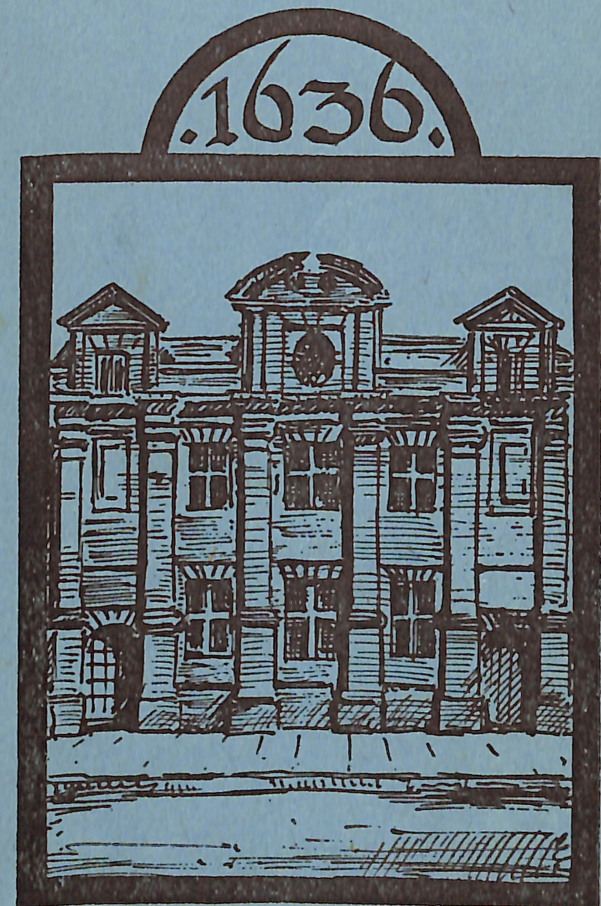


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Editorial

By this time it can safely be said that we have settled down in Rye. There was a great deal of work to be done before the School was opened, but everyone helped to finish it and when all was ready those who could remember the School in pre-evacuation days were surprised to find how little it was changed despite four years' military occupation.

We soon discovered the joys of having plenty of space, a proper dining hall, a playing field, shower-baths and well-fitted laboratories, of all School activities being carried on in one building, and of having our library again. The 'bus problem has been the biggest headache, as it limits activities out of school hours.

In spite of this, we have carried on with pre-Service training although not so zealously as before, and some Societies seem to be languishing. However, in the main fields of School activity we have improved. We have been very successful in sport and we hope that the examination results will prove that our standard of work is as high.

During the term, we have rejoiced with the rest of the world because of the end of the European war. But another conflict has still to be waged. In School we have had our victory, but much work lies ahead of us for the success both of our usual activities and of new enterprise in education in Rye.

School Diary, January--July 1945

- JANUARY 22 Spring term started. The Mayor, accompanied by other friends, welcomed the School back to Rye.
- FEBRUARY 9 Photograph of all Staff and pupils at Bedford during the whole evacuation.
- MARCH 1 Film-show by National Savings Committee.
 13 Film-show of Russian war effort, and "Desert Victory."
 15 Film-show including "Sanders of the River."
 20 Lecture on Missionary Work in China.
 21 Speech Day, held at the Monastery. Prizes presented by the Mayoress, Mrs. Wace.
 22 Lecture on Tanganyika by Mr. Yates.
 27 End of Term Dance.
 28 Broke up for Easter Holiday.
- April 11 Beginning of Summer Term.
- May 2 Athletic Sports, won by Peacocke.
 4 Concert given by players from Sussex Rural School of Music.
 8 & 9 V.E. Holiday.
 17 Field Day.
 18-23 Whitsun and Half-term Holiday.
- JUNE 2 Open Day.
 8 Prefects' Holiday.
 11 Gymnastics Competition.
 22 Mock Election.
 26 Concert given by the Music Society.
 28 Field Day.
 29 School Certificate Examination started.
 30 Garden Fete held by Guides.
- JULY 2 Higher School Certificate Examination started.
 11 Lecture on U.S.S.R. by Professor Ostnaskovsky. Representatives from the School at the funeral of Canon Fowler.
 18 Lecture on Town Planning by Mr. Cornner, Borough Surveyor.
 20 Swimming Sports, won by Peacocke.
 24 School Committee End-of-term Dance.
 25 Broke up for Summer Holiday.

Obiter Dicta

The School, especially the Fifth Form girls, was pleased to welcome Miss Green, our new domestic science mistress at the beginning of the Summer Term.

The following have been made prefects: Ruth Morris, Ruth Oyler, B. Lupton, C. Saunders and A. Shearer.

Mr. Morgan has started a series of lectures on pictures displayed in the School.

We are sorry to lose our excellent cook, Mrs. Haynes, who has made School dinners a great success.

Several rare books have been presented to the library including one of Mrs. Chapone's Letters and an early edition of "Lalla Rookh."

We were pleased to welcome back Miss Rehder, our Secretary, after her short absence.

The Fifth Form have been reading the lessons in Assembly during the last term.

Geraldine Hall has been made our editor.

We were pleased to have Mr. Biddle back for a week while our present caretaker was on holiday. He had just been demobilized from the Navy.

We were interested to hear of the removal of the Rev. W. E. Lane, from Bedford, where he was such a good friend to the School, and wish him as much success in Devon as he has had in Bedford.

We have been pleased to see Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. & Mrs. Mephram from Bedford during their visits to the Rye district.

School Committee

The first meeting of the Session was held on February 5th with B. Dawson in the Chair. The School Rules were discussed and the question of Games time was raised. On March 27th the Sub-Committee reports were given. It was suggested the games teams' fares should be paid by the School. On April 24th, Pamela Whiting was in the Chair. The Headmaster stated that fares for teams would be paid in future. There was further discussion of games and gymnastics time. It was decided that this problem should be referred to the Parents' Committee. On July 25th Sub-Committee reports were given. Suggestions about the election of School Captain and the organisation of games' teas were carried. Fuggle was elected Chairman for the next session and Kathleen Bateup re-elected Secretary.

K.M.B.

House Reports

Peacocke

House Master : Mr. Morgan.
House Mistress : Miss Hill.
Boys' Captain : L. Fuggle.
Girls' Captain : Kathleen Batehup.
Prefects : KATHLEEN BATEHUP, RUTH MORRIS, JEAN POPE, L. FUGGLE, R. MARSHALL, C. SAUNDERS.

At the beginning of the Spring Term we welcomed the following new members, Joan Morris, Barclay and Wilson. As we had not had a party at Christmas, it was decided it should be held on March 9th, and a Committee was appointed to arrange it. Most of the House went to the party and enjoyed it very much.

Two lots of money have been collected. £1 was sent to the Red Cross Prisoner of War Fund and £2 10s. to the Royal East Sussex Hospital.

We have done very well in Sports this year, gaining the netball, hockey, football, athletics, tennis, swimming and cricket shields. At the last meeting of term Mr. Morgan congratulated the House on this fine effort, but pointed out that the work and merit position was not so good. Wood said he hoped Peacocke would be first in work and games next year.

We are losing several of our members this year. They are Ruth Morris who has been a great asset in all House activities, Jean Pope our last year's Girls' House Captain, Marshall, another good all-rounder and S. Wood who was last year's Boys' House Captain. We wish them all good fortune in the future

J.S.

Sanders

House Master : MR. DOUGLAS.
House Mistress : MISS DANN.
Boys' Captain : G. PAINE.
Girls' Captain : PAMELA WHITING.
Prefects : PAMELA WHITING, JULIA TERRY, ROSALIE GREEN, B. LUPTON.

During the past two terms Sanders has done nothing spectacular because of the weakness of the Senior boys and the Junior girls. Most of the House matches we have played have been lost. In the Sports we were defeated in spite of a hard struggle put up by a few gallant members of the House. Roberts, our Sports Captain, is to be congratulated on the hard work he put in, both before and on Sports day. In the work and merit competition, Sanders has come second.

Last term the long-anticipated House Party was arranged and proved to be a great success. We have decided to form a constitution which has been drawn up and now waits to be passed. The collection has been kept up to standard. Last term it was sent to the Prisoner-of-War Fund and this term to the Royal East Sussex Hospital. Many thanks are due to Paine and Pamela Whiting who have so ably fulfilled the duties of House Captains for the past year, and we wish good luck to all our members who are leaving this term.

B.L.

Meryon

House Master : MR. BROOME.
House Mistress : MISS TUNSTALL.
House Captains : P. WOOD.
RUTH OYLER.
House Prefects : B. DAWSON, J. BULL, A. SHEARER, RUTH OYLER.

This term has not been a particularly successful one for Meryon. After a concerted effort we managed to attain second place in the Athletic Sports but failed to dislodge Peacocke from the first place. We have also attained second place in the Work and Merit Shield, although only by a small margin over Peacocke. We won the Senior Boys' Gym competition, but our girls were not so successful and had to be content with third place. Our collections have risen considerably this term and we have sent one guinea to each of the following charities: The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, John Groom's Crippleage, The Bedford County Hospital, and the Royal East Sussex Hospital.

As always at the end of the Summer Term, we have to say goodbye to some of the older members of the House. This term the following members are leaving: Dawson, our popular House Prefect and School Captain, Bull, our House Treasurer and Sports enthusiast, together with Bullen, a valuable asset in School and House Sports, and Ruth Oyler, our "petite" House Captain whose lively personality is always evident in House Meetings; and we wish them all the very best of luck in their new venture.

A.A.S.

Games Report

Football

We were pleased to meet our old rivals, Hastings Grammar School, in our first match since our return to Rye. Playing on a muddy pitch our combination proved to be superior and we soon took the lead. Although our goal was several times threatened by the opposing forwards, our forwards did most of the attacking and

scored four more goals to give us our first win in Sussex by 5 goals to nil.

Icklesham Casuals were our next opponents and we were handicapped by a water-logged pitch and lack of weight. Our defence witheld repeated attacks and a break away by Morris gave us the lead, followed shortly by a second goal by Gutsell. In the second half we had more of the play but a defensive error lead to a goal for our opponents. A very hard game finally ended in our favour by the odd goal of three, the defence playing exceptionally well against a heavier forward line.

Our return match with Hastings Grammar School proved to be a very slow game. In the one bright spell of a really dull match we scored four times in quick succession. Attacks by our opponents in the second half failed to reduce our lead and the score remained 4—0 in our favour.

By far the most exciting and fastest game of the season was our away match with Ashford Grammar School. The perfection of a forward pass movement gave Ashford the lead but a minute before half-time Bullen equalized from a well placed corner by Roberts. Ashford went ahead with three more goals early in the second half and only a few minutes from the end were our forwards able to reduce their lead. Thus we suffered our only defeat of the season by four goals to two.

We completed a double over Icklesham Casuals by defeating them 5—1 on our own pitch. The forward line combined very effectively despite some splendid defensive work by the Icklesham left back.

In the last game of the season, we avenged our previous defeat with Ashford Grammar School. Our well planned defensive tactics prevented our opponents from carrying out their forward pass movement and our forwards scored twice without reply. In a more even second half each side netted once to give us a victory by 3 goals to 1.

At the conclusion of a most successful season in which we were defeated on only one occasion, it was unanimously decided to present colours to all members of the team.

L.J.F.

Junior Football

After a disappointing start, the Junior Football Team settled down and had a very successful term, winning six and drawing one of the eight matches played.

In the opening match, against Hastings Grammar School, at Rye, our opponents scored twice in the first few minutes, finally winning 7—1. The positioning of our defence was poor, while the forwards were slow in front of goal.

The following week, we visited Ashford Grammar School, whom we defeated 4—2, giving our best display of the season. The team played in determined style against a strong and heavy side, the combination being particularly good.

In our next match, against Rye Senior School, we maintained our improvement, winning by 5—0, four of our goals being scored during the second half.

The game against Hastings Technical School, at Rye, was keenly contested and play reached a high standard. Both defences played extremely well, but during the last twenty minutes we scored twice to win by 2—0.

The following Saturday we were at home to Tower Road School, St. Leonards. Again there was no score during the opening half, but shortly after half-time our opponents took the lead. We replied strongly and eventually won a keen game by 3—1.

Meeting Ashford Grammar School at Rye, we were quickly in arrears, but good forward play gave us an interval lead of 3—1. We continued to attack, but without success, and in the closing stages Ashford rallied well and brought the score to 3—3.

In the return game with Rye Senior School we gained a lead of 2—0, but our opponents improved and by half-time had equalised. Although we were attacking for most of the second half, the Senior School defended well and we were able to score only once, thus winning by 3—2.

Our final match was an under 15½ game against Hastings Technical School 1st XI, on the Upper Pilot Field, Hastings. Showing good team work we won by 6—1, after leading 3—0 at half-time.

The team throughout the term was :—Barham or Sinden ; Bryant, Creasey ; Wigg, Sexton (Capt.), Beeching ; N. Godden, D. Boyce, Simmons, T. Saunders, Radley or C. Godden. Others who also played :—Dunster II, Crisford, Ashwin.

Hockey

Last term proved a very successful one for the first hockey eleven. Our first match, on February 24th, against the Old Scholars, resulted in a win for the School, the score being 8—0. On March 10th there was a return match and the score was again in our favour being 4—0. Our last match was on March 17th, against Hastings High School, and was played on their ground. After an exciting game the School won by two goals, the final score being 3—1.

As can be seen by these results, play has definitely improved and we hope it will continue to do so next term. The team was chosen from the following :—

Pamela Whiting (Captain)
Kathleen Batehup

Julia Terry
Ruth Oyler

Julia Smith
Iris Leeds-George
Geraldine Hall
Rita Oylar

Ruth Morris
Jean Pope
Audrey Brakefield
Rosemary Ray

Colours were awarded to Pamela Whiting, Iris Leeds-George and Kathleen Waterman. They were renewed to Julia Smith, Kathleen Batehup and Ruth Morris.

P.W.

Netball

During the Spring Term we played three netball matches, two against Rye Senior School and the other against Rye Collegiate School.

In the first match, against the Senior School, we lost 8—7. Against the Collegiate School we won 37—2. In the return match against the Senior School we won 21—3.

The following played in the School Team :—

Joan Morris (Captain)
Margaret Harvey
Stephanie Gain
Mary Metianu

Marie Hoad
Irene Elliott
Margaret Bull
Rita Oylar

The results of the House matches were as follows :—

| | | | | |
|----------|----|----|---------|---|
| Peacocke | 6 | v. | Sanders | 3 |
| Peacocke | 11 | v. | Meryon | 6 |
| Meryon | 8 | v. | Sanders | 2 |

The Seniors played a series of House matches in which the results were :—

Sanders beat Meryon
Sanders beat Peacocke
Peacocke beat Meryon

The House Netball Shield thus goes to Peacocke.

JOAN MORRIS.

The Athletic Sports

This year the standards system has been continued with a few alterations. This enables everyone to score as many points as possible for his House and also gives more opportunities for Sports practice. When the points gained in reaching standards were finally added, it was found that Peacocke had a lead of 13 with Meryon second.

Sports Day was held at the School Field at Leasham, on Wednesday May 2nd. In spite of the threat of rain and a cold wind many parents and friends arrived to watch the events and we were very pleased to see them. There was much excitement during most of the sports, which rose to a frenzied pitch during the relay races. The Houses

held the positions which proved to be the final order right from the beginning of the meeting and the results were :

Peacocke 48½, Meryon 41½, Sanders 392.

When the events were over, the Headmaster announced the result of the sports and presented the trophies. He explained that he was performing this duty as it was the first athletics meeting since the School's return to Rye. The awards were as follows :

| <i>Athletic Sports Shield</i> | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Boys' ½-mile | Peacocke |
| Girls' High Jump | Meryon |
| Senior Girls' Relay | Sanders |
| Senior Boys' Relay | Peacocke |
| Senior Girls' 220 yds. | Meryon |
| Senior Girls' 100 yds. | Peacocke |
| Senior Boys' 220 yds. | Meryon |
| Senior Boys' 100 yds. | Peacocke and Meryon |
| Boys' High Jump | Peacocke and Meryon |
| Junior Boys' 220 yds. | Peacocke |
| | Peacocke and Sanders |

| Event. | First | Second | House Order. |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Junior Boys' ½-mile | N. Godden | Tickner | S.P.M. |
| Middle School Boys' ½-mile | Webb | Sexton | M.P.S. |
| Senior Boys' ½-mile | Fuggle | Bull | M.P.S. |
| Senior Boys' 100 yds. | Chappell | Shearer | M -P S. |
| Middle School Boys' 100 yds. | Dunster I | Metianu | M. S. P. |
| Junior Boys' 100 yds. | N. Godden | Stuart | P. S. M. |
| Senior Girls' 100 yds. | M. Goodsell | J. Terry | M. S. P. |
| Middle School Girls' 100 yds. | S. Gain | B. Brakefield | P. S. M. |
| Junior Girls' 80 yds. | M. Metianu | B. Davis | P. M. S. |
| Middle School Boys' High Jump | Radley | Wigg Metianu | S. M. P. |
| Middle School Girls' High Jump | R. Wells | P. Orford | P. M. S. |
| Junior Girls' High Jump | M. Metianu | J. Ide | P. S. M. |
| Junior Boys' High Jump | Elkins | N. Godden | S. P. M. |
| Senior Boys' High Jump | Marshall | Bullen | P. M. S. |
| Senior Girls' High Jump | J. Smith | J. Terry | S. P. M. |
| Senior Boys' Long Jump | Bull | P. Wood | M. P. S. |
| Middle School Boys' Long Jump | Sexton | Dunster I T. Saunders | P. S. M. S. M. P. |
| Junior Boys' Long Jump | Simmons | Foster | S. M. P. |
| Senior Girls' Hop, Skip & Jump | J. Terry | S. Gain | S. P. M. |
| Middle School Girls' Hop, Skip & Jump | R. Oylar | J. Hobden | P. M. S. |
| Senior Boys' Hop, Skip & Jump | Bull | Delves | S. M. P. |
| Middle School Boy's Hop, Skip & Jump | T. Saunders | Dunster I | M. P. S. |
| Senior Boys' Cricket Ball Throw | P. Wood | C. Saunders | M. P. S. |
| Middle School Boys' Cricket Ball Throw | Paige | Funnell | M. P. S. |

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Junior Boys' Cricket Ball Throw | Farrow | Cooke | S. P. M. |
| Senior Girls' Rounder Ball Throw | R. Morris | E. Watts | M. S. |
| | | | P. |
| Middle School Girls' Rounders | | | M. |
| Ball Throw | P. Barfoot | M. Hoad | P. S. |
| Junior Girls' Rounders Ball Throw | H. Gill | P. Doel | S. P. |
| | | | M. |
| Junior Boys' Standing Broad Jump | Tickner | C. Godden | S. P. M. |
| Junior Girls Standing Broad Jump | J. Idey | J. Smith | M. P. S. |
| Senior Girls' 220 yds. | J. Smith | K. Dibley | P. S. |
| | | | M. |
| Senior Boys' 220 yds. | Shearer | Chappell | M. |
| | | | P. S. |
| Middle School Boys' 220 yds. | Metianu | Webb | M. |
| | | | P. S. |
| Junior Boys' 220 yds. | Simmons | Elkins | P. |
| | | | S. M. |
| Senior Boys' Relay | | | M. P. S. |
| Middle School Boys' Relay | | | M. P. S. |
| Junior Boys' Relay | | | S. P. M. |
| Senior Girls' Relay | | | P. S. M. |
| Middle School Girls' Relay | | | P. M. S. |
| Junior Girls' Relay | | | P. M. S. |

Cricket

The School 1st XI has enjoyed a most encouraging start to cricket in home surroundings once more, after an absence of five years. We commenced the season with seven members of last season's team and the vacancies were filled with promising players to make a well balanced eleven. The batting has shown a great improvement, more people becoming reliable "run getters," instead of the responsibility of scoring falling on the shoulders of a few as has been the tendency in recent seasons. Much steadier bowling has resulted in a considerable lowering of the averages, but that is as it should be with our facilities for constant practice in the nets instead of the one practice a week we enjoyed in Bedford. Sound fielding is the essence of all cricket and there is need of much improvement in our own fielding before we can be fully satisfied. Of the six matches played, five were won, and one lost.

The results of the season's matches were as follows:—

Versus

HASTINGS GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI, at Hastings, 12.5.45.
Won by 2 runs.

Hastings Grammar School 51 (P. Wood 7 for 21, Fuggle 3 for 21, Shearer 0 for 7).

Rye Grammar School.

Shearer, c. Capelin
Roberts

b. Oakman
b. Oakman

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| | | |
|----------------|-------------|----|
| Wood, P. | b. Oakman | 0 |
| Fuggle, l.b.w. | b. Oakman | 11 |
| Paine | b. Oakman | 0 |
| Bullen | b. Oakman | 1 |
| Bull | b. Goodsell | 0 |
| Morris | b. Goodsell | 0 |
| Chappell | b. Oakman | 13 |
| Wood, S. | b. Goodsell | 0 |
| Allen | not out | 0 |

Extras 2
Total 53

(Oakman 7 for 17).

R.G.S. v. OLD SCHOLARS, at Rye, 10.6.45. Won by 13 runs.

Old Scholars 20 (Wood, P., 3 for 5, Shearer 3 for 3, Dawson 3 for 10, Fuggle 0 for 3).

Rye Grammar School.

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|---|
| Shearer c. Shearer T. | b. Burnett | 4 |
| Bullen | b. Skinner | 6 |
| Fuggle | b. Burnett | 5 |
| Wood, P., c. Jury | b. Skinner | 0 |
| Dawson | b. Burnett | 1 |
| Bull | b. Skinner | 1 |
| Paine | b. Jury | 7 |
| Morris, c. Skinner | b. Jury | 1 |
| Chappell | b. Jury | 1 |
| Wood, S., st. Cooke, G. | b. Jury | 0 |
| Roberts, not out | | 0 |

Extras 7
Total 33

(Jury 4 for 3, Burnett 3 for 11, Skinner 3 for 18):

R.G.S. v. HASTINGS GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI, at Home,
16.6.45. Won by 37 runs.

Rye Grammar School.

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|----|
| Shearer, l.b.w. | b. Oakman | 4 |
| Bullen | b. Roberts | 0 |
| Wood, P. | b. Oakman | 19 |
| Fuggle, l.b.w. | b. Roberts | 0 |
| Dawson | b. Goodsell | 15 |
| Bull, c. Corteel | b. Oakman | 1 |
| Paine, c. Trier | b. Goodsell | 11 |
| Morris, c. Austin | b. Oakman | 0 |
| Wood, S., not out | | 6 |

| | | |
|----------------------|-------------|----|
| Chappell, c. Carteel | b. Goodsell | 7 |
| Roberts, c. Trier | b. Roberts | 12 |
| | Extras | 3 |
| | Total | 78 |

(Oakman 4 for 25)

Hastings Grammar School 41.

(Dawson 5 for 19. Shearer 4 for 9. Wood 1 for 8).

R.G.S. v. BEXHILL COUNTY SCHOOL, at Home, 23.6.45. Lost by 8 runs.

Rye Grammar School.

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------|----|
| Shearer, c. Owens | b. Hunnisett | 6 |
| Wood, S., c. Owens | b. Hunnisett | 1 |
| Wood, P. | b. Owens | 21 |
| Fuggle, st. Vines | b. Hunnisett | 0 |
| Dawson, c. Atterwell | b. Hunnisett | 0 |
| Bullen | b. Hunnisett | 14 |
| Paine | b. Owens | 7 |
| Roberts, st. Vines | b. Hunnisett | 3 |
| Chappell | b. Owens | 0 |
| Morris, | c. & b. Cramp | 0 |
| Bull, not out | | 0 |
| | Extras | 3 |
| | Total | 55 |

(Hunnisett 6 for 35).

Bexhill County School, 63 for 9.

(Dawson 3 for 17, Wood 3 for 23, Fuggle 2 for 5, Shearer 1 for 16).

R.G.S. v. ICKLESHAM, at Home, 30.6.45. Won by 11 runs. Icklesham 28.

(Wood 2 for 11, Dawson 7 for 16, Shearer 1 for 0).

Rye Grammar School.

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|----|
| Shearer, c. Merricks | b. Harman | 7 |
| Wood, S., c. Merricks | b. Mann (Jnr.) | 8 |
| Wood, P. | b. Harman | 0 |
| Fuggle | b. Huggins | 6 |
| Dawson | b. Harman | 2 |
| Bullen | b. Harman | 2 |
| Roberts | b. Harman | 3 |
| Paine, c. Crisford | b. Mann (Jnr.) | 2 |
| Bull | b. Osborne | 1 |
| Morris, c. Merricks | b. Osborne | 1 |
| Boyce, P., not out | | 1 |
| | Extras | 6 |
| | Total | 39 |

R.G.S. v. BEXHILL COUNTY SCHOOL. 14.7.45. Won by six wickets.

Bexhill County School, 23.

(Wood, P. 4 for 9, Dawson 2 for 3, Shearer 3 for 6).

Rye Grammar School.

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|
| Shearer, c. Hunnisett | b. Swaffer | 5 |
| Wood, S., l.b.w. | b. Hunnisett | 2 |
| Wood, P. | b. Hunnisett | 0 |
| Fuggle, c. Barratt | b. Hunnisett | 3 |
| Dawson | retired | 51 |
| Bullen, c. Fry | b. Swaffer | 4 |
| Roberts | b. Owen | 0 |
| Paine, c. Hunnisett | b. Turner | 8 |
| Morris, not out | | 19 |
| Bull | b. Hunnisett | 2 |
| Boyce, P., not out | | 4 |
| | Extras | 1 |
| | Total | 99 for 9 |

(Hunnisett 4 for 35).

Colours have been awarded on the season's results to Shearer, Wood, S., Morris, Paine and Bullen, and renewed to Fuggle, Bull and Dawson.

B.D.

SUMMARY OF THE TEAM.

DAWSON.—Captaining the team throughout this season, Dawson has been on the top of his form and had ended with the highest batting and lowest bowling averages. His fielding is reliable and he has brought off some brilliant catches.

WOOD.—A useful bowler, Wood has been excellent on occasions but he tends to be rather erratic and should take more care where he pitches the ball. His batting needs more practice especially his defensive strokes. His fielding is quick and reliable, his throwing-in being an object lesson to the rest of the team.

SHEARER.—Shearer has proved to be a very useful opening bat and is, on the whole, reliable and steady. He should develop his off-shots, try to keep the ball low and not pull every ball round to leg. He is a useful change bowler and a good outfielder but he needs to be quicker in the slips.

WOOD, S.—Wood is a good "stonewaller" but must develop a greater variety of strokes and learn to take greater advantage of "loose" balls. His fielding needs improvement.

BULLEN.—Bullen could have made more runs this season if he had not taken so many unnecessary risks. He needs to improve his running between the wickets and to be more aggressive in his fielding.

MORRIS.—Morris's wicket-keeping has been one of the highlights of the season. His batting needs practice and he tends to play a cross-bat but he deserved more runs this season than he got.

PAINE.—Paine needs to realize that there are other ways of scoring runs than by hitting fours and he should try to learn how to keep the ball low. His defensive shots improved slightly towards the end of the term.

FUGGLE.—Usually a very reliable batsman Fuggle has only had a moderate success this season. Bad luck and hesitant strokes have combined to keep his average low but his fielding has been excellent and his bowling steady.

ROBERTS.—Roberts has proved to be a steady defensive batsman who can be relied on to keep his end up and at the same time get runs. He needs to be more aggressive both when batting and fielding.

CHAPPELL.—Chappell is a good hitter on occasion and once he has got his eye in, is deadly, but he needs to develop more defensive strokes. His fielding is excellent especially in the outfield.

BULL.—Bull has had a rather disappointing season this year and he never seemed to get settled down in a match. He is a very good fielder and has made some good catches.

BOYCE.—As reserve Boyce has not to be a regular player but when he played he played well, using some fine strokes and making some good catches.

L.A.

JUNIOR CRICKET XI.

Of the six matches played by the Junior Cricket XI, five have been won and one lost. Hastings Grammar School and Rye Senior School were each defeated twice, Bexhill County School were beaten at home but we lost the return match.

In the opening match against Hastings Grammar School at home, we dismissed our opponents for 25, Simmons taking 4 for 8. We lost four wickets very cheaply, but an innings of 23 not out by Simmons enabled us to win by six wickets, our final score being 37 runs for 5 wickets.

In a low-scoring match against Rye Senior School on their ground, we won by 11 runs, scoring 28 for 9 against our opponents' 17. N. Godden bowled well taking 7 for 6.

We beat Hastings Grammar School by 22 runs on a return match on the Hastings Central Ground. After dismissing Hastings for 48 runs, we passed their total for the loss of 4 wickets, finally scoring 70 runs. N. Godden again bowled well taking 5 wickets for 8 runs. Simmons scored 19 not out, Parks 17 and Bryant 11.

At Bexhill, the County School batted confidently scoring 57, this total including several boundaries. In spite of good stands by Parks

and Dunster II and Simmons and Wigg, we were dismissed for 44, thus losing by 13 runs. Simmons was top scorer with 15.

For the return match at Rye, Bexhill again batted first, but good bowling by D. Boyce, who took 5 for 6, helped us to dismiss them for 32. We passed their total for the loss of 4 wickets, our final score being 59 for 9 wickets. Sexton scored 13 not out and Ashwin showed good all-round form in his first match.

Our last match was against Rye Senior School on our pitch. Good bowling by D. Boyce and N. Godden, each taking five wickets and several good catches, resulted in our opponents being dismissed for 22 runs. In reply we scored 24 for 4 to win by six wickets.

Dunster II has proved a reliable wicket-keeper and N. Godden, Wigg and D. Boyce have been outstanding in the field.

Team (from)—Simmons (Capt.), N. Godden, D. Boyce, Dunster II, Parks, Wigg, Bryant, Sexton, Brown, Farrow, Funnell, Crisford and Ashwin.

S. H. Allnutt.

TENNIS.

The first tennis Six have played six matches this season, one against Hastings High School, two against Bexhill County School, one against Ashford County School, one against Old Scholars and one against Boys. Our of these matches the School has won 3 and lost 3.

On the whole the team has played well, but there is need for greater improvement in service and we must be quicker on our feet. Throughout the season the standard of play has steadily improved.

It was a coincidence that the first three matches played each had one deciding game. The match against the Old Scholars was the best of the season. It was fast and very even but the School managed to win.

We are fortunate in having five of last year's team still at School. The sixth place has been filled by Ruth Oyler, while Gerry Hall has played twice.

The following girls have played in matches :—

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Kathleen Batchup (Captain) | Julia Terry |
| Julia Smith | Ruth Morris |
| Pamela Whiting | Ruth Oyler |
| Gerry Hall | |

Tennis Colours have been renewed to Kathleen Batchup and awarded to Julia Terry and Julia Smith.

MATCH RESULTS.

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| First Six | v. Hastings High School | Won | 41—40 |
| | v. Bexhill County School | Lost | 49—50 |
| | v. Ashford County School | Won | 50—49 |
| | v. Bexhill County School | Lost | 35—46 |
| | v. Old Scholars | Won | 52—47 |
| | v. The Boys | Lost | 34—47 |

HOUSE MATCHES.

SENIORS.

Peacocke 32 v. Sanders 31

Sanders 35 v. Meryon 28

Peacocke 36 v. Meryon 27

Final Order.

1st Peacocke 68 games

2nd Sanders 66 games

3rd Meryon 55 games

JUNIORS.

Peacocke 20 v. Sanders 18

Meryon 18 v. Sanders 10

Peacocke 18 v. Meryon 10

Final Order.

1st Peacocke 38 games

2nd Meryon 28 games

3rd Sanders 18 games

Thus the Tennis Shield goes to Peacocke.

On July 24th a School Team played the Staff. The teams were as follows :—

SCHOOL.

Kathleen Batchup

J. Bull

Miss Stevens

STAFF.

Mr. Pigrome

Julia Terry

L. Fuggle

Miss Hill

Mr. Douglas

Julia Smith

B. Dawson

Miss Dann

Mr. Jacobs

The School won 52—47, after a very enjoyable game.

K.M.B.

ROUNDERS.

This has been our first rounders season and the Under 14½ team has played two matches, losing both of them. The first was played at home against Hastings High School and the second was away, against Bexhill County School.

In the match against Hastings we lost by 4 rounders to 3 after a very enjoyable game. When playing against Bexhill we found our opponents a much stronger team and lost by 5 to 2.

In spite of this, the team played well and the fielding has greatly improved, although the batting is not as good during matches as it has been in practice.

We should like to thank Miss Stevens for giving up her spare time to coach us.

The team was as follows :—

Rita Oyler (Captain)

Daphne Weeks

Margaret Bull

Irene Elliott

Joan Morris

Rosemary Wells

Margaret Harvey

Ruth Arnold

Helen Gill

SWIMMING REPORT.

We have missed the excellent swimming facilities that the Bedford Modern School provided, but swimming lessons have been held on Wednesday mornings at the Hastings Baths, for the junior members of the School. On Saturdays, the baths have been reserved for the Grammar School but comparatively few took advantage of this opportunity, the reason being that transport was unavailable. However, those who did go managed to put in some good practice in preparation for the swimming sports.

The Sports took place at Hastings on the evening of July 20th. After the first few events it was easy to guess at the final result. Peacocke was leading from the start, though only by a few points. Winning both the junior and senior relays, they easily overcame the other two houses.

The results were as follows :—

| | P. | M. | S. |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| 1. Junior Boys, one length | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2. Junior Girls, one length | 1 | 2½ | 2½ |
| 3. Senior Boys, two lengths | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. Senior Girls, two lengths | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. Junior Boys, Non-swimmers event | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 6. Junior Girls, Non-swimmers event | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 7. Junior Boys, Beginners' width | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 8. Junior Girls, Beginners' width | 3 | 1½ | 1½ |
| 9. Boys Open 100 yds. free style | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 10. Girls Open 100 yds. free style | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 11. Open, one length breast | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 12. Open, one length back | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 13. Open, Plunge | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 14. Open. Breast Style | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 15. Open. Crawl Style | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 16. Open. Diving | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 17. Junior Mixed. Relay | 12 | 4 | 8 |
| 18. Senior Mixed. Relay | 12 | 8 | 4 |

When the House events were finished, two teams, led by L. Fuggle and Julia Smith played an uproarious game of Mock Polo. This was quite a new event in the Annual Swimming Sports and provided much amusement both for the players and for the spectators.

G.M.H.

Society Reports

DRAMATIC.

Under the direction of Miss Turner, we have been preparing a cycle of historical plays, the subjects of which are Joan of Arc, Mary Stuart, the '45 Rebellion and Queen Victoria. We have also read selected scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The School for Scandal." One Friday, Mr. Hilton Wright read us an Easter play, but unfortunately we had not enough time to produce it.

During the Easter holidays and again at the Winchelsea drama festival on May 12th, the Society presented "The Bishop's Candlesticks," a one-act play by Norman McKinnel. The cast was as follows :—

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| <i>The Bishop</i> | B. Cutting |
| <i>Persome, his sister</i> | Pamela Whiting |
| <i>Marie</i> | Ruth Oyler |
| <i>The Convict</i> | P. Boyce |
| <i>Gendarmes</i> | M. Metianu and J. Dunster |

J.M.P.

THE CHOIR.

Most of our time during the last two terms has been spent in practising for the entertainment which was given on June 26th. This was a success as very few hitches occurred.

The first item on the programme was Shakespearean songs—"It was a lover and his lass," "Hark, hark the lark" and "Where the bee sucks"—sung by the whole choir. Then Beryl Brakefield and Anne Baker sang "The Rose of Tralee." The next item caused much amusement. It was "The Village Blacksmith" recited by Daphne Gill aided by Beryl Brakefield. Rosemary Ray and Pat Barfoot gave a duet of "I'll walk beside you," which has become so popular during the last few years. Then Audrey Brakefield, dressed in crinoline and poke bonnet, sang one of the "Cries of London," that old favourite "Cherry Ripe." A nigger minstrel band, composed of six of our choir sang "Old Kentucky Home" and "Swanee River."

Perhaps the most amusing part of the afternoon came when the play "Five Birds in a Cage" was performed. The cast was as follows :—

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| <i>Susan, Duchess of Wiltshire</i> | Barbara Catt |
| <i>Leonard, Lord Porth</i> | Pat Barfoot |
| <i>Bert. Wilson, bricklayer</i> | Rosemary Dive |
| <i>Horace Evans, liftman</i> | Rosemary Ray |
| <i>Nelly, dressmaker's assistant</i> | Daphne Caister |

"Leonard" provided much extra entertainment by losing his top hat so that a pile of brown hair was displayed on his manly head. Owing to the violent shaking of the "lift" a piece of scenery fell down and "Susan" had to forget her dignity and help to replace it. The whole cast was good, especially Barbara Catt as the quick-tempered duchess.

The concert finished with the whole choir's rendering of the National Songs and Anthems of the U.S.S.R., France, Canada, and the United States. The whole audience joined in "God Save the King."

We all wish to thank Miss Hill for the work she put into the production of the concert and hope that if we present it again in public we shall have as encouraging an audience as we found in the School.

A.F.B.

Geography Society

The Society has had two very active terms. The season has not failed us and we have been able to go for several walks to observe the geographical features of the district. Our first walk was to the top of a hill near the School to see the course of the Tillingham. Later in the term we visited the scene of river development of the Rother, along Military Road. The most interesting walk was to two vantage points in the town, where Mr. Broome pointed out to us the site of the original Rye Harbour, and told us the reason of its present state. He also explained the presence and situation of Camber Castle.

On afternoons when the weather was not so favourable, sketch maps and exhibits were prepared for Parents' Day. One afternoon was spent on the School Field, surveying with the aid of a theodolite. This was, however, only an interesting diversion from the main work of the Society. The enthusiasm of those members who worked hard in preparation for the exhibition, was well rewarded on Parents' Day by a good show of the main features and products of Canada.

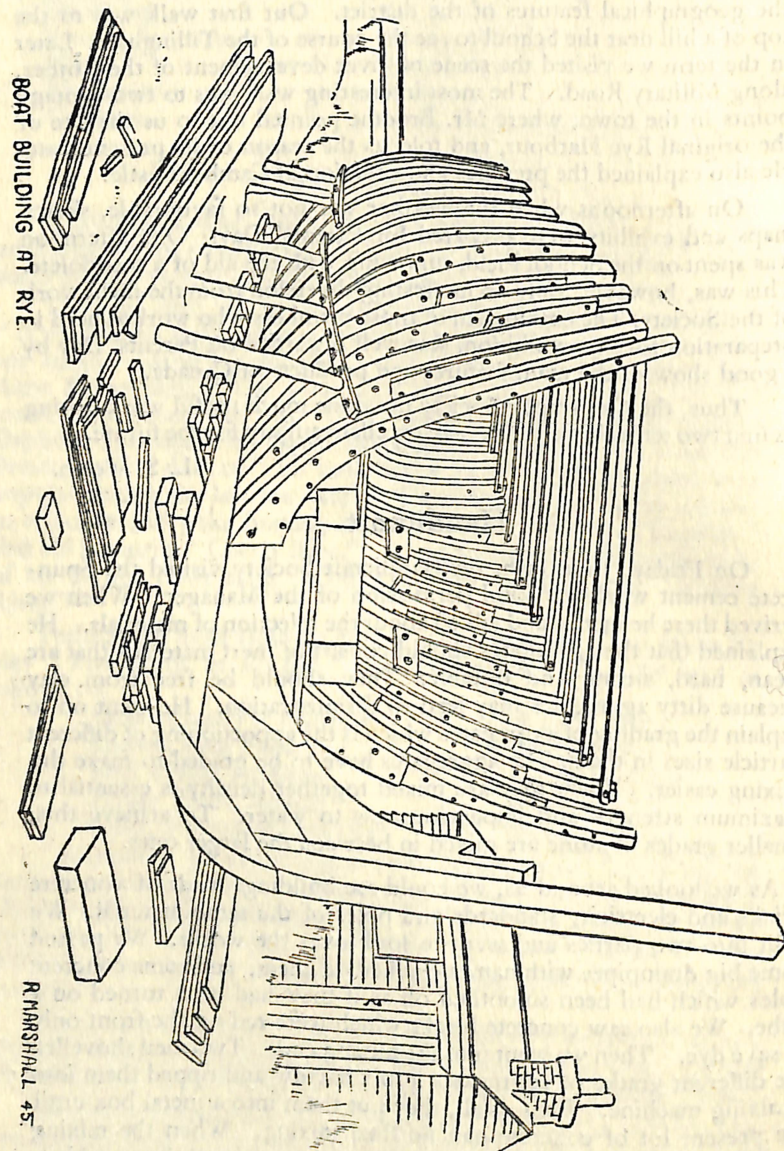
Thus, the Geography Society has done much useful work during its first two terms back in Rye—an excellent augury for the future.

L. S. Wood.

Handicraft

On Friday, June 15th, the Handicraft Society visited the Spuncrete cement works by kind permission of the Manager. When we arrived there he met us and talked about the selection of materials. He explained that the aggregates should consist of inert materials that are clean, hard, strong and durable. They should be free from clay because dirty aggregates may lead to disintegration. He went on to explain the grading of aggregates which is the apportioning of different particle sizes in them. The aggregates have to be graded to make the mixing easier. When they are mixed together density is essential to maximum strength and imperviousness to water. To achieve this, smaller grades of stone are mixed in between the larger ones.

As we looked around us, we could see buildings made of concrete bricks and electricity standards and poles of the same material. We split into two parties and went to look over the works. We passed some big drainpipes with names chalked on them, and some concrete poles which had been smoothed off as if they had been turned on a lathe. We also saw concrete bricks which were red on the front only to save dye. Then we went into the mixing end. Two men shovelled the different grades of aggregates into a barrow and tipped them into a mixing machine. First of all, they put them into a metal box until the present lot of concrete had finished mixing. When the mixing drum was stopped and emptied a handle was turned and the metal box slid up two rails and tipped over at the top to allow the dry mixture to be poured into the drum. The mixing drum was started again and



BOAT BUILDING AT RYE.

R. MARSHALL 45.

stopped after about 3 minutes. The bottom was let down and a barrow put under it so that the wet concrete ran into it. Our guide pointed out that the concrete was mixed with as little water as possible as this gave the best results.

We then passed two men working on the inside of a drainage pipe 6 feet in diameter and revolving at a high speed. They had an iron pole and were smoothing it with that. When this was done, they hooked it to a pulley, which took it to the steam shed. We saw three men making small drain pipes. A metal rod revolved at a great rate and clay was poured down its sides until the size pipe wanted was obtained. The machine was stopped and the moist pipe inside the container wheeled away to be stacked ready for the steam shed.

Next came the shed where experiments were being made with concrete lampposts. They were trying out a standard with an arched top and the flex running up inside it. Afterwards we watched some men erecting an iron frame for a concrete pipe. This was the end of our visit to the Spun Concrete Works where we had a glimpse of an industry likely to play an important part in future building and reconstruction.

A Visit to a Shipyard

One Friday afternoon in the Summer Term, the Handicraft Society went to a local shipyard where motor fishing vessels are being constructed. These vessels, with Diesel engines, are being sent out to the Far East to be utilized as mine sweepers. They have a speed of 12 knots (approx.) and have a crew of 14, including officers. The whole ship is fitted for use in tropical seas, the fitting includes powerful electric fans and a simple but effective ventilation system for the engine-room and the cabins. These vessels are between 70-80 feet in length and are 20 feet across in their widest part. The hull of the boat is made of solid English oak which is treated to withstand the ravages of tropical pests. This wood is brought from all over England and is stored until it is needed.

Now for the construction, which is on the same principle as that used hundreds of years ago for the building of the vessels for which Rye was famous. There were three vessels in varying stages of construction when we visited the yard. The keel of one had just been laid on the stocks, and had been treated with paint. We saw the skilled craftsman using the age-old tool, the adze to finish off the shaping of the keel. The stern-post is then fitted; this is shaped from a piece of wood that is roughly the shape needed. Before this is fitted, the hole for the propeller shaft is bored through the solid mass of oak and a metal rod is inserted. The ribs of the vessel are then built up from the keel, each side being made of two parts. The parts are bolted together and the vessel begins to take shape. The planks for the deck are laid, being supported by the sides of the hull. Then the bow, a solid piece of oak, is bolted on to the keel. The second vessel was at this stage of its construction.

The planks of the vessel are shaped in the steam oven where the temperature is gradually increased until the planks can be bent to their required shape. These planks are then bolted to the ribs. The deck is fitted in the next stage of construction. The third vessel was at this point in its building. The vessels take approximately 60 oak trees. They are launched and are manoeuvred into another dock where they are fitted out. The deckhouses are installed and the cabins fitted out. This process takes about 2 months and then the boats are finally cleaned up and painted.

Naval crews take them over and they are sailed to Greenock where they are loaded on to a bigger ship and taken to the Far East where they are finally fitted up as minesweepers.

After looking over the boats, the foreman, who gave us an interesting talk on all the construction, showed us the sawing shed with its band-saw and its circular saws. We were shown these in operation by the operator.

We are grateful for the facilities offered us by Mr. Jempson for viewing the yard and for the interesting information given us by his foreman, Mr. Goodsell.

P.G.

The Library 1944-45

During the evacuation 470 books were added to the library, and when these and other books brought back from Bedford were mixed with the text books and library books left behind in Rye and the whole chaotic collection was piled on the floor of the Library early in January 1945, it seemed an almost impossible task to bring order out of such confusion. But by January 22nd the Library was ready for use and by Open Day all the books given to the School in 1940 and left behind unclassified were on the shelves. July, 1945, finds us with over 4,000 books but still an incomplete catalogue.

During the year gifts of books from three Old Scholars, E. A. Fellows, R. Frehner and Betty Ford, and money to buy books, has come from G. G. Smith, J. Jury and Miss Letcher. An unexpected and very acceptable gift was a copy of "Roman Panorama," by the Headmaster of Bedford School, presented by the billeting officers of Bedford. A History of Bedford School has been given by Mary Frostick. The School is indebted to Dawson for the valuable gift of a complete set of the publications of the Sussex Archaeological Society. A number of books have been given by the Headmaster and others by Miss Rehder, while fines from the Pound have enriched the Library with several volumes during the last two terms; another gift to be gratefully acknowledged—almost the first of its kind—is a copy of "No Peace for the Prefects," kindly presented by the authoress Miss Nancy Breary of Rye.

The following are among the important recent additions :—

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| FICTION. | |
| Hull & Whitlock | Oxus in Summer |
| Elizabeth Forman Lewis | When the Typhoon Blows |
| NON-FICTION. | |
| Finn & Hill | And so was England born |
| Lovell | Landsmen and Seafarers |
| Pratt | China & Britain |
| Hartog | India in Outline |
| Smellie | Our two Democracies at Work |
| Gowles | How America is Governed |
| Walker | Colonies |
| Wilson-Harris | Problems of the Peace |
| Lindsay | Religion, Science & Society in the Modern World |
| Carr | Conditions of Peace |
| Reynolds | Boy Scouts |
| Tangye | Britain in the Air |
| Tonge | British Marine Life |
| Thompson | The French Revolution |
| Day Lewis | Poetry for You |
| Wells, Huxley, etc. | Reshaping Man's Heritage |
| Blunden | Cricket Country |

E. A. TURNER

Guide Report

At the beginning of last term Miss Hill joined the Guide companies and she has helped both companies considerably since then. This term we have had two Field Days. The first one was spent cycling round the country and we visited Battle and Fairlight. On second Field Day we went to Camber.

A Guide Fete, which was very successful, was held on June 30th. The total raised for the Guide International Service and for the School Fund was £15. Many badges have been obtained this term.

C. RHIND.

Ranger Report

During the Spring Term three of us continued to help with the Guides and so our meetings were held after School on Thursdays. Miss Stevens gave one or two lectures on anatomy to those taking the advanced first-aid certificate, and the usual work, such as message-carrying, drill and signalling, was carried on.

On the first Field Day we went for a hike and on the second some went to Camber with the Guides, while some took out an invalid post-Ranger. The usual rain cut short further activities.

During the last term Miss Hill has taken over our work with the Guides and we have held our own meetings during Schooltime. The District Commissioner paid us a visit and our representative attended the preliminary meeting of the District Youth Council. We helped with the side stalls at the Guides Fete and supervised the teas. During the last weeks of term we have been unable to have any meetings because of the examinations, but we hope to carry on with renewed zest next year.

J.M.P.

A.T.C. Report

For over four years cadets and officers of two evacuated Schools Rye Grammar School and Owen's School, most successfully worked and trained as a single unit, 691 Squadron. How successful was this amalgamation is fully evident from the long impressive list of outstanding results the Squadron produced. With our return to Sussex, we most regretfully severed our connections with 691 Squadron but found ourselves welcomed in Rye by No. 3 Flight, 304 Squadron.

Several of the "old hands" decided to discontinue A.T.C. training at this sudden upheaval, but our strength was maintained by the addition of several promising recruits from the Middle School. Two weekly periods were at our disposal in school time and despite the varying stages reached in training by the individual cadets we began useful work in drill, morse, navigation and, towards the end of the term, aircraft recognition. On Friday evenings we went to the Rye Headquarters for navigation morse and principles of flight taken by Officers who arrived from Hastings in varying strength each week. Some loyal cadets have also received instruction in gymnasium on Monday evenings. Our programme has been far from stable but, nevertheless, useful work has been done despite many difficulties. A more definite programme has been drawn up for next term, including dates for proficiency and first-class exams.

During May, one of our cadets represented the Squadron at the first big A.T.C. Rally in London. He assures us his time was a "super" one.

The only change from the normal routine work was on July 28th when all cadets energetic ally cycled to Battle in adverse weather conditions to visit the Battle Headquarters. Three non-cycling enthusiasts comfortably completed the journey in F.O. Pigrome's car. We were warmly received at Battle where F.O. Prevett gave a comprehensive account of aeroplane instruments after which every cadet spent several minutes in a Hurricane aircraft parked in the grounds. The Squadron Padre, introduced by F.O. Barfoot, gave a short talk and we are most grateful to Battle's hospitality on this occasion. A good tea provided by the W.V.S. received just attention. Mention must be made of one cadet whose cycle chain fortunately broke in Hastings and who spent

the rest of the day reposing on his cycle saddle being towed about the Sussex country side by prospective glider-tug pilots.

The past year for the A.T.C. has been one of upheavals but let us hope that the coming year will see a more settled policy for the Air Training Corps. Let us make the most of the opportunities at our disposal.

CADET.

Scout Report

During the Spring Term the Scout Troop was divided into two parties, the 2nd and 3rd Rye. The weekly meetings were devoted to Test passing. There were no Field Days owing to a late start to the Term.

More Scouting activities were carried out during the Summer Term, and a fair number of Second-Class badges were obtained. There was also a number of enrolments. Near the beginning of the term the first week-end camp was held. It was attended by Patrol Leaders only and was more like a training camp. The tents were pitched at Brede on the ground of Mr. Winch, the District Commissioner. The P.L.'s trekked to the site, towing the trek-cart loaded with equipment.

The first of the two Field Days was on the Thursday before the Whitsun half-term holiday. The 2nd Rye went to a wood near Udimore where a hike was organized. The 3rd Rye walked to Peasmarsh Place and organized wide-games. Many tests were passed in both Troops during the day.

The Scouts of both Troops gave displays on Open Day—the 2nd Rye building an excellent signalling tower and the 3rd Rye holding a model camp.

The second Field Day was on June 28th. The sites were reversed and the 2nd Rye walked to Peasmarsh, the 3rd Rye proceeding to Udimore. The weather was not favourable and the 3rd Rye returned early in the afternoon.

Towards the end of the term, a competition between the two troops was held. The main events were bridge-building, tent-pitching first-aid and cooking. The 3rd Rye defeated the 2nd Rye by three points to one.

Several proficiency badges were gained during both terms, including a cook badge, and several athlete and artist badges.

A Summer Camp has been arranged and is to be held at Broadstone Warren from Tuesday the 7th until Tuesday the 14th of August.

R. B. WIGG.

A Week-end Camp

On Friday, April 26th, six Patrol Leaders and one Second, set out on a trek to Brede. They were G. Sexton, R. Wigg, P. Bryant, D.

Barham, G. Alford, A. Law and P. Webb. At Brede, on Mr. Winch's farm, we were to have a week-end camp.

We set out at 5.45 p.m. and arrived at the farm at 6.45 p.m., to find the Scoutmaster, Mr. Douglas, waiting for us. As soon as we had decided the camp site, tents were erected and beds made. After this we had a short meal and were joined by P.L. D. Streeter. When the meal was finished we continued to construct the camp. Then we had a hot drink and went to bed.

The next morning at 3 o'clock we were awake complaining how cold it was. So Barham got out of bed and lit a fire. At 7 o'clock breakfast was served up hot, consisting of porridge, bacon and eggs. After breakfast there was a general clear up and then milk and water were fetched from the farm.

At 10 o'clock we were free and everybody attempted to climb a large Lime tree which stood in the centre of the field. Soon after this Lupton joined the camp and with him came Pye. After dinner, which consisted of meat stew, rhubarb and custard, we had an hour's rest followed by a hike. At 5.30 p.m., when the hikers returned, we had tea. After the meal the S.M. said there would be games—we all enjoyed these. At about 9 o'clock we lit the camp fire and sat round it, singing songs and telling jokes and short stories. The thriller, "The Four Just Men," told by Lupton, kept everyone quiet. After this we went to bed.

Next morning, at 7.30, we had breakfast which was the same as the day before. After breakfast the general rules of camp were carried out and water was fetched. We then received a visit from the District Commissioner, Mr. Winch who was very satisfied with the camp. At 10.15 we had kit inspection, followed by a short service held in the ridge tent. After a dinner of soup and trifle, we started to pack up the camp, and at 3.15 p.m. we lowered the flag and set off for Rye after an enjoyable week-end camp.

A. W. LAW, Lower IV.

Open Day

The weather was favourable to our plans on June 2nd and in the afternoon we were pleased to see so many parents, old scholars and friends looking round the exhibitions in the School.

These displays were of art, physics, biology and geography, but the most popular of all was the handicraft exhibition, where among work-tables and ironing boards, were the new lectern and chair for the platform.

Outdoor displays were held on the field at the front of the School. First came a gymnastics display by the Senior Girls, who also gave a country dancing display, which included "Rufty Tufty," "Newcastle" and "Dargesson." Then came a first-aid and fire-fighting display by the Guides and the Scouts built a signalling tower and a camp.

Tea was served in the dining hall and domestic science room while the School enjoyed lemonade and ice cream.

After this a great many parents and some of the Seniors went into the Hall to hear Col. Baines, the Chief Education Officer of East Sussex speak on the new Education Act.

In a lucid exposition of the main points of the new Act, Col. Baines stated that there would be compulsory primary education from the age of five till eleven, and after that there would be three types of Secondary School—Grammar, Modern and Technical—where children would be educated until they reached the age of fifteen. After 1946 it was hoped that the School-leaving age would be raised to 16. County Colleges were to be erected so that part-time educational facilities could be given to boys and girls up to the age of 18. All fees had been abolished and a Medical Service established which included treatment as well as inspection.

About our own town, he stated that the County Council had already started planning a multilateral school for all three kinds of Secondary education, which were of the same status. However, the shortage of teachers and labour and materials for building, coupled with the enormous cost of the new scheme, would retard all these plans for at least three years.

After the talk parents asked questions about their own status and the situation of religious teaching under the new proposals. A vote of thanks to Mr. Baines was proposed, and with this the first Open Day for five years came to an end.

J.M.P.

The School Election

During the term the School took advantage of the prevailing political strife to hold a mock election. Its objects were educational and at the same time a good deal of fun was derived from the proceedings by both Staff and Pupils.

Arrangements for the election were made during a Sixth Form Meeting. The following candidates and chairmen volunteered for the three Parties :—

| | <i>Candidate.</i> | <i>Chairman.</i> |
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| <i>Conservative</i> | S. Wood. | B. Lupton. |
| <i>Labour</i> | B. Dawson. | J. Bull. |
| <i>Liberal</i> | Jean Pope. | Pamela Whiting. |

The Headmaster said he would make an introductory announcement during Assembly on Wednesday, June 20th, prescribing the kind of behaviour expected from a sensible electorate.

After this Assembly, propaganda activities were started. Each Party was given a House notice board and was permitted to stick bills in corridors and lobbies. A battle of wits developed in which the following highlights appeared :

Conservative Vote for Wood and be above board ;
and Vote for Wood and get a square deal.

Labour Wood rots—so will Tory promises ;
Popes peter-out—so will the Liberals ;
and Accentuate the positive.
Eliminate the Conservative.
Latch on to the affirmative.
Don't mess with Liberals in between.

Liberal Liberalism is no Popish Plot—Vote for Pope ;
and Lost ; Honour belonging to Miss Britannia, " This
Precious Isle," Europe, between 1931 and 1939. If found
please deliver into the hands of the Liberal Party which
will return it to her at once. Reward of social security
to all helpers.

A typical example of election repartee was afforded when a Sixth
former exclaimed " I'm insulted ; " " Oh, don't take offence," cried
the Labour Candidate, " or Jean won't have anywhere to sit."

The posters were regularly changed. There were newspaper
cuttings and cartoons, extracts from speeches and declarations of
policy. The Conservatives sported a large photograph of Mr.
Churchill which was found to be backed by an attractive " pin-up
girl."

On Thursday, Mr. Broome explained the system of voting to the
School. On Friday we were to have the ordinary system of marking
with a cross and on the following Monday the alternative voting
system, with the figures 1, 2, 3 on the voting papers. He stressed the
importance of the secrecy of the ballot and explained that any in-
correctly marked paper would be forfeited.

Meanwhile candidates were canvassing the School, and tried to
assess the positions which the Parties would hold. Opinions differed,
but a solid block of Conservatism was struck in the Junior part of the
School. Excitement ran high, but the methods were " clean " and
bribery was prohibited.

On Friday afternoon came the climax. The School filed into the
Hall to hear the speeches. It had been settled that the Candidates
should speak for ten minutes each in the order, Conservative, Labour,
Liberal, and answer voters' questions for 5 minutes. Then the
Chairmen should sum up for 5 minutes in the reverse order. The
Staff were excluded from voting as the candidates feared their questions
might prove too difficult. However, all three handled their ques-
tioners very well and their speeches showed considerable skill in the
statement of facts and aims, if not in the higher flights of oratory.
Dawson's was particularly remarkable for a fine parallel drawn between
the victorious captain of a School football team and the same captain
defeated at the head of his House side, and Mr. Churchill, victorious
with the Coalition team but not so successful with the Conservative

side. The chairmen's speeches were also good, especially those which
dealt with their parties' aims and policy.

After this the voting took place in Room 1, which was fitted up
with screens and a handsome new ballot box, while officials checked
up School numbers and names of the voters and dealt out ballot papers.

The result of the poll was :

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| Wood | 74 |
| Dawson | 61 |
| Pope | 37 |

Mr. Broome, the returning officer, and the candidates, went
upstairs to the front window and the result was announced to the
voters of Rye Grammar School who were assembled below. The
candidates made their last remarks amidst boos and cheers in the
traditional style and the election was over until Monday.

The result with the alternative vote was :

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| Wood | 70 |
| Dawson | 57 |
| Pope | 36 |

The Liberal second choices were then counted and added to the
other Parties, making

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| Wood | 70 plus 14 = 84 |
| Dawson | 57 plus 22 = 79 |

So the Conservatives won by a narrow majority, and S. Wood
became Member of Parliament for the constituency of Rye Grammar
School.

A CANDIDATE.

Commentarius de Electione, J. Papae et G. Vestibuli

Under the consulship of A. R. Jacobus, a man of many summers,
the plebs were roused up against the patres so that there was cause
that they might have an election. The first man of the patres was S.
Lignum, a man of high courage and noble virtue. He who led the
plebs was great in body and soul—B. Portafilus, the most well known
orator.

On the Ides of Junius at the ninth hour, there was a great convo-
cation in the Forum. The consul, having striven much to calm their
disorders by means of a bell when at the same time, with a
loud voice, the plebs and the patres acclaimed each one their own
leader. Both Portafilus and Lignum having mounted the rostrum,
much was said by both concerning what they would be about to do.

Speeches having been made, the people, both fair youths and un-
married maidens, rushed down from the Forum on all sides to that
place indeed where what had been decided was to happen, was about
to happen. The Aedile, the famous and learned philosopher, prepared

tablets the which indeed were seized by the people who carried them to tables where, moreover, the signal was given.

The lictors estimated the tablets in their very hands and in a loud voice the Aedile a man ripe in years and experience, called to the crowd of the people he himself to have witnessed the estimation and there to be no doubt as to it was honourable to the people. He acclaimed Lignum as Tribune whereat there was a great groan. Portafilius demanded to them that there might be about to be three clamours for the victor.

So it is related by many in the days of our fathers.

A Visit to Rye

One Tuesday afternoon Form II were taken for a visit round Rye. At the Town Hall we were welcomed by Mr. Vidler who took us up into the room where the Petty Sessions are held. He gave us a very interesting talk on Rye's history, all about its invaders and the castles and walls which were built to stop them. We were then divided into two groups. One went upstairs with the Town Sergeant the others remained in the same room to look at the pictures. I went upstairs with the first group. We were shown the case in which Breeds, the butcher, was put after he had been hanged for killing Alan Grebble, and which was hung out on the marsh to blow in the wind with the skull still in it. We were also shown some stocks. From there, we went to a little room right at the top, where we were shown three chests, several pairs of handcuffs, a cannon ball, and shield, sword and javelin of an old warrior. There was also a model of the old Town Hall and the bell which was put at the top of the old building to call the judge to court. After this we looked at the pictures including the map of the old town of Rye.

From here we walked down to Land Gate which was the main gate into the town. Apparently in olden times the gates were closed at a certain time, whether there was anyone outside or not. It is not so long ago that the drawbridge was taken away. From the gate you can see Camber Castle. Mr. Vidler also told us that a few years ago they dug down eleven feet to find the dungeon.

We then walked along a little path called Sentry's Walk to Postern Gate. We were told it was pulled down when the drawbridge was taken away from Land Gate. Mr. Vidler told us that when Queen Elizabeth was visiting Rye she had a drink out of a well and said it was the best drink she had ever had, and so they named the well after her.

We were shown many old houses, most of them built in oak timber, but a few in stone. The best one in timber was the Mermaid Inn, a favourite haunt of the smugglers.

From here we went back to the High Street to see the old Grammar School, founded for boys in 1636 by Thomas Peacocke.

After this we were told of more old houses, including one in which King George I. slept for the night.

We came at last to a castle called Ypres Tower which has a dungeon. Only part of the Town Wall still stands at its original height because the rest was swept away by the sea.

Unfortunately we had not time to go and see the Church.

T. ELKINS, Form II.

A Little Corner of England

Millions of people know the old Sussex town of Rye with its red roofs sprawling over the hill capped by its ancient Church. Most of them know it in Summer when the sunlight sweeps through Romney Marsh and enriches the sands of Camber and the Channel. Few know the fury of the Winter gales howling across the Marsh and rushing from off the channel. Few know the crashing and thundering of the mighty ocean as it vainly strives to regain its former position.

A few hundred years ago the sea battered at the very gates of the town of Rye, but gradually man and nature triumphed over it and forced it back to its present position. It left Rye a clear and beautiful landmark for all to see, and those, who do see, never forget.

In the morning sun the picturesque seat of some of England's achievements is seen at its best. In the evening sun, one cannot see it without being impressed by man and the results of his labour. The entire pageant of history, Saxon, Norman, Medieval and Modern is brought before one's imagination.

These beauties of Rye, at all seasons, and in all colours, are some of the finest in England, and will long be remembered and treasured by all who chance to pass this way.

G. PAINE.

How the School Magazine is Printed

The copy is received from the editor and after size, colour and quality of paper have been decided upon, work is begun by a compositor or "setting up" from a "case" of type into a "stick." A "stick" is a steel holder which enables all the lines to be made the same length. This process is called "justification."

The lines of type are then put on a "galley." The proofs are "pulled" and read and corrected by a reader and his boy. Then the proofs are pulled again. These proofs, together with the original copy, are sent to the editors. Any alterations the editors make are marked on the proofs and if any mistakes appear now, the editors are responsible.

The proofs are returned to the compositor who makes the necessary alterations and sets the type into pages of equal length. These

pages are then put on a smooth steel-topped bench and "locked up" into a "chase." The whole now becomes a "forme." The forme is placed on a flat bed machine and printed (one side only) sixteen pages at a time. After the ink has dried during the night, the sheets are printed on the other side. This is called "backing up." The pages are imposed in such a way that when folded up, which is the next process the pages all follow in the correct order.

Meanwhile the covers usually in brown ink on blue paper, have been printed on another machine. The folded sheets are now called "sections" and are gathered together or "collated" in the correct order. They are now put with the cover, on a machine which puts in wire stitches, and sent to the cutting room where a guillotine is used to trim the edges of the books.

The magazines, now completed, are counted, bundled, and delivered.

C. FOSTER,
Form 3 Remove.

Thoughts on Leaving School

Either learn or leave. That is a motto most aptly suited to a school, a simple straightforward appeal to the youthful scholar to use his time wisely — to learn. But to learn what? Why, History, French, Science and the rest, you will say. Yes, that is what it means but I am not so sure that it means only that. I cannot help feeling that our founder, who presumably first applied "aut disce, aut discede" to our school, meant us to learn more than just what is on the syllabus. He wanted his boys (there were no girls then) to learn their Greek and Latin and Mathematics, but I think too that he wanted them to learn something quite outside text-books and blackboards. I feel sure that he wanted them to learn citizenship, to study the art of living in a community, to learn how to behave as an individual belonging to a group. So perhaps the motto means, learn your lessons and learn from your friends, or else, leave. Whether I, personally, have done this, is not for me to say, but I believe we all do it, some of us consciously, some of us without realizing it.

It was seven years ago that I became a pupil of R.G.S. I was proud to wear the brown and blue tie, which has remained in use up till now. I was thrilled at the thought of going to the school that I had looked up at with awe for so long. At last I was to become part of it myself. I have seen the old School keep its head well above water, despite the long years of war and evacuation. And now, I have had the good luck to be there still, to see her settle down in Rye again and take on her old character.

Because four and a half years of my school life were spent in Bedford, it is only natural that, thinking of school, I rarely think of it in Rye. I remember those crowded assemblies in Russell Park Hall

and the lessons at Ixworth Court in rooms far from sound-proof. I remember, too, all my personal triumphs. As is the way with memory, the unpleasant things are thrust into the background and the good memories are those recalled most vividly. So it is that I do not think of those detentions, black marks, and lectures received for prep. not done, or for shouting in the lobby. Instead, I remember the time when my first merit mark was read from the platform, the interim when I came first, the time I was asked to play in a House team, and the red-letter day when I was made a prefect. These things and, many many others, I remember and shall go on remembering for a long time.

Sometimes I wonder why it is I have loved school so much. Maybe it is because it is such a jolly good school that I can't help it. Perhaps it is because, by nature, I am fond of school, any school, so that I am particularly attached to R.G.S. But there is something that has had a great deal to do with it and that is the fact that I have made so many really good friends. And that brings me back to my original thought. I have grown up with these people, together we have worked and played. We have got to know each other thoroughly; we have become as one large but happy family, sharing our joys and disappointments, making our loyalties and our prejudices, understanding each other and, most of all, learning from each other's mistakes and successes. That is how it should be, how it was meant to be. I shall go out into the world enriched by these experiences. I do not want to leave although I certainly do not believe that our happiest days are our school days. I have enjoyed my days at school, but I shall enjoy those in the future just as well. I shall still have my school friends.

I am leaving now, it is true, but I think that I have learnt.

R.E.L.G.

Bird Life on a stretch of the Sussex Coast

One evening late in May, Saunders and I set out for a walk along the beach between Rye Harbour and Winchelsea Beach. Saunders had offered to show me the haunts and nests of the sea-birds which inhabit this part of the shore. We set off from Rye Harbour and as we walked over the grass to the beach, my guide showed me a recently vacated skylark's nest, cunningly concealed in a tuft of grass.

On reaching the beach, I noticed several small pools and stretches of water, some with islands in the middle of them. We approached a wide glistening stretch of water which had a narrow ribbon of beach running out into it. As we came nearer, a number of common terns rose gracefully into the air from the tip of this peninsular. They wheeled overhead uttering their sharp "kik; kik;" and I could see clearly their black heads, contrasting sharply with the soft grey and

white plumage of their bodies and their forked tails. We found their eggs at the place from which they had risen, laid in small hollows in the shingle. They had used no nesting material at all. We passed from here to another stretch of water in the middle of which was an island where five pairs of herring gulls were nesting. They rose at our approach and circled overhead, screaming derisively at us.

At this point it began to rain, and we took shelter in a small tumbledown shed. While we were waiting for the rain to stop, we watched some lesser terns which were gliding round the shed with effortless ease. These beautiful little birds are similar to their bigger relations, the common terns, but instead of the red bills and legs of the latter, they have yellow ones. My companion explained that the only way to find the eggs of these birds is to let them settle and then go out quickly and note the places from which they rise.

When we went out from the shed, we saw three pairs of terns fly up from their nests and we were not long in finding the three little hollows in the shingle, three eggs in each nest. I found it very difficult to distinguish the eggs from the stones at first, but Saunders could see them at a glance with his more experienced eye.

We walked further along the shore towards Winchelsea Beach, and as we neared the lifeboat house it started to rain again, so we sheltered behind a groyne and watched oyster catchers and winged plovers feeding on the mud flats and in the pools left by the receding tide. When it stopped raining we started our return journey to the Harbour, walking through the fields behind the beach this time. Lapwings flapped past overhead, uttering their mournful "pee-wit;" and seemed in great distress at our arrival. Saunders could tell, by their method of flight, that there were eggs or young in the vicinity. A hen bird scuttled across our path, feigning a broken wing, as she tried to attract our attention and lead us from her nest.

We found her four brown-blotched olive eggs in a shallow nest in the short grass. We found two other lapwings' nests in the same field, one with three eggs and the other with two. In the next field we found a redshanks' nest containing two eggs, in a tuft of grass. Many of these birds circled overhead seeming anxious or restless and constantly calling to one another as they flew past. Six shield-duck rose from the water ahead of us, easily recognized by their handsome black and white and rufous plumage.

By this time, we had reached the Harbour again, and after taking leave of my excellent guide, I returned home saying farewell to the feathered inhabitants of this small portion of the Sussex coast

R. E. MARSHALL.

A Country Town in Wales

Surrounded by hills, in the very heart of Wales, is a little country town, quaint, old-world with a certain air of dignity about its narrow streets and distinctly Welsh buildings.

Flowing through the centre of the town is a tributary of the River Severn which meanders round a bend and away down to the sea. Overhanging are graceful branches of silver birch and willow trees, with silvery leaves hanging like clusters of silver tinsel. On the river are boats whose noisy occupants disturb the quiet. Here and there one sees a silver trout leap and sparkle in the sunshine making the mouth of an angler water.

On one side of the town, rising steeply to the blue heaven is a high hill with a streamlet trickling down its side. Its slopes are covered with purple and white heather. On the lower part is a white stone cottage with roses clambering up its walls. On the other side of the town is another hill, though not quite so high or steep. It is covered with blackberry bushes and short green grass on which the sheep feed.

In the town itself are several little streets converging into one main street, in which, on some days a market and fair is held. In the very centre of the town is the Town Hall with its imposing clock tower. A wide road, which runs parallel to the river, winds over the hills into England. In one cobbled street stands an old Inn some three hundred years old. Sometimes on a summer evening you may see groups of men and young girls standing in a circle, singing old Welsh songs. Truly in this quiet, peaceful town you can scarcely realise what a bitter strife has been waged in the world.

OLGA CLARK, Form II.

Monty the Pup

Now Monty is a tiny pup
Who likes to play and also sup,
Who likes to race about all day
And tease the cat so soft and grey.
The cat it is too old to play
And sits in chairs and snores away,
The pup he barks and teases it
And then old puss begins to spit.
The cat it likes its fireside chair,
And if it's touched begins to swear,
But Monty has got used to that
And does not squeak at puss's pat.
At last the pup is tired of play
For he has had a busy day,
He lies down for a little nap
Beside old puss, the artful chap.

D. BARHAM, Form L. IV.

On Revisiting the Sea

The first thing I remembered was the feeling of walking on beach, of the grating, crunching noise as I plodded over the stones, or the rattle as they scraped together when I slipped on their polished surfaces. I took off my shoes, as if entering a holy place, when I reached the top of the wall and saw the sea just before me. As I walked on, the sharpness of the stones came back to me and I made little noise while gingerly picking my way on to the sand. Some of it was firm, but there were soft patches near the sea which filled with water when I walked on them. I noticed how the sand round my feet whitened as I trod on it. Soon I felt it sticking on my hands, feeling dirty and yet being delightfully clean.

There were the breakwaters. Near the sea they were black and sodden, with green strands of seaweed draped over them and with their piles encrusted with barnacles. At their ends were warm pools, left by the ebbing tide. Further up the beach, the groynes were bone-dry and so bleached that they looked like silver. This illusion was strengthened when I touched them, for the fierce sun made them feel like hot metal.

The sand was very interesting. I saw how it banked itself against one side of a breakwater while on the other was a deep drop. It was wrinkled as if the ripples of a tawny sea had been stilled. There were little shells half-embedded in it. Some were smooth and of a delicate pink, others were larger and white, with a ridged pattern on them. From the shore I could see the sand stretching out into the sea, a dull brown under the waves until suddenly it stopped and the sea became green.

I went down to the water noticing all these things, and when I reached its edge I saw the breaking ripples, like a lace collar to the sea, and remembered how I used to jump them or, coming out of the sea, would race them to the shore. I waded in. Although the sun was shining and overhead the sky was clearest blue, I felt a sudden chill so I paused and looked around me.

I was roughly in the centre of an arc. The further tip of the bay on the right was formed by the cliffs, proudly standing aloft with their black sides patched with red and white and the brown and green growing all over their shoulders. Then there was a wide sweeping stretch, a band of blue ocean and golden sand dotted with little white square houses. The other side of the arc all golden brown and with the white Lighthouse sticking up like an unlighted candle at its end, stretched far out into the sea. I looked at the water in front of me and suddenly I plunged. I was in the sea again.

J.M.P.

Valete!

The following left between July, 1944, and July, 1945.

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| Sylvia Mewett | J. Pritchard |
| Doreen Smart | J. Jury |
| Margaret Kennard | S. Pritchard |
| Betty Ford | J. Martin |
| Cynthia Cade | L. Simpson |
| Daphne Breeds | G. Hargrove |
| Helen Metianu | R. Frehner |
| Kathleen Waterman | G. Blackmore |
| Irene Farrant | G. Burt |
| Betty Chapman | B. Jones |
| | E. Fellows |
| | T. Pollard |

Old Scholars' News

We have been visited by Colin and Basil Jones, both in the Navy, Helen Metianu, who is enjoying life at Reading University, her sister Paulina, John Bates, now in the Army, Noreen Baker, Daphne Breeds who is to represent her training college at a Youth Conference, Luigi Samaden, another sailor, Joyce Hulbert who has started teaching, K. Danes now in the R.A.F., Rex Cowper and a naval colleague, M. Lanski who was just back from Norway.

G. R. Smith is in Germany with the B.L.A.

Maureen Samaden writes from hospital on the pleasures and pain of night duty. She has also visited us and tells us about her nursing exams.

John Pritchard is training in the Army. His brother Stephen is with a local firm of auctioneers.

G. Ashdown is in S.E.A.C. and played in the Combined Services soccer team. He is stationed near Peter Shearer who complains of the climate in India after describing the V.E. celebrations there.

A. E. Swaine, in the same command, enjoyed his course in the hills where he was able to get some cricket. He gives the news that Shearcroft is in Durban.

Betty Ford was in Rye at Easter. She is at a commercial school in Bath and often meets Joan Beasley. Her brother John is still in Ceylon.

A recent visitor was Patrick Ulyatt. From 1935-36 he and his brother Ian were exploring in Brazil in the Matts Grosso, searching for gold and a lost city amidst unfriendly Indians. He is now an advisor on exports to the Board of Trade, while Ian is instructing in mechanical engineering. Their brother is now a group-captain and principal chaplain for S.E.A.C. He is an editor of "Ad Astra" and was awarded the O.B.E. in 1942.

Walley Colvin is in Manitoba training in the R.A.F. He has met some emigrants from Battle and Sedlescombe in Winnipeg.

A. Ambrose has visited us. He has been wondering about his future career.

Andy Dunlop has been on an instructor's course. He is still in Egypt and has been studying some of the antiquities of that land in a Museum in Cairo.

Dorothy Jezzard, W.A.A.F., wants to train as a domestic science teacher. Her sister Marjorie is stationed in Yorkshire.

Mr. Belton, a former art master, is to be congratulated on winning the D.F.C.

John Green and Doreen Winter, both in the Air Force, visited the School while on their honeymoon.

Philip Mead is on his final year's course in Agriculture at Leeds University.

John Bannister has been travelling in the Levant. He was in Bethlehem for Christmas.

Winnie Allen is doing teaching practice. Like many other Old Scholars, she hopes the School has settled down all right.

E. A. Fellows has visited us twice. He has just been demobilized from the Fleet Air Arm and wonders whether to take up teaching or go East, like so many other Old Scholars, and join the Indian Army.

Graham Smith, home after being wounded in Holland, has visited us several times. We have also been pleased to see John Pulford and found his remarks on our examination papers very soothing.

Trevor Pollard came to Rye during his embarkation leave and we were glad he was able to join the excursion on prefects' holiday. He has been training in Yorkshire and is now on his way to India.

To Friends and Old Scholars

We are always glad to receive news from Old Scholars and if any of you could contribute an article, letter or even some criticism, we should be grateful.

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