	Mathematics, 1st year—D. W. Wintsch	
	2nd year—F. Glenister	
	Physics—F. Glenister	
	Chemistry—M. F. J. Ashford	
	Biology—L. Brotmacher	
	German—P. J. North	

## JUNIOR TRAINING CORPS.

The prior claims of the A.T.C. to Magazine space necessarily restrict the notice of J.T.C. activities to a very small compass. In general, the facts are that since the outbreak of war, practically every boy in the school has joined the school contingent of the J.T.C. at the beginning of the year in which he has reached his fourteenth birthday. As a result, we have throughout had a very big C. Coy., consisting entirely of recruits, with a substantial A. and B. Coy. consisting of the older cadets.

The age of entry to the A.T.C. is, of course, 15 years 3 months, and so the scheme adopted throughout the last three years has been that the basic training common to both contingents, that is Drill, Weapon Training, Map Reading and general discipline, has been done in the first year of the J.T.C. course. By agreement with the A.T.C., all boys in the contingent have been sent up for Part I of War Office Certificate 'A' by the time they are old enough to take it, and also to enter the A.T.C. In this way duplication of work has been avoided and also it has been possible to enable boys without any handicap to the work of either contingent to proceed into the A.T.C. without hindrance at the first possible occasion. It has meant that during each year there have been two or three examinations for Certificate 'A,' Parts I and II, and that some 80-100 boys have passed Part I and between 30-40, Part II. In the early years of the war, the greater number of the older boys opted for service in the R.A.F. and therefore entered the A.T.C. In order, however, to retain their services as junior instructors in the J.T.C. and in order to give them additional training in responsibility, by far the greater number of A.T.C. cadets have remained also in the J.T.C. In this way the school has been able to keep an enrolment in the J.T.C. of some 300 boys while the A.T.C. numbers have reached the phenomenal figure of 230 which represents, it is believed, the largest contingent in any school in the country which also possesses a J.T.C.

The time devoted to Pre-Service training has been mentioned elsewhere. It is not to be expected that, from September, 1945, it will be possible to set aside so much of the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons as has been in the past for training of this kind. It is inevitable that the training will have to be concurrent and not consecutive, but for all that we confidently anticipate that there will be no falling off in the total numbers of boys enrolled, though of necessity each contingent will be smaller in numbers.

There have, of course, been no recognised J.T.C. camps since the war began. The War Office has been unable to make provision for these in view of the greater claims of the Service units. Most boys, however, have been able to attend camp as members of the school squadron of the A.T.C. and have clearly derived very great benefit from the amazingly good facilities provided by the R.A.F. at these camps. It is impossible to praise too highly the value of the summer camp to Pre-Service units and it is most deeply hoped that the ordinary J.T.C. camps will be restored as soon as conditions permit.

To recompense us for the loss of these camps, both the War Office and the District and Sub-District Commands have provided considerable numbers of excellent holiday courses for N.C.O.s and senior cadets and each holiday numbers varying between 6 and 20 of our N.C.O.s have attended courses in P.T. or Signals at the various centres. These N.C.O.s have come back excellently equipped for passing on their training to their own sections or platoons.

Mention must be made too of the steady stream of boys from the contingent of the J.T.C. who have been accepted for Army Short Courses at the various Universities. It is probable that something like 40 boys have gone since these were instituted to one or other of the Universities of England or Scotland, and apart from the undoubted value for military purposes of these courses there is the additional advantage that boys who have attended the University will be allowed and even encouraged both by the War Office and by the Colleges they have attended to return to complete a University course after the war.

Finally, it is impossible to fail to remark how universally useful the course of training in the J.T.C. has proved itself to any boy entering the Services. The country has badly needed junior officers in all three Services throughout the whole course of the war, and never has it found too many candidates for the Officer Training Units ; but whenever boys enter any of the Services with Certificate 'A,' they are immediately picked out by the fact as likely officer candidates and it has been extremely rare in the school's experience to find that a boy who has done well in the contingent has failed to go on and do well in the Services.

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### **AIR TRAINING CORPS, February, 1941—August, 1944.**

On February 1st, 1941, a broadcast appeal was made by the Air Minister calling upon Headmasters and Mayors to assist in the



formation of a National Air Training Corps. Assistance was asked from schoolmasters and others who felt equipped to run the Corps and an urgent appeal was made to youths between 16 and 19 years to train to become Air Crews and Ground technicians of the future and to fill the ranks of the Fleet Air Arm and the Navy.

It was quickly decided that the R.G.S. should have its own Squadron of the A.T.C., and Mr. W. N. Bicknell was invited by the Headmaster to organise it. All Old Boys of eligible age were circularised and invited to the School for information, and present boys were also canvassed. By March 1st, the Squadron had been formed with about 100 Old Boys on the roll and 90 present boys, with another 80 present boys as recruits eager to join as soon as they came of age. The Squadron was immediately recognised by the Air Ministry and given the number of 708, though it was by no means the 708th Squadron to be formed, but School Squadrons were all numbered from 700 upwards, except those which were changed from Air Defence Cadet Corps. King's Commissions in the R.A.F.V.R. were granted to the following during March and April, 1941 : Mr. W. N. Bicknell, with the rank of Flight Lieutenant, Mr. E. C. Millington, Mr. S. Morgan, Mr. T. H. Price and Mr. H. W. Johnson, all with the rank of Pilot Officer, while Mr. R. G. Rendell, who volunteered to help the Squadron immediately, became a Civilian Instructor.

A programme of training immediately began. The Board of Education, the Governors and the Headmaster considered that its educational value in view of the national emergency merited the inclusion of A.T.C. work in the School curriculum. Classes for present boys were instituted for forty minutes on Tuesday and Thursday and one and a half hours on Wednesday afternoon. To cater for all Old Boys, duplicate classes were held for two hours on Monday and Tuesday evenings and there were further classes on Saturday afternoons. Drill parades were also held on alternate Sunday mornings. From the following autumn, much of the duplication was avoided as new activities came into being.

By May, 1941, uniform had come through for everybody. The programme of instruction had taken shape. Air Crew took Navigation, Calculations, Signals, Aircraft Recognition, Drill and P.T., while for Technicians there were Calculations, Drill and P.T. with courses in Engines, Airframes, Radio and Wireless and Mechanical Transport. Every Thursday evening a Youth Club was run in connection with the Squadron and a cricket team played fairly regular matches. By July, 1941, the strength of the Squadron was 190 full cadets with another 70 recruits.

Classes for Old Boys were carried on by the Officers and Civilian Instructor for most of the Summer holidays, 1941. Officers went on courses to I.T.W.'s and other R.A.F. Stations as they did on many subsequent occasions.

It was reassuring to find that there was no ant-climax after the first success and flush of enthusiasm. In October, 1941, the strength was still 173 full Cadets with at least 70 Recruits. In November, 1941, the first Proficiency Examination was held for Old Boys' Flights, when all but two candidates were successful: R. G. Bates, E. W. Bunkall, M. H. G. Elliott, D. T. G. Kingham, A. E. Martin, E. W. Mines, C. A. Peatey, K. J. Peatey, J. G. Perfect, R. Piercey, D. A. Rendell, G. Robertson, N. F. Rogers, F. A. Rumble, B. A. Tanner, J. R. Turner, B. A. White, L. A. White, A. W. Barnard, J. G. Francis, G. O. Rendell, S. G. Tibbles. Then in December, 1941, the present boys achieved a 100% result: P. L. Allman, M. F. J. Ashford, T. R. Bristow, D. H. Butler, N. W. Chisholm, G. Clements, A. V. Endor, L. T. Giggs, F. Glenister, L. C. Goodburn, F. J. Heather, T. B. Kettell, N. G. Lucas, D. M. North, A. J. Payne, G. Thirtle, P. I. Busfield.

In February, 1942, F. W. D. Haynes and K. J. Ayres and in March, 1942, the following passed: M. C. E. Bird, D. B. Harding, J. H. B. Gladwell, D. C. Saunders, K. S. Tubb, J. S. Jones, L. T. Piper, P. D. Publicover, N. M. Malpass, D. T. Parker, P. E. Stone, A. W. Bradley, K. S. Goodearl, C. J. S. Mitchell, T. C. A. Hanks, D. W. Barnett, A. K. Berry, S. E. Deboo, I. A. Fairnington, P. H. Gatfield, R. S. Hopek E. J. Humphries, E. M. H. Hunt, J. A. Humphrey, W. C. Peacock, S. G. Peasley, K. S. Ridgley, R. Smith, J. Vaughan, P. N. P. Williams, J. T. Wright, R. D. Youers, R. D. Garwood, D. M. McDowell, K. J. Newell, G. W. Stanners, R. Barnes, K. S. Powell, A. H. Craven, R. E. Eales.

From April, 1942, the categories of First Class Cadet and Leading Cadet were introduced. A boy became a 1st Class Cadet when he could record 60 per cent. in Aircraft Recognition and Calculations, 90 per cent. in Sending and Receiving Plain Language and Syko at 4 w.p.m. and could pass in P.T. and Drill Tests. A boy who gained full Proficiency Certificate was classed as a Leading Cadet. For Air Crew the Proficiency Certificate was taken in Signals, Calculations, Navigation, Aircraft Recognition, Drill and P.T.; for Ground Technicians in Signals (a lower standard than for Air Crew), Calculations, Drill, P.T. and a particular Trade.

Throughout the next years it was found that Cadets gained the 1st Class Cadetship within six months of enrolling. In the following

two years Proficiency Certificates were gained :—

*October, 1942*—T. C. S. Newton, J. M. Bunce, G. W. West, R. G. Canneaux, G. N. Moon ; *July, 1942*—R. A. Bowler, G. G. C. Catling, M. J. Dawe, P. Dalton, N. S. Gay, J. E. Haynes, T. E. A. Lord, I. M. Pedder, R. J. Rippington, R. G. Stewart, E. J. Page, F. H. Goodchild, L. F. A. Raven, G. W. Rogers, R. N. Stone, D. W. Davis, R. Rance, R. L. Salter, D. E. Small, T. R. Suckling, R. E. F. Canham, M. Gibbs, P. J. North, D. J. Young, G. Croxson, B. F. Lance, R. Hussey, L. R. Humphrey, F. E. S. Palmer, R. L. McQueen, H. A. Berry, R. B. Moore, G. A. Suckling, E. J. Morris, F. G. Newell, N. W. Brown, G. Berry, D. A. Bugg, A. F. Tapping, J. A. Merriman, R. N. Smith, V. S. McQueen, G. W. Cox, P. J. Green ; *June, 1943*—A. K. Wheelband, I. N. Woollett, B. D. Bowman, H. G. Bass, H. R. Harris, D. R. Peatey, J. A. Phizackerley, H. Griffiths, O. Roith, D. A. Ginger, B. V. Harley, R. Rance, D. Bowman, N. W. B. Page, G. N. Oxley, A. S. Gann, E. E. Harding, D.F. W. Abercrombie, R. G. Gray, P. J. Scally, A. B. Shillabeer, R. F. M. White, K. O. Surrige, C. W. Turner ; *November 1943*—C. D. Andrews, B. E. Collins, L. C. Couling, N. J. Gomme, A. W. Grosse, R. F. Harding, R. L. Salter, M. J. Ward, O. Roith, W. Germany, D. J. Perfect, A. J. Berry, S. Fursman, A. Lang, M. J. R. Mackrill, B. E. H. McQueen, M. R. Seward, E. S. Gray, S. M. Radford, P. J. Bunce, P. B. Newell, D. V. Manning, J. A. Merriman, K. S. Jubb, J. P. Longley, J. C. Everitt, W. H. F. Hill ; *December, 1943*—D. C. Barnes, R. D. Barnes, ; *February, 1944*—J. D. Evans, J. J. Brooks, J. J. Smith, B. H. Leverton, A. W. J. Robbins, J. H. Lidgley ; *June, 1944*—G. J. Clark, D. J. Cox, V. G. Gibson, R. G. Harris, B. S. Larkin, L. A. Ransley, J. R. Smith, D. J. Perfect, P. B. Newell, C. T. Fletcher, J. N. Muir, L. R. Samson, A. G. Stacey, J. A. Bland, T. H. D. Bodkin, R. S. P. Freeman, S. Fursman, P. G. Harris, H. C. Hickman.

This meant that 197 full Proficiency Certificates had been won by the Squadron up to July, 1944. The exam was conducted by the Air Ministry and conferred upon the cadet a great advantage in length of training and pay when he entered the R.A.F. or F.A.A.

It was long felt that a further exam after Proficiency Certificate should be instituted which would allow Cadets to go straight to their flying training or advanced ground training from an A.T.C. The Air Ministry fulfilled this need in 1943, when the Advanced Training Exam was instituted. Air Crew in it took the full I.T.W. Exam. which included Drill, P.T., Signals, Navigation including Plotting, Aircraft Recognition, Engines, Theory of Flight, Sanitation and Hygiene, Law and Administration, Anti-Gas, Armament. Ground

Technicians took Drill, P.T., Signals and Trade Theory and Practice. By the scheme, after a brief test on entering the R.A.F., Air Crew became L.A.C.'s with 7/3 per day pay and Ground Technicians got the pay immediately of semi-skilled technicians.

The following Cadets gained Advanced Training during 1943 and 1944 : N. G. Lucas, R. G. Stewart, R. Smith, S. G. Peasley, J. T. Wright, T. B. Kettell, N. W. Chisholm, D. M. North, L. F. A. Raven, J. M. Bunce, P. L. Allman, A. V. Endsor, P. Dutton, G. Thirtle, D. H. Butler, F. J. Heather, P. N. P. Williams, G. G. C. Catling, T. R. Bristow, D. C. Saunders, I. M. Pedder, G. W. Rogers, R. N. Stone, M. Gibbs, R. Rance, K. S. Goodearl, C. J. S. Mitchell, T. R. Suckling, A. H. Craven, K. J. Newell, A. E. Martin, B. L. Mann.

In July, 1942, the first Camp was held. Fifty Cadets under P/O. Price and P/O. Johnson went to R.A.F. Waterbeach, Cambs., where a full R.A.F. life was lived and flying and instruction in Air Crew and Ground Trades was given. Eighty-six Cadets under F/Lt. Bicknell and P/O. Millington went to R.A.F. Castle Camps, Cambs, then a 'drome furnished with Mosquitoes, which were destined to remain on the " secret " list for at least another 15 months. Over 70 " flips " were enjoyed by Cadets at this Camp and a marvellous programme was enjoyed with lectures from many operational men.

In July, 1943, 155 Cadets went to Camp by train to R.A.F. Bircham Newton in Norfolk. This Coastal Command Station provided a wonderful variety of aircraft ; over 60 Cadets were given long flights over sea and land and a very well-organised programme was enjoyed in glorious summer weather. Each Cadet went to the sea at least twice for bathing and dinghy drill. This Camp was certainly a success and the whole Squadron being at one Station added to the pleasure. The Camp Commandant was F/Lt. Bicknell, with F/O. Millington, F/O. Price, F/O. Johnson and P/O. Savage to assist him.

The climax of enjoyment and excellent instruction came in July, 1944, when 53 Cadets went to R.A.F. Hunsdon, Herts, under F/Lt. Bicknell and F/O. Tucker, 49 Cadets to R.A.F. Benson, Oxon under F/O. Price and P/O. Rendell and 45 Cadets to R.A.F. Oakley, Bucks, under F/O. Morgan and F/O. Johnson. Nearly 400 flights were given to Cadets ; some went from Benson to Scotland, or from Hunsdon to Birmingham or long night flights from R.A.F. Oakley. The weather for the third year in succession was excellent.

In July, 1942, Mr. S. A. Savage, who had long been a Civilian Instructor was commissioned as a Pilot Officer. In the autumn of 1942, P/O. Millington, P/O. Morgan, P/O. Price and P/O. Johnson were promoted Flying Officers. From September, 1942, Mr. H. G. Brand, Mr. C. Black and Mr. E. S. Johnson, O.B., became Civilian Instructors to help with the colossal increase in the work of the Squadron, by now nearly the largest in the country. In September, 1943, after over two years as a Civilian Instructor, doing four to six hours per week, Mr. Rendell took his commission as a Pilot Officer, and in January, 1944, F/O. J. A. Tucker was transferred to the Squadron from No. 332 Squadron.

Regular inspections of the Squadron took place both in High Wycombe and at R.A.F. Stations. High praise and special comment was earned at annual camp. On occasion, Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, K.C.B., D.S.O., and General Ira C. Eaker, Commanding 8th U.S.A.A.F. inspected the Squadron. In addition all Air Ministry reports were equally encouraging.

In April 1942, F/S. R. G. Bates and F/S. R. Piercy blazed the trail by winning University Short Courses. In all Cadets of the Squadron up to July, 1944, had gamed 21 Short Courses as follows :

- April, 1942*— R. G. Bates, Jesus College, Cambridge.  
R. Piercy, King's College, Cambridge.
- September, 1942*—R. Goodburn, Wadham College, Oxford.
- April, 1943*— G. Clements, Brasenose College, Oxford.  
F. E. S. Palmer, University College of  
Southampton.
- September, 1943*—D. M. McDowell, St. Andrew's University.  
L. T. Giggs, St. Andrew's University.  
I. N. Fairnington, St. Andrew's University.  
P. J. North, London University.  
N. G. Lucas, London University.  
R. D. Garwood, Jesus College, Oxford.  
G. W. Cox, King's College, Cambridge.
- April, 1944*— A. V. Endsor, Jesus College, Oxford.
- April, 1944*— D. H. Butler, St. Catherine's College, Cam-  
bridge.  
I. M. Pedder, Queen's College, Oxford.  
G. Thirtle, Jesus College, Cambridge.

September, 1944—R. N. Stone, Durham University.

D. W. Barnett, University College of Southampton.

B. E. H. McQueen, St. Andrew's University.

R. L. Salter, St. Andrew's University.

P. N. P. Williams, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

The Squadron took part in all public parades, especially Warships Week, 1942, Wings for Victory, 1943, and Salute the Soldier, 1944. Church parades were held at intervals, while the Squadron always sent contingents to many of the neighbouring villages, including Holmer Green and Penn, where they gave displays to help the war effort.

From March, 1941, there were two Flights of Old Boys and five of present boys. The strength of the Squadron steadily increased; excluding Recruits, which always numbered at least 70, the strength was: July, '41: 190; October, '41: 173; January, '42: 174; April, '42: 173; July, '42: 164; October, '42: 195; January, '43: 205; April, '43: 199; July, '43: 219; October, '43: 211; January, '44: 220; April, '44: 223; July, '44: 235.

From 1941 to July, 1944, the following were N.C.O.'s in the Corps:—

*Flight-Sergeants*: E. J. Miller, R. C. Goodburn, L. T. Giggs, M. F. J. Ashford, G. Clements, G. W. Stanners, R. G. Bates, D. T. G. Kingham, W. E. Mines, R. Piercey, E. W. Bunkhall, R. E. Eales, B. A. White, A. V. Endson, F. Glenister, A. W. Barnard, G. O. Rendell, R. G. Stewart, D. M. McDowell, R. Smith, J. Vaughan, R. D. Garwood, C. J. S. Mitchell, G. Thirtley, N. F. Rogers, A. E. Martin, R. B. Moore, D. C. Saunders, B. L. Mann, J. A. Merriman, J. M. Bunce, P. J. Green, D. H. Butler, R. L. Salter, P. L. Allman, G. W. Rogers, R. N. Stone, B. E. H. McQueen.

*Sergeants*: J. R. Turner, C. A. Peatey, K. J. Peatey, D. A. Rendell, F. A. Rumble, B. A. Tanner, V. S. McQueen, N. G. Lucas, L. H. Smith, P. J. North, G. D. Hazell, J. H. B. Gladwell, F. E. S. Palmer, T. R. Suckling, R. Barnes, R. L. McQueen, T. R. Bristow, G. W. Cox, R. N. Smith, T. C. A. Hanks, D. A. Bugg, L. A. White, D. M. North, T. C. S. Newton, N. W. Chisholm, S. G. Peasley, P. Dulton, A. J. Payne, I. A. Fairnington, R. F. M. White, A. B. Shillabeer, F. J. Heather, D. W. Barnett, M. Gibbs, K. A. Goodearl, L. F. A. Raven, P. N. P. Williams, J. T. Wright, J. E. Haynes, T. B. Kettell, D. F. W. Abercrombie, B. V. Harley, P. J. Bunce, R. G. Gray, S. M. Radford.

*Corporals* : D. R. Jones, A. F. Tapping, J. C. F. Evison, R. E. F. Canham, M. C. Gladwell, P. I. Busfield, R. J. Pettitt, M. H. G. Elliott, N. M. Malpass, L. T. Piper, N. S. Gay, W. G. J. Francis, S. G. Tibbles, K. S. Powell, T. E. A. Lord, A. K. Berry, K. J. Newell, C. W. Turner, A. K. Wheelband, J. J. Brooks, J. D. Evans, W. A. F. Hill, K. J. Jubb, G. G. C. Catling, A. H. Craven, A. S. Gann, D. A. Ginger, M. G. Harris, N. W. B. Page, P. B. Newell.

From 1941 to 1944, the social side of the Corps flourished extremely. Every Thursday evening Old Boys and present boys foregathered in the Gym and Junior Building for games, the favourite being "all-in" Skittle Ball, music and discussions, with occasional lectures and film-shows. From 1942 onwards a regular Canteen was run by Mrs. W. N. Bicknell for all Old Boys' parades and this proved highly popular and revived many a Cadet who had come straight from work. In the winter of 1942-3 an A.T.C. Rugby XV played regular matches. Then most of the Rugger players joined the R.A.F. and Air Association side, which had shown promise in the previous year joined the Wycombe Junior League, which, under the captaincy of B. E. H. McQueen, it easily won and also went to the Fifth Round of the A.T.C. Cup. Medals were presented to the side by the Mayor of High Wycombe on Loakes Park. The side was : B. E. H. McQueen (*Capt.*), E. M. H. Hunt (*Vice-Capt.*), J. J. Brooks, A. J. Berry, O. Roith, D. F. W. Abercrombie, C. W. Turner, W. S. Keen, S. G. Peasley, P. J. Bunce, A. B. Shillabeer.

Boxing was taken up by the Squadron in 1944 and under Mr. Tony Van den Bergh the sport proved most popular and by the end of the year many Cadets showed promise of one day reaching the A.T.C. Finals at the Albert Hall, among them B. V. Harley, the Captain of the team. In the summer of 1944, two regular Cricket sides competed in the local Youth League, one side winning the Championship. Every Christmas an annual dinner was held and dances and socials took place in the School Hall, sometimes in conjunction with the Girls' Training Corps. The Squadron took part in local Athletics and won more races than any other individual club, supplying many competitors to represent High Wycombe in the County Youth Sports in both 1943 and 1944. The winners included B. V. Harley, G. W. Turner, N. S. Gay, B. E. H. McQueen, P. R. Haley, E. W. Bunkhall, E. M. H. Hunt, E. E. Harding, C. J. S. Mitchell, M. G. Cooper, D. A. Goodchild, A. B. Shillabeer, T. C. A. Hanks.

The first flights were given to Cadets at R.A.F. Booker in the

autumn of 1941. The Squadron became affiliated to R.A.F. Halton and R.A.F. Booker, from both of which long and substantial assistance was given, not only in the matter of equipment, but some instruction and a great deal of flying. By July, 1944, over 1,500 flights had been made by Cadets of the Squadron. Occasional visits were also paid to Air Transport Auxiliary, White Waltham, where practically every type of aircraft could be inspected and "flips" had in many of them. The U.S.A.A.F. entertained the Squadron with combat films on many occasions and took Cadets to their airfields. From time to time ex-Cadets who had become operational or skilled technicians came back and revealed their experiences, which were very much welcomed. From 1943 onwards Cadets have been attending the Gliding School at R.A.F. Booker, and many have put in long hours of training to gain their First Class Certificate. These Cadets include R. N. Stone, G. W. Rogers, G. G. C. Catling, J. M. Bunce, E. J. Chipps.

A word of thanks must be given to the Governors and Headmaster, who have given every encouragement and support to the Squadron. It was gratifying to have the Chairman of Governors, Alderman W. H. Healey, J.P., to inspect the Corps in June, 1944, and to hear F/Lt. Bicknell's last report of the Squadron's progress, which proved to have beaten all records in 1944 and to have shown as much vigour and enthusiasm as in the first year of its existence. By this time the R.A.F. was nearing saturation point and yet our Cadets were being accepted invariably when others were being rejected, because of their competence. Many were told that they came from the "best Squadron in the country." On July, 1944, there were 31 Aircrew Cadets in the Squadron attested and waiting to be called for P.N.B. or P.O. duties in the R.A.F. or F.A.A. respectively. They were : R. G. Stewart, R. Smith, R. A. Clinch, J. M. Bunce, D. C. Saunders, T. R. Bristow, N. W. Chisholm, P. J. Green, G. W. Rogers, R. N. Stone, E. M. H. Hunt, N. S. Gay, K. S. Ridgley, J. D. Evans, K. J. Jubbs, W. A. F. Hill, J. P. Longley, E. C. Blake, R. H. Clark, H. M. Martingell, H. E. Tapping, D. W. Barnett, B. E. H. McQueen, P. N. P. Williams, R. L. Salter, A. B. Shillabeer, M. R. Seward, R. D. Youers, G. H. Down, R. Lacey, N. Smith.

We have the following details of ex-Cadets which will prove of great interest.

The following joined the R.A.F. or F.A.A. for flying duties : D. H. Beechey (F/S., W/Op.), R. Brook (P/O., Pilot), D. A. Bugg (P.N.B.), E. W. Bunkhall (Sgt. Navigator), L. F. Chapman (F/O., P.), D. Crome (Sgt./P.), M. G. H. Elliott (Sgt./P.), P. B. Fleming (Sgt./P.)



G. J. Gibbons (W/Op.), J. H. B. Gladwell (F/S. P.), P. E. Harris (F/S. N.), F. W. D. Haynes (F/O. N.), J. A. Hughes (Sgt./P.), L. R. Humphrey (P/O. P.), R. Hussey (P.N.B.), D. J. D. Jones (F/S. N.), L. King (F/S. P.), J. Lake (F/S. P.), N. M. Malpass (Sgt. F/E.), A. E. Martin (P.N.B.), D. M. McDowell (P.N.B.), T. C. S. Newton (P.N.B.), D. T. Parker (E.), C. A. Peatey (F/S. P.), K. J. Peatey (F/S. P.), J. G. Perfect (Sgt./B.), R. Piercey (F/O. P.), P. E. Pickstock (Sgt. W/Op.), N. F. Rogers (P.N.B.), F. A. Rumble (P.N.B.), F. G. Secker (F/Lt. P.), awarded D.F.C., J. W. Simpson (F/O. P.), B. A. Tanner (P.N.B.), J. R. Turner (F/O. P.), V. R. Vincent (F/S., A.G.), L. A. White (Sgt./N.), D. W. Barnett (P.N.B.), E. C. S. Bratchell (P.N.B.), D. H. Butler (P.N.B.), G. Clements (F/O. P.), A. V. Endsor (P.N.B.), L. T. Giggs (P.N.B.), R. C. Goodburn (F/S. P.), E. J. Holton (Sgt./A.G.), R. S. Hope (U.A.S.), D. M. North (P.N.B.), F. E. S. Palmer (F/O. P.), I. M. Pedder (P.N.B.), R. L. Salter (P.N.B.), R. N. Smith (E.), G. Thirtle (P.N.B.), B. E. Tilney (Sgt. W/Op.), J. Vaughan (P.N.B.), J. R. Vinden (P.N.B.), P. N. P. Williams (P.N.B.), K. J. Ayres (F/O. N.), D. Fister (Sgt. W/Oop.A.G.), D. Hawkes (Sgt./E.), V. S. McQueen (Sgt./E.), C. O'Sullivan (P.N.B.), M. C. E. Bird (Sgt./B.), E. G. Roberts (Sgt./N.), R. D. Garwood (P.N.B.), H. A. Berry (P.N.B.), N. W. Brown (F/O. P.), B. L. Mann (P/O. N.), J. Merriman (P/O. B.), E. J. Morris (P.N.B.), R. B. Moore (P.N.B.), A. A. Newell (P/O.N.), A. A. Smith (W/Op. A.G.), H. Aldridge (P.N.B.), G. Spreadbury (Sgt./E.), E. W. T. Page (P.N.B.), D. F. Purslow (P.N.B.), S. C. Walden (P.N.B.), R. Keal (P.N.B.), D. S. How (P.N.B.), D. B. Harding (Sgt. N.), K. S. Tubb (P.N.B.), G. Suckling (P/O. N.), P. B. Fleming (P.N.B.), G. S. Weller (P/O. F.A.A.), R. D. Youers (P/O., F.A.A.), D. T. J. Kingham (Lt., F.A.A., P.), R. H. Lavender (Sub./Lt., F.A.A. P.), J. E. Haynes (P/O., F.A.A.), J. Robertson (W/O., F.A.A., A.G.), W. G. J. Francis (P/O., F.A.A.), S. G. Tibbles (P/O., F.A.A.), R. A. Clinch (W/Op., F.A.A.), R. G. Stewart (P/O., F.A.A.).

The following Cadets are in the Royal Navy :

J. T. Jones, M. F. J. Ashford (Sub.Lt.), G. W. Cox, R. J. Pettitt, P. T. Ward, J. Hands, R. Kearsley, C. H. Clark, F. H. Goodchild, W. Warner, M. C. Gladwell, G. W. West, R. Hill.

The following joined the R.A.F. as Ground Technicians :

P. T. Clark, A. G. Green, J. C. Jones, P. D. Publicover, D. A. Rendell (L.A.C.), G. O. Rendell (L.A.C.), W. A. Stevens, B. P. Saunders, B. A. White (L.A.C.), D. A. Aldridge, A. W. Barnard (Sgt. O/Cadet), D. C. Barnes, G. Croxson, S. E. Deboo, R. E. Eales,

R. L. German, T. C. A. Hanks, B. F. Lance (transferred from Air Crew), N. G. Lucas, P. J. North, L. T. Piper, L. H. Smith, D. Stafford, T. R. Suckling, C. H. Bridger, R. G. Canneaux, R. A. Palmer, E. C. Piercey (transferred from Air Crew), G. J. Ryan, P. E. Stone, H. H. Tilbury, C. Dunham, J. Wilkens.

The following Cadets joined the Army :

G. Berry, T. A. W. Gamester, G. W. Hampton, W. E. Mines, J. C. F. Evison, I. A. Farnington, D. M. King, E. J. Miller (Lieut.), R. G. Bates (Lieut.), A. R. Harris (Lieut.), R. L. McQueen, H. E. Tapping, L. F. A. Raven (Airborne), E. L. Crayford.

It is with deep sorrow that we have to record that several Cadets have already passed on. Cdt. Cpl. A. F. Tapping met his death while cycling down Marlow Hill ; L/C. P. H. Gatfield was killed while in a training flight at R.A.F. Booker, while the following met their deaths after joining the R.A.F. :

St. D. H. Beechey, Air Gunner.	Killed in Action.
F/O. L. F. Chapman, Pilot.	Killed in Action.
Sgt. J. A. Hughes, Pilot.	Killed in Action.
Sgt. N. M. Malpass, Engineer	Killed on Active Service.
F/Sgt. C. A. Peatey, Pilot	Killed in Action.
P/O. F. E. S. Palmer, Pilot	Killed on Active Service.
P/O. A. A. Newell, Navigator.	Killed on Active Service.

Other casualties of whom we still hope to get good news are :—

F/O. F. W. D. Haynes, Navigator.	Missing.
Sgt. J. H. Oblein, Wireless Operator.	Missing.
Sgt. R. E. Eales was drowned whilst on leave from the R.A.F.	

Three of our Cadets are prisoners of war : Sgt. F/E. V. S. McQueen, Sgt./B. J. G. Perfect, both of whom are now members of the Caterpillar Club, and P/O. K. J. Ayres, a Navigator, who is a prisoner after Arnhem. Sgt./Pilot D. Crome succeeded in making his escape after landing in enemy territory and is happily with us again.

Finally, we congratulate F/Lt. F. G. Secker on being awarded the D.F.C., after his tour of brilliant " Ops."

Let us hope that " 708 " has come to be a part of the R.G.S. for peace as well as war. Through it Old Boys have remained an integral part of the School and they have seen a club in action which for its sports and social sides alone merits continuance.

## BOARDING HOUSE, 1941-1944.

Since the beginning of the war the number of boys in the House has steadily increased from the 35 to the present record number of 73. This increase has made possible the introduction of many activities out of school hours that beforehand were impossible.

The sports side of the House has improved considerably. Instead of the odd one or two boys playing for the 1st Set at Rugby, many are now in the School 1st XV and many others are playing in the 1st Set. During 1943-44 Winter Season the House had its own fixtures with Aylesbury Grammar 1st XV and Soccer fixtures with neighbouring teams. The cricket of the House has also improved beyond expectations. Fixtures with the Schools in the locality have been thoroughly enjoyed and the Parents' XI once completely defeated and once morally defeated. The School 1st XI, 2nd XI and A.T.C. XI's have had six Boarders to help them in the 1944 Season. 2nd XI Cricket colours were awarded to Lochhead I, Tuckett, Nightingale and Collins. Many evening matches (especially the defeat of the A.T.C. 1st XI last July) have been enjoyed by all, and much experience has been gained. A Junior XI visited High Wycombe Town Ground and defeated a Junior Town side in two good games.

The war has brought many difficulties, but it has also made the development of the social side of Boarding house life imperative. Long black-out evenings and summer days of restricted travel have caused the boys to look to themselves for their own amusements. A display of patriotism led to the formation of the Gardening Club that raised about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  tons of potatoes in two years. The evenings that were once spent in boredom are now fully occupied by the Gym Club, Dramatics, Badminton (for a few select members) and Scouting activities. The Gym Club has produced two displays for the Parents and the Dramatic Society put on two plays last Christmas for the Red Cross.

Perhaps the biggest strides have been made in Scouting, which appeals to boys of all ages. The Troop (25th High Wycombe), started by a few pioneers, was officially recognised in January, 1944, and now takes a full share in the activities of the District. Two Cups have already been won (one for Athletics) and it is hoped that more are on the way. The new experiment in Senior Scouting starts this term and if the keenness displayed here is as great as that shown in the Troop, success must follow. The Acting Assistant S.M. and the P.L.'s must be congratulated on their invaluable work.

Many members of the Staff take a great interest in the House, especially on the Games side. Who will forget Mr. Rees at his best on Rugger in the Study on a Monday evening over a cup of potent "Study Brew"; or the long arm of Mr. James in the outfield and Mr. Brand bowling outswingers with the oak tree as a sight screen on the long evenings after supper? Mrs. Kernick has done noble work in the Junior and Middle Dorms on Wednesday evenings while Rev. L. W. Cowie, apart from his night per week as assistant House-Master, has succeeded Rev. W. Richardson in preparing the candidates from the House for confirmation. The Confirmation service of March, 1944, was held in the Parish Church and conducted by the Suffragan Bishop of Buckingham; many parents and friends of the House as well as the boarders themselves attended. In the Easter term of 1945, it is anticipated, with the approval of the Bishop of Oxford, that a private confirmation service for Candidates from the school will be held at Terriers Church on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 21st at 3.30 p.m. The Bishop of Oxford himself is to confirm the candidates.

The account of the House activities must contain some record of the work done by the members. After a somewhat undistinguished past, the Boarders produced some most happy results in 1943, when of ten candidates for School Certificate, nine passed, and the one Higher Certificate candidate, K. J. Kingsbury, obtained the certificate with a distinction in Zoology and a County Major Scholarship and was also awarded an Entrance scholarship at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.

The future of Boarding in State-aided Schools is a question which has attracted much discussion in the Press and in Parliament of late. The new Education Bill, however, has made it abundantly clear that side by side with a scheme to include the great independent Public Schools in some national scheme, the Minister hopes to see the existing Boarding sides in old Grammar schools of this kind extended and enlarged, and admission to the Boarding houses not confined entirely to those whose parents are able to meet the full boarding fees. The Governors of this school in consultation with the County Education Committee have given much time and thought to the opportunities opened up for the Royal Grammar School by these new developments and it is safe to prophesy that as soon as new buildings or adaptation becomes possible, the Governors will be ready to go ahead with plans that will be fully in keeping with the new prospect in education and at the same time uphold and enhance the schools traditions.

The House Prefects, led by Rayner, who is now in his 3rd year as Senior Prefect—have done good work. Rayner, Lochhead I, Tuckett and Phizackerley have now been made School Prefects.

The House is becoming keen and alive to its many possibilities and advantages, and it is hoped that the future will hold many opportunities that I am sure will not be missed.



### RUGBY FOOTBALL SEASON 1942-3.

The 1942-3 season proved to be one of the most successful in the history of School Rugger. The opening of term found us with eight members of the previous year's XV and many new but able players. After several practice games in which many Old Boys took part, the first match on the fixture list was played against Sir William Borlase's School, at Marlow on October 17th. From the first we proved definitely superior, and the final score stood at 21.0 in our favour. The next match, against Windsor County School, proved no less successful. They sent a team on November 7th, which, after an enjoyable game was beaten by 44 points to 6.

For the first time in four years, the old fixture with Lord Williams's School, Thame was taken up again. We went there on November 21st, and although their team proved heavier than ours, we again won by a margin of 21 points to nil. It must be said here that the Thame team treated us with every mark of courtesy and hospitality, and we hope that this fixture will be continued in future years.

Unfortunately both Aylesbury Grammar School and Windsor cancelled the next two matches, so that a considerable gap was left in the programme. On the 12th December, Marlow sent their team for a return match, and this time the game was more even. Our opponents had grown stronger during the season, and in order to secure our lead we had to fight extremely hard. This was perhaps the best game of the year, and it again saw us victorious, 14—3.

Finally we played a return match against Windsor, and here too the opposition had grown stronger. We were hampered by the absence of two colours, but even so managed to beat them.

We thus completed the season with 116 points for and 15 points against us. War conditions made more frequent matches impossible, but it is hoped that next year we may be able to play more frequently. If the team is as successful next year as it has been during this, it

may be possible to enter the School for the Public Schools Seven-a-Side games.

Finally, we must end with an appeal. This year, despite the keenness of the 1st Set, the standard of Rugger has been falling in the School. Little enthusiasm was shown by the Middle school and if this continues so we will be unable to field a XV in a few year's time. It is therefore the duty of everyone to make an effort next year and to do his utmost to make himself proficient at the game. Only thus will Rugger be kept alive !

J.W.P.

### THE PREPARATORY FORM.

From time immemorial the Royal Grammar School has had a Preparatory Form. In the dim past I think it was divided into two years, but certainly during the last decade it has been a small oasis composed entirely of fee-payers who proceed into the Main School only if they are successful in the County Special Place Examination. Since the war has brought us so many additional staff the Prep Form has held rather a unique position in the school. In many ways they are a model to all of us. They dust their own form room and take as much pride in the condition of their rooms as if it were their own home.

One of the less happy results of the new Education Bill seems likely to be that when fees are abolished in all State-Aided Schools, Preparatory Forms will cease to exist and this mention of our Prep. is certainly due to it before it passes into oblivion.

Through the energy and care of the form-mistress, activities have been arranged and seen through which have given the small people of the Prep Form a real place in the life of the school. Members of the staff are compelled in free periods to go to harangue the form on their own pet subject, or else to judge pressed-flower collections, etc. Prefects and school captains are pressed into service as coaches of cricket and football. The result has been that the recent results in the Special Place Examination have commanded the special congratulations of the Governing Body and at the same time the attention of the whole school has on occasion been centred on the 1st XI square for the match against Godstowe School 1st Cricket XI.

It is perhaps appropriate to use this paragraph to make public announcement that the Governors have decided that no further boys can be admitted to the Preparatory Form and that those parents who

relied on entering their boys to the school through the Prep must in future seek the same way into the school as the general bulk of citizens, namely the County Special Place Examination which is held in March of every year and for which all boys residing in the County, whether in Private or in State-provided schools, are eligible.

*Special Places awarded 1942—*

R. Birmingham.	D. K. Ward
P. G. Callis	D. J. Weatherhall.
D. J. Harrison	

*Special Places awarded 1943—*

A. S. Baker	E. J. Macfarlane
I. G. Bingham	J. R. Mellor
D. K. Chisholm	P. J. Miglori
T. A. Cowlett	D. J. Milne
D. H. Durbin	J. Read
M. J. Eaton	T. Taylor
G. T. Harris	D. Timms
M. W. Hastings	

*Special Places awarded 1944—*

A. H. Betts	A. P. Shorter
S. J. McNichol	N. D. Stanners
F. E. Rich	D. A. Wheeler

## School Activities, 1942.

*Senior Prefect* : D. J. Wickens.

*Prefects* : J. W. Priest, N. G. Lucas, H. A. B. Leeser, P. J. North, R. H. Whiting, P. I. Busfield, F. Glenister, B. W. Grace, D. M. McDowell, R. D. Garwood, P. L. Allman, R. Barnes, D. H. Butler, A. H. Craven, A. B. Endsor, I. A. Fairington, M. Gibbs, K. J. Kingsbury, A. J. Payne, T. R. Suckling, G. Thirtle, D. W. Wintsch, A. W. Bradley, R. J. Fredericks, G. S. Heaton, P. J. Scally, R. Smith, J. Vaughan.

*Captain of Rugby 1st XV* : J. W. Priest.

*Vice-Captain of Rugby 1st XV* : R. H. Whiting.

*1st XV Rugby Colours* : A. V. Endsor, G. S. Heaton, R. Smith, T. R. Suckling.

*Captain of Cricket 1st XI* : D. R. Witney.

*Vice-Captain of Cricket 1st XI* : M. E. J. Ashford.

*1st XI Cricket colours* : D. R. Witney, M. E. J. Ashford, B. E. H. McQueen, A. J. Hughes, J. M. Evans, G. E. Martingell.

*Queens House Masters* : W. N. Bicknell, Esq.  
S. A. Savage, Esq.

<i>Captain :</i>	B. W. Grace
<i>Vice-Captain :</i>	H. A. B. Leeser
<i>Disraeli House Masters :</i>	J. A. McQueen, Esq.
	H. W. Johnson, Esq.
<i>Captain :</i>	B. H. McQueen
<i>Vice-Captain :</i>	G. S. Heaton.
<i>Arnison House Masters :</i>	P. L. Jones, Esq.
	T. H. Price, Esq.
<i>Captain :</i>	J. W. Priest,
<i>Vice-Captain :</i>	T. R. Suckling.
<i>Kings House Masters :</i>	S. Morgan, Esq.
	S. E. Aldridge, Esq.
<i>Captain :</i>	R. H. Whiting
<i>Vice-Captain :</i>	P. J. North

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### Junior Training Corps.

*Officers :* Major E. R. Tucker, Captain H. G. Brand, 2/Lts. S. E. Aldridge, P. L. Jones, J. H. A. Dagnall.

*R.S.M. :* B. W. Grace.

*"A" Coy. :* C.S.M. : R. H. Whiting

*Platoon Commanders :* Sgt. I. M. Pedder, R. D.

Baker, A. W. Bradley.

*"B" Coy. :* C.S.M. : G. S. Heaton.

*Platoon Commanders :* Sgts. S. Bennett, J. Vaughan,

R. Smith.

*"C" Coy. :* C.S.M. : A. V. Endsor

*Platoon Commanders :* Sgts. R. Barnes, R. J.

Fredericks, D. M. McDowell.

*Armoury :* Cpl. M. J. Abbott.

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### Air Training Corps.

*Officers :* Flt. Lt. W. N. Bicknell, Flying Officers E. C. Millington, S. Morgan, T. H. Price, H. W. Johnson, Pilot Officer S. A. Savage

*Old Boys' Flights :* Flt. Sgts. E. W. Bunkhall, L. T. Giggs, W. E. Mines, B. A. White. ; Sgts. R. E. Eales, G. D. Hazell, F. E. S. Palmer, B. A. Tanner.

*School Flights :* Senior Flight Sgt. A. V. Endsor. ; Flight Sgts. F. Glenister, I. M. Pedder, P. I. Busfield, C. J. S. Mitchell, G. Thirtle.



### Higher Certificate Examination Successes.

M. J. F. Ashford, L. Brotmacher, P. I. Busfield, F. Glenister, H. A. B. Leeser (Distinction in Classics), D. M. McDowell, J. W. Priest (Distinction in German), G. W. Stanners, D. J. Wickens (Distinctions in English and History), L. G. Willmot (Distinction in French) and D. R. Witney.

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### School Certificate Examination Successes.

G. Crosson, M. J. Dawe, G. H. Down, G. S. Heaton, G. A. Hipgrave, E. J. Holton, R. S. Hope, B. F. Lance, C. J. S. Mitchell, R. Smith, R. G. Stewart, P. C. Tucker, P. N. P. Williams, W. N. Bews, A. W. Bradley, S. E. Deboo, T. C. A. Hanks, D. J. Hunt, K. Millar, E. J. Page, R. J. Rippington, D. E. Small, P. R. Stevens, J. Vaughan, F. Wilcock, J. T. Wright, H. G. Bass, R. M. Belbin, E. D. Child, N. W. Chisholm, R. L. Cooley, L. C. Couling, R. F. Fredericks, A. Gann, D. A. Ginger, F. H. Goodchild, R. G. Gray, B. V. Harley, M. G. Harris, E. J. Humphries, K. H. Jackson, A. Lang, H. Levy, M. J. R. Mackrill, D. M. Matthews, P. B. Newell, N. W. B. Page, R. J. Page, A. S. Parker, D. R. Peatey, J. A. Phizackerley, G. W. Rogers, A. B. Saunders, R. D. Saunders, P. J. Scally, J. E. Stallwood, R. N. Stone, R. D. Youers, J. F. Palmer, I. M. Pedder

County Major Scholarships were awarded to D. W. H. Crutchfield and D. J. Wickens (who were also awarded State Scholarships), L. G. Willmott, E. J. Miller, D. R. Witney, L. Brotmacher.

D. W. H. Crutchfield—Open Scholarship in Classics, Balliol College, Oxford.

L. G. Willmot—Open Exhibition in English, Jesus College, Cambridge.

E. J. Miller—Open Exhibition in Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.

D. R. Witney—Open Exhibition in English, Jesus College, Cambridge.

L. Brotmacher—Entrance Scholarship to St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.



### School Activities 1943.

*Senior Prefect* : A. V. Endsor.

*Prefects* : P. L. Allman, R. M. Belbin, D. H. Butler, R. E. F. Canham, A. H. Craven, P. Dutton, R. J. Fredericks, A. S. Gann, M. Gibbs, D. A. Ginger, K. A. Goodearl, R. G. Gray, B. V. Harley

M. G. Harris, F. J. Heather, N. L. Higgins, A. Lang, D. M. Matthews,  
B. E. H. McQueen, C. J. S. Mitchell, P. B. Newell, J. W. Priest,  
R. Rance, G. C. Rayner, O. Roith, R. L. Salter, P. J. Scally, G.  
Thirtle, D. W. Wintsch.

*Captain of Rugby 1st XV* : J. W. Priest.

*Vice-Captain of Rugby 1st XV* : A. V. Endsor.

*1st XV Rugby colours* : R. L. Salter, B. V. Harley, R. V. Martin.

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*Captain of Cricket 1st XI* : B. E. H. McQueen.

*Vice-Captain of Cricket 1st XI* : A. J. Hughes.

*1st XI Cricket colours* : B. E. H. McQueen, A. J. Hughes, J. M.  
Evans, Hunt, Martingell, Shillabeer, Wickens.

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*Queens House Masters* : W. N. Bicknell, Esq.  
S. A. Savage, Esq.

*Captain* : P. J. Scally.

*Vice-Captain* : R. V. Martin.

*Disraeli House Masters* : J. A. McQueen, Esq.  
H. W. Johnson, Esq.

*Captain* : B. E. H. McQueen.

*Vice-Captain* : A. V. Endsor.

*Arnison House Masters* : P. L. Jones, Esq.  
T. H. Price, Esq.

*Captain* : J. W. Priest.

*Vice-Captain* : R. L. Salter

*Kings House Masters* : S. Morgan, Esq.  
S. E. Aldridge, Esq.

*Captain* : R. D. Baker.

*Vice-Captain* : A. B. Shillabeer.

### **Junior Training Corps.**

*Officers* : Major E. R. Tucker, Capt. H. G. Brand, 2/Lts. S. E.  
Aldridge, P. L. Jones.

*S.M.* : A. V. Endsor.

*R.Q.M.S.* : R. G. Gray.

*"A" Coy.* : C.S.M. : R. D. Baker.

*Platoon Commanders* : Sgts. R. F. Pocock, R. V.  
Martin, B. E. H. McQueen.

"B" Coy. : C.S.M. : C. J. S. Mitchell.

*Platoon Commanders* : Sgts. P. L. Allman, R. L. Salter, A. B. Shillabeer.

"C" Coy. : C.S.M. : D. H. Butler.

*Platoon Commanders* : Sgts. G. C. Rayner, D. H. Wintsch, J. M. Evans.

*Armoury* : Cpls : P. B. Newell, M. G. Harris.

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*School Flights* : Senior Flt. Sgt. A. V. Endsor, Flight Sgts. P. L. Allman, R. L. Salter, C. J. S. Mitchell, A. J. Payne, D. H. Butler, G. Thirtle.

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### **Higher Certificate Examination Successes.**

P. L. Allman, R. Barnes, P. I. Busfield, D. H. Butler, A. V. Endsor, F. Glenister, K. A. Goodearl, N. L. Higgins, K. J. Kingsbury, N. G. Lucas, P. J. North, K. S. Powell, R. Rance, G. Thirtle, D. H. Wintsch (Distinction in Physics).

### **School Certificate Examination Successes.**

R. D. Baker, R. A. Bowler, D. Bowman, G. G. C. Catling, G. V. Hayden, W. A. F. Hill, D. V. Manning, J. P. Martin, B. E. H. McQueen, L. F. A. Raven, J. Smith, K. O. Surridge, K. I. Williamson, D. J. Young, D. W. Barnett, A. K. Berry, D. Evans, R. F. Harding, R. F. Harding, E. Lewis, R. V. Martin, G. N. Moon, W. C. Peacock, G. C. Rayner, J. A. Bland, S. L. H. Clarke, C. T. Fletcher, R. S. Freeman, S. Fursman, N. G. Gomme, P. G. Harris, H. C. Hickman, R. F. House, B. S. Larkin, R. J. Lunnon, D. W. Martin, H. M. Martin, C. R. M. Mason, D. J. Perfect, S. M. Radford, C. W. Radford, C. W. Turner, R. S. Upchurch, M. W. Warburg, R. F. M. White, I. N. Woollett, E. L. Bevan, G. Elman, E. E. Harding, G. E. Martingell, C. Suessmann, H. G. A. Briggs, V. G. Gibson, E. A. Gray, H. B. Griffiths, D. Lewis, G. N. Oxley, L. R. Samson, R. S. Smith, A. J. Berry, B. E. Collins, A. W. Cross, P. R. Haley, A. K. Howes.

County Major Scholarships were awarded to K. J. Kingsbury and D. H. Wintsch.

D. J. Wickens—Open Exhibition in History, Jesus College, Cambridge.

K. J. Kingsbury—Entrance Scholarship to St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.



### School Activities 1944.

*Senior Prefect* : O. Roith.

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*Captain of Rugby 1st XV* : B. V. Harley.

*Vice-Captain of Rugby 1st XV* : P. J. Scally.

*1st XV Rugby colours* : P. J. Scally, M. Lochhead, P. C. Tuckett, O. Roith, G. C. Rayner, R. J. Fredericks, R. F. Pocock.

*Captain of Cricket 1st XI* : A. B. Shillabeer.

*Vice-Captain of Cricket 1st XI* : J. M. Evans.

*1st XI Cricket colours* : O. Roith, A. Lang, T. E. Goldsmith, A. G. T. Williamson, W. B. Evans.

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J. A. Tucker, Esq.

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*Disraeli House Masters* : J. A. McQueen, Esq.

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*Arnison House Masters* : T. H. Price, Esq.

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*Kings House Masters* : S. Morgan, Esq.

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*Captain* : P. C. Tuckett.

*Vice-Captain* : B. S. Larkin.

## Junior Training Corps.

*Officers* : Major E. R. Tucker, Captain H. G. Brand, 2/Lts. P. L. Jones, H. B. Rees.

*R.S.M.* : C. J. S. Mitchell.

*R.Q.M.S.* : P. B. Newell.

"A" Coy. *C.S.M.* : R. G. Gray.

*Platoon Commanders* : Sgts. A. Lang, P. C. Tuckett, B. V. Harley, A. G. T. Williamson.

"B" Coy. : *C.S.M.* : R. M. Belbin.

*Platoon Commanders* : Sgts. F. J. Heather, M. Lochhead, E. Lewis.

"C" Coy. : *C.S.M.* : P. B. Newell

*Platoon Commanders* : P. Haley, T. E. Goldsmith, D. A. E. Cox, C. Elman, M. R. Seward.

*Armoury* : Sgt. J. E. Millbourn.

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## Air Training Corps.

*Officers* : Flt. Lt. T. H. Price, Flying Officers H. W. Johnson, E. C. Millington, S. Morgan, J. A. Tucker, Pilot Officer R. G. Rendell.

*Old Boys' Flights* : Flt. Sgts. R. Smith, J. M. Bunce, G. W. Rogers, T. R. Bristow, S. G. Peasley, P. Allman, Sgts. K. A. Goodearl, D. C. Saunders, D. F. W. Abercrombie, L. F. A. Raven, K. J. Jubb, P. J. Bunce, P. J. Green.

*School Flights* : Senior Flt. Sgt. : C. J. S. Mitchell, Flt. Sgts. R. G. Gray, F. J. Heather, B. V. Harley, O. Roith, R. F. M. White.

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## Higher Certificate Examination Successes.

R. M. Belbin, B. D. Bowman, L. C. Couling, R. J. Fredericks (Distinction in Greek), A. S. Gann (Distinction in English), M. Gibbs, D. A. Ginger, K. A. Goodearl (Distinction in Physics), B. V. Harley, M. G. Harris, F. J. Heather, N. L. Higgins, A. Lang, M. J. R. Mackrill, D. M. Matthews (Distinction in Zoology), C. J. S. Mitchell, P. B. Newell, J. F. Palmer, R. Rance, O. Roith (Distinction in Physics and Applied Maths), R. L. Salter, P. J. Scally (Distinctions in Greek and Latin), D. H. Wintsch (Distinctions in Physics and Applied Maths.).

### **School Certificate Examination Successes.**

D. C. Andrews, J. H. Bailey, J. C. Bolton-King, C. G. Frewin, T. E. Goldsmith, R. G. Harris, J. M. Hazlewood, B. J. Hersey, R. F. Pocock, B. C. Self, B. G. Sell, E. F. Sharp, E. R. Swallow, P. C. Tuckett, J. G. Abbott, G. R. Bowler, L. B. Burrow, G. J. Clark, M. D. Fellows, G. N. Ginger, W. A. Grainger, R. J. Hall, J. N. Muir, B. G. Buckley, L. A. Ransley, E. R. Read, D. M. Warren, A. G. T. Williamson, L. C. Bitcheno, D. S. Cairns, J. L. Dennis, A. G. Duckering, W. Germany, G. E. Green, M. S. Kenton, H. L. L. Leach, B. N. Littlewood, A. Maunder, D. C. Page, D. B. J. Parker, M. S. Pickering, C. A. Rose, A. L. Savin, M. E. W. Westney, P. G. Woolnough, A. J. Aldridge, C. G. Allman, N. Brudney, J. K. Church, D. J. Cox, R. R. Flaum, J. Joffe, D. W. Lamb, A. M. E. Leaser, E. W. Sandheim, B. P. Smith, A. A. J. Sturgess, F. F. Suessmann, G. E. J. Wheeler, D. E. Wilson, P. Dutton, P. R. Haley, R. V. Martin, R. D. Saunders.

State Scholarships were awarded to P. J. Scally and D. H. Wintsch.

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