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EDITORIAL

The Scene—Room I ; time about 11 o'clock.

" It's not good enough, Miss W. D'y hear! Not good enough!! "

Rya's Special Correspondent quailed before the thunderous wrath of the new (Acting) Head Editor whose " coup d' état," resulting in his sudden phenomenal rise to fame had been accompanied by a subtle change of demeanour.

" I've tried, sir, honestly! (and dishonestly). I've tried the War Office, the N.A.A.F.I., Reuter, but it's always the same. ' No female War Correspondents allowed in Korea.' "

" But I must have a STORY. Do you understand, woman! News! News!! NEWS!!! You know my new policy for Rya—More accurate than the *Times*, more up-to-date than the B.B.C., more interesting than the *News of the World*, and more pin-ups than *Reveille*!!! "

" Perhaps," faltered R.S.C., " perhaps I could help in the pin-up defect . . . "

" Don't be ridiculous, woman," interrupted the N.(A).H.E. We're not having that sort of pin-up. The school wants to see its he-men, their muscles rippling, their fangs bared, their . . . !! Where was I? Oh yes, I want interest and current interest is in Korea."

" If I might venture to suggest it," murmured a pig-tailed minion salaaming respectfully as she spoke, " People are always interested in the National Health Service—more gruesome than a war, I've heard."

There was a moment's silence and then : " Well, try and get an inside story on the local Hospital, Miss W.," began the Supreme Power reluctantly, " and if you don't," he continued, " you're FIRED."

.

The R.S.C. returned half-an-hour later, tearful and trembling, and flung herself, sobbing bitterly, at the Despot's feet.

" It's no use," she wept, her salt tears ruining the shine on his spotless shoes, " it's no use. The armed guards won't admit anyone who is not ill. Admission by ambulance only. Oh, please don't fire me, I've done my best. Ich habe eine kranke frau und fünf"—

But the S.P.'s German was too good for him to be deceived by the familiar whine.

"Rot!" he stormed, and seizing the telephone, dialled the Memorial Hospital. A short, heated, one-sided argument ensued. Then the receiver was clapped back into place and the S.P. turned to R.S.C.

"You'll have to pretend you're ill," he said. "They'll only admit measles, mumps and appendicitis cases this month."

"But, but"—faltered R.S.C.

"But, WHAT?"

"But they'll see that I haven't got measles or mumps and—"

"Then it'll have to be your appendix! They won't know it's all right until they have opened you up, and by that time you'll have your story!"

"But—"

"And no BUTS. Get out and don't come back without"

But she had already fled.

THE EDITORS.

(Note from R.S.C.—"When the cat's away the mice will play, so don't blame me for this nonsense!")

OBITER DICTA

The whole school was very sorry to have to say goodbye to Mr. Douglas, who is leaving us to take up a teaching post in Northern Ireland. Mr. Douglas has been with us for twelve years, and has been Sanders' House Master ever since he first came to the school. He taught Science, and many pupils have benefited from his invaluable instruction and help. Mr. Douglas has devoted much of his time to the Scouts, to their great advantage. We wish him Bon Voyage, and every happiness and success in his new surroundings.

We were also sorry to lose Miss How, who will be particularly missed by the girls at Saltcote where she has been House Mistress for the past year, and Miss Brown who has given much help to pupils and boarders alike. We were also sorry to part with Miss Fitzpatrick, who came from "down under," to teach P.T., and Miss Bullock who taught Latin. They came this term as temporary mistresses, and our thanks are due to them for all the help they have given us.

A farewell party was held on Tuesday, July 14th, for the leavers. There were the usual games and dancing, and an amusing sketch, and a 'knobbly knees' contest. A really excellent buffet supper was served, and the party was a great success. David was M.C. At the end, the retiring Boys' Captain made a farewell speech, and Larkin replied on behalf of the school.

On Monday, July 9th, the school was privileged to hear a talk by Major Ney on the Commonwealth, Canada in particular, and the Empire Youth Movement. The talk was followed by a film of the Royal Tour of Canada, and later "Churchill's Island."

A very interesting talk on life at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, was given on July 13th by Squadron Leader Brooks to the boys. He also spoke of the entrance examinations and tests. After his talk, we were shown an excellent film on the training given at the College.

On Saturday, July 21st, the Parents' Association held a Bring and Buy Sale. This was designed to raise money for improving the pavilion on the School field. Last year the school benefited from a Parents' Association Sale in the form of curtains for the hall stage.

Congratulations to:—

Jane Clarke for obtaining second place in the All-England National Children's Handwriting Competition;

Margaret Carter and Deirdre Saunders on being made Prefects;

V. Mitchell, D. Saunders, E. Dobbie and S. Waters on their successes in their Music Examination;

All those who obtained Sports Colours or had them renewed;

Red Cross Cadets who gained their Mothercraft Certificates; Jary and Hatter for obtaining their A.T.C. Proficiency Certificates;

Milham, Caister, Laurance, Barry, Gladman and Jary on obtaining their "A" Gliding Certificates.

All those who were so successful in the East Sussex Sports at Seaford, and particularly those who entered the County Finals at Hove.

This year the School Sports have been divided into two. On the Thursday before Open Day, most of the track events took place, and on Open Day the field and the rest of the track events took place. This was to allow a longer period of training for the competitors.

The Editors acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from other schools this term.

VALETE

As usual at the end of the Summer Term we are losing many members of our Upper School. This year we send our very sincere wishes for a happy and prosperous future and say goodbye to: Barbara Wilson, Monica Smith, Lilian Sayers, Sheelagh Curran, Rose Knight, Audrey Chamberlain, Sheila Burkin, Margaret Brock, N. Godden, C. Godden, G. Simmons, D. Thomas, B. Hatter, J. Farrow, G. Hickman, D. Cooke, W. Goodwin, M. David, R. Wood, M. Hackman, P. Gladman.

HOUSE REPORTS

PEACOCKE HOUSE

House Master: Mr. Bagley.
House Mistress: Miss Fairbanks.
Boys Captain: Cooke, D.
Girls' Captain: Audrey Chamberlain.
House Secretary: Wood, R.
House Treasurer: Stunt, M.
Prefects: Audrey Chamberlain, Barbara Wilson; D. Cooke, R. W. Wood.

We were sorry to lose Miss Fairbanks, our Housemistress, at the end of the Spring Term, who had given valuable services. We wish her every happiness at her new school.

During the year Peacocke has had mixed fortunes; in sport we fared better than usual, but in the Work and Merit competition we did not maintain last year's standard. It is to be feared that there are few budding "Woodersons" in the House as we were far away second in the Cross-Country Running. Little else can be said concerning the boys' winter sports, but in the Summer Term they made a stout effort for the Cricket Shield, and managed to draw for first place with Sanders. The girls who had previously shared the wooden spoon in Hockey were placed second in the Tennis competition on games. Prowess in athletics was poor and we came last. However, we

compensated for this by splashing to victory once again in the Swimming Sports. Prospects for the Cock House Shield are not very good.

Although the voices of members are loud and voluble during meetings, they are, obviously, not particularly sweet as was seen in the Speech and Music Competition.

The House has also prospered financially during the year and continues to adopt our leper child, Josephine.

We extend our best wishes for the future prosperity of those leaving. We should also like to thank all the captains and officers, and last but not least, Mr. Bagley, our House Master, for his untiring help and encouragement.

R. W. Wood.

SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Douglas.
House Mistress: Miss Dann.
Boys' Captain: G. Simmons.
Girl's Captain: Margaret Crowther.
Secretary: D. A. H. Thomas.
Treasurer: D. Monk.
Prefects: Olga Clark, Margaret Crowther, Deirdre Saunders, Margaret Carter; Godden, N., Godden, C., Thomas, Simmons, Farrow, Hatter.

During the last year Sanders has fallen from its lofty pedestal, and only two shields have been won, the Football outright and the Cricket Shield in company with Peacocke. The House has shown apathy towards work and so occupies third position in the Work and Merit competition. Although Sanders won the Music competition with a clear lead, we only came second on the aggregate Speech and Music. It must however be admitted that the unavoidable absence of members at critical times has often resulted in the House obtaining second place in competitions. Collections too, have been rather below standard, but an end of term spurt brought the £5 needed to support the Leper Child.

This term the House has to bid farewell to many of its faithful servants, first and foremost being Mr. Douglas who has been untiring in his efforts as House-master for twelve years. It is chiefly due to his efforts that we have a constitution and his presence has been always a source of comfort to the elder members of the House. A presentation showed the grateful thanks of Sanders for his invaluable work; and we wish him

all happiness and good fortune in his future work. Other leavers include Simmons, Farrow, the "Gay Goddens," Hatter and Thomas, and Monica Smith. To one and all we wish the best of luck in their future careers. To those who are left, "Excellere contende."

D. A. H. THOMAS.

MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Allnutt.
House Mistress: Miss Turner.
Boys' Captain: G. Hickman.
Girls' Captain: J. Smith.
House Secretary: R. Peirce.
Treasurer: J. Larkin.
Prefects: J. Smith, R. Peirce, J. Fellows,
G. Hickman.

This has been quite a good year for Meryon in both work and sport, and we seem to have settled down at last with the help of Miss Turner and Mr. Allnutt.

In the Autumn Term we were lucky enough to win the Speech and Music Shield. In the Spring we won the Hockey and Cross-Country Running trophies, and this term we won the Tennis and Athletics Shields.

We cannot yet muster a strong Cricket team and consequently put up a rather poor show in this term's matches.

On the whole the year has passed smoothly and satisfactorily for most of us, but of course we have had our set-backs. Throughout the year the House collection has averaged 10s. and we have sent donations to various charities.

We wish the best of luck to Jean Smith, George Hickman, Goodwin, and all others who are leaving us.

R. PEIRCE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Meetings this term have been very successful, a great deal of business having been completed. Discussions have been extremely lively and many "hot" debates have ensued. The Committee, sprinkled with many talented speakers, and others less gifted but not lacking in enthusiasm, have got through a tremendous amount of work. At times the decorum of the meeting has not been strictly constitutional, but it is to be hoped that next year the new committee will pay greater respect to the decrees of the Chairman.

The first meeting of the Summer Term was held on May 10th, when Simmons was in the chair. The Headmaster was present, and he expressed his disappointment upon reading that members of the Committee had opposed progressive suggestions on the grounds of inconvenience. Such a tendency would defeat the whole purpose of the Committee. The Headmaster then set the Committee's mind at rest concerning the Magazine, and promised that every effort would be made to investigate the financial position and the possibility of including photographs. He also promised that the Educational Visit to London by the Sixth would necessarily include the Festival.

There was much animated discussion concerning the future of the Magazine, and the Editorial Committee promised a clear statement of finances. The Committee next year was urged to follow up this question of the Magazine, as it was clear that the School was not satisfied with the standard of the present one.

The splitting up of Sports Day was discussed. Although the Committee fully realised the experimental nature of the new system, there were many arguments against it. The hope was expressed that modifications would be made, and one interesting suggestion was that Sports Day be left as it was, but events be held as exhibitions on Open Day.

The girls renewed their eternal campaign for berets, while the boys seemed in favour of the old hats now worn if only for something to amuse them.

The final meetings, on 23rd July, was largely a formal meeting. Reports of the various sub-committees were presented.

The main business of the meeting was to discuss Major Ney's suggestion that the school takes an active interest in Empire Youth Movement. The Committee were in favour of attending Empire Youth Sundays, and agreed it would be a good plan to exchange literature with countries of the Empire, but it was felt that exchange of students and teachers was rather an ambitious and unpractical idea. A sub-committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities in detail.

For the next session Margaret Crowther was elected chairman; and J. Larkin and June Fellows were elected Secretary and Treasurer for the following year.

N. J. GODDEN.

1st XI CRICKET REPORT

This season has been one of the most successful in the history of Rye Grammar School cricket. The team has consisted of a majority of "veterans," with a blend of youth and inexperience. The brunt of the bowling has fallen on old shoulders, but the team has not always had to rely upon the

"old school" for its run getting, several of the younger members having done well with the bat.

Although our first match with Bexhill County Grammar School was in effect a moral victory for the School, we were disappointed to lose this needle match at Bexhill. We bowled and fielded well to dismiss Bexhill for a comparatively low score, but Bexhill had the runs on the board and the pitch was not by any means perfect. Our batsmen failed to take the opportunity of beating Bexhill for the first time for many years, although we had made greater scores against better bowlers. Against Coopers', from London, we met a side superior in batting strength and Coopers' won an exciting race for the runs with a few minutes to spare.

The finest thing that has happened to Grammar School cricket was our overwhelming victory against Hastings Grammar School at the Central Ground. Three or four of us were in the team that went down there by a similar margin four years ago, and it was the complete revenge for that defeat.

The star of the team has again been Simmons and no individual has done more on the field for School cricket than he has. Cold figures cannot express his value to the side, but the fact that he has taken fifty-nine wickets at a very low cost and scored three hundred and eighty runs in fourteen innings gives some indication of his achievements.

In two years Larkin should be a prolific run-getter. This season he has been a stolid opening bat and as are most left-handers, very pretty to watch. His best scoring shot is the cut, while in later matches he has developed a very powerful drive.

Cooke has been invaluable as our No. 3 batsman. One can picture Cooke in cricket elevens until he has reached the age when men begin to think of less strenuous pastimes. He is a very stubborn batsman with perhaps a sparsity of the orthodox scoring shots, but a determination to do well for his side. He has been a reliable slip fielder.

C. Godden has been the personality of the team. His skill with the bat is delightful to watch, and his irrepressible spirit is exemplified to the full on the cricket field. His driving in front of the wicket is very strong and he has perfected the leg-glide. His wicket-keeping has been very good.

Farrow has bowled better than ever, and against Bexhill and the Old Scholars he was in fine form. His batting has improved in leaps and bounds, and he came to be regarded as a real force as a batsman.

Caister's driving is very strong and he is particularly good on the off, but his footwork is still rather sluggish. He needs to be more alert in the field.

Other promising players are Stone, Morris, Stapley and Bellhouse. Morris will be an asset in the future, while Bellhouse needs to develop more scoring shots.

The team are as ever indebted to Mr. Allnutt for his unflagging enthusiasm and hard work and also to Mr. Luck for preparing such a beautiful wicket.

RESULTS :—

16th May, *v.* Old Scholars at Rye.

R.G.S., 142 for 3 declared (Larkin 52, Simmons 57 n.o.).

Old Scholars, 61 (Farrow 6 for 30). R.G.S. won by 81 runs.

23rd May, *v.* Bexhill Post Office, at Bexhill.

Bexhill, 61 (N. Godden 6 for 21). R.G.S., 125 (C. Godden 48,

N. Godden 18). R.G.S. won by 6 wickets.

26th May, *v.* Hastings Grammar School, at Rye.

Hastings, 29 (Simmons 5 for 8; N. Godden 3 for 9).

R.G.S., 33 for 0 wicket. (Simmons 17 n.o.; Larkin, 13 n.o.).

Rye won by 10 wickets.

30th May, *v.* Goudhurst School, at Rye.

Goudhurst, 27 (Simmons 4 for 12; N. Godden 3 for 7;

Pye 2 for 0). R.G.S., 77 for 0 (Simmons 46 n.o.; Larkin

27 n.o.). R.G.S. won by 10 wickets.

2nd June, *v.* Ashford G.S., at Ashford.

R.G.S., 140 for 9 dec. (Simmons 55, C. Godden 27). Ashford,

40 (N. Godden 5 for 22, Simmons 3 for 15). R.G.S. won

by 100 runs.

6th June, *v.* Bexhill County Grammar, at Rye.

R.G.S., 144 for 7 dec. (C. Godden 61, Caister 27, Simmons

22). Bexhill 82 for 5 (Simmons 5 for 27). Match drawn.

13th June, *v.* Bexhill Post Office, at Rye.

R.G.S., 76 (Farrow 17, N. Godden 15, Cooke 14, Larkin 13).

Bexhill 58 (Simmons 5 for 22, Farrow 4 for 14). R.G.S.

won by 18 runs.

19th June, *v.* Hastings G.S., at Hastings.

R.G.S., 212 for 5 dec. (Godden, C. 42, Caister 40, Larkin

40, Simmons 34, Cooke 40). Hastings, 52 (Simmons 6

for 25, Farrow 3 for 12). R.G.S. won by 160 runs.

30th June, *v.* Eastbourne Technical School, at Eastbourne.

R.G.S. 99 (Farrow 29, Cooke 20, Norman 6 for 13).

Eastbourne 23 (Simmons 7 for 10). R.G.S. won by 76 runs.

7th July, *v.* Bexhill G.S., at Bexhill.

Bexhill, 101 (Farrow 7 for 38). R.G.S., 67 (Simmons 20).

Bexhill won by 34 runs.

10th July, *v.* Goudhurst School, at Goudhurst School.

R.G.S., 132 for 7 dec. (Simmons 74, Larkin 20).

Goudhurst, 28 (Simmons 7 for 4). R.G.S. won by 104 runs.

14th July, v. Eastbourne Technical School, at Rye.
 R.G.S., 88 (Simmons 31, Morris 15). Eastbourne, 44
 (Simmons 5 for 14). R.G.S. won by 44 runs.

18th July, v. Cooper's School at Rye.
 R.G.S., 125 for 9 dec. (Larkin 65 n.o., C. Godden 28).
 Coopers, 131 for 6 (Nevill 52 n.o., Mole 48). Cooper's won
 by 4 wickets.

21st July, v. Parents' XI, at Rye.
 Parents, 21 (Simmons 6 for 9, N. Godden 4 for 11). R.G.S.,
 97 for 5 dec. (Larkin 37).

2nd XI AND JUNIOR CRICKET REPORT

The 2nd XI have won their two matches against Goudhurst School 2nd XI by large margins, while the Junior XI have won two and lost five matches, gaining creditable victories over strong opponents in Ashford Grammar School and Cooper's School. I. Stapley, the Junior captain, has shown distinct promise as an all-rounder and accomplished an outstanding performance against Cooper's School by taking 7 for 11, including the hat-trick, and scoring 22 not out. P. Fuggle has bowled well and B. Bellhouse and J. Tidy should develop into sound batsmen, as well as being exceptionally smart in the field. Both Bellhouse and Stapley have shaped well when tried in the 1st eleven.

The Junior XI has been chosen from I. Stapley, P. Fuggle, P. Small, D. Griffin, J. Barnes, P. Stone, D. Boots, J. Tidy, D. Fuggle, J. Hackman, B. Bellhouse, M. Ford, M. Ditcher, N. Hickman, B. Morris and G. Weeks.

2nd XI

Goudhurst School 2nd XI, at home.

Goudhurst, 14 (Morris 6 for 5, Milham 4 for 6); R.G.S.,
 103 (Tubbs 33 not out, Weeks 13, Morris 12, Milham 11).
 Won by 89 runs.

Goudhurst School 2nd XI, away.

R.G.S., 113 (Batehup 30, Milham 27, N. Hickman 16);
 Goudhurst, 18 (Stapley 4 for 4, P. Fuggle 5 for 7). Won
 by 95 runs.

JUNIOR XI

Bexhill G.S. Juniors, away.

Bexhill, 46 (Stapley 6 for 11); R.G.S., 33. Lost by 13 runs.

Hastings G.S. Juniors, away.

Hastings, 74 (Stapley 5 for 14); R.G.S., 50 (Stapley 13).
 Lost by 24 runs.

Ashford G.S. Juniors, home.

Ashford, 60 (Morris 4 for 15, Fuggle 4 for 22); R.G.S.,
 64 for 5 (Morris 27 not out). Won by 5 wickets.

Bexhill G.S. Juniors, home.

Bexhill, 85 (P. Fuggle 6 for 26); R.G.S., 32. Lost by 53
 runs.

Hastings G.S. Juniors, home.

Hastings, 57 (P. Fuggle 5 for 12, P. Small 3 for 7); R.G.S.,
 25. Lost by 32 runs.

Cooper's School Juniors, home.

Cooper's, 30 (Stapley 7 for 11, including the hat-trick);
 R.G.S., 42 for 7 (Stapley 22 not out). Won by 4 wickets.

St. Mary's School, Hastings, home.

St. Mary's, 75 (Stapley 4 for 14, P. Fuggle 4 for 31); R.G.S.
 31. Lost by 44 runs.

HOUSE MATCHES

In the Senior House Matches the strong Sanders team overwhelmed both of the other Houses, beating each of them by 10 wickets, while Peacocke beat Meryon by 5 wickets. In the Junior Matches Peacocke beat Sanders by 12 runs and Meryon by 6 wickets, while Sanders gained an exciting win over Meryon by 2 wickets. Thus the whole competition resulted in a tie between Peacocke and Sanders.

TENNIS REPORT

This term the girls welcomed Miss Fitz-Patrick as Games Mistress, but only unfortunately for one term. She has borne with us very well, and we should like to thank her for all her help this season in tennis, swimming and athletics. We all wish her the greatest happiness on her forthcoming marriage.

This year the first Tennis VI lost all its matches. The team has been, on an average, exceptionally young, but with more experience and careful practice should improve considerably next season. The main faults have been erratic service, poor footwork, and inaccuracy in driving due to careless practice. The necessity of fighting for every point in a match has not always been fully appreciated. The matches played have all been enjoyed, and although the final scores have been uneven, there were many rallies which kept the team keen.

Anne Lloyd has improved at net, and Sheelagh Curran has played consistently well throughout the season. Judith Bate-man and Faith Levett are newcomers and were discovered late in the term. They show great promise and have been an asset to the school in the matches in which they played.

Those who have played in the team are P. Crouch, A. Lloyd, P. Baker, S. Curran, J. Clarke, F. Levett, J. Bateman and J. Smith.

The scores of the matches are :—

v. Charters Towers	..	..	lost	47—16
v. Hastings High School (1)	..	..	lost	73—26
v. Bexhill County School	..	..	lost	87—12
v. Ashford Grammar School	..	..	lost	66—15
v. Hastings High School (2)	..	..	lost	70—29
v. Convent of Our Lady (unfinished)	..	..	lost	
v. Old Scholars	..	..	lost	

There have been three matches played by the Junior and Under 16 VI.

The same faults apply to them as well, but J. Bateman and F. Levett played well, and also Elizabeth Dobbie and Eunice Diaper though they are more erratic.

Those who have played are F. Levett, J. Bateman, E. Dobbie (capt.), E. Diaper, H. Webb, C. Allen, A. Doust.

The results of the matches were :—

Under 16 VI v. Hastings High School	..	lost	44—37
Junior VI v. Hastings High School	..	lost	53—28
Ashford County School	..	lost	61—20

The House Matches this year were a fight mainly between Peacocke and Meryon. Each House won three matches so the result was decided on the number of games won. Meryon were 1st with 182 games, Peacocke 2nd with 166 and Saunders 3rd with 130 games.

Thirty girls went to Wimbledon to see a day's play, and came back inspired and enthusiastic. Later, a demonstration of the fundamentals of tennis was shown by F. Perry and Maskell at Hastings, and much was learnt from it by those who went.

J.S.

SWIMMING REPORT

Splash! The Hastings swimming baths once more re-echoed with the cries of aquatic-minded humans who threw themselves into the water and came out gasping and spluttering. Some people were in their element, and Peacocke came forward with a young water genius and became favourite for the shield.

This year, only the Lower and Middle School were allowed to go for regular practices and there were no preliminary heats or standards. There were no life-saving efforts either, although some juniors ardently hoped that a member of the staff would fall in ; however, no such happy event occurred. The lengths were energetically splashed out, with Mr. Robinson in bathing kit watching, as one member put it "just in case!" Then

came some diving attempts, of quite a high standard, and duck-diving, and the entertaining "diving for plates." One was broken, and Mr. Thompson hoped the school would bear him out when he explained to Miss Green, "it was quite an accident." Among others Deirdre Saunders took the plunge and went a long way, to break the school record. It's amazing how long that girl can hold her breath under water.

The crocodile race and the relays gave some excitement and ice-cream-coated faces were seen to part in the middle and omit a noise which might have been encouragements or dire threats to the representatives of the owners' respective Houses. Here, the waters closed over me as I struggled towards the far end, and as I touched it, an inconsiderate member of my own House showered me with spray.

The Houses were racing neck-to-neck all the way on points, but the relays decided the result. Peacocke came 1st, Meryon 2nd, Sanders 3rd.

There are many juniors who did extremely well in the Sports this year, and these augur high standards of swimming in the future.

A.T.C. REPORT

This term the A.T.C. has carried on with its activities as usual, and six new members were welcomed. In the middle of the term a Field Day was held at West Malling, and although no flying was possible, the Cadets enjoyed shooting practice and lectures on life-saving apparatus, airfield control and armament. During the term a number of Cadets have attended a gliding course, and Cadets Milham, Laurance, Jary and Caister have obtained their "A" certificate. Cadets Hatter and Jary are to be specially congratulated on passing their proficiency examinations, and Cadets Osborne (D.), Wickersham, Ford, Wise, Stapley and Smith on passing out in basic training.

As is usual at the end of a school year, the Flight has to say goodbye to some of its senior members. This year Sgt. Thomas and Cadets Hickman and M. Hackman are leaving to join the R.A.F. and Godden and Cooke to join the F.A.A. Hatter, our meteorological expert, is also leaving ; to everyone we wish a happy and successful future.

On August 4th Flight leaves for Thorney Island for a week's camping and judging from past camps there an enjoyable week is looked forward to by all.

Finally, a word of thanks to F.O. Mitchell, our C.O. ; Messrs. Robinson and Elliott ; and Mrs. Hatter and Amy for their valuable services during the term.

SCOUT REPORT

The Troop has enjoyed a successful year. Many Second and First-class tests have been passed and several proficiency badges gained.

The most important work, this year, has been the construction of a Scout H.Q. from an ex-air raid shelter on the School Field. This has been almost completed and our thanks are due to those who have so willingly assisted the Scouts in their work.

The annual Scout Concert was presented by "The Brainstormers" and raised the record sum of £13 15s. od. This money was used for the Headquarters on which over £35 has been spent.

The National Bob-a-Job week received keen support from the Troop who raised £15 9s. od., a portion of which goes into Troop funds.

Brett is attending the World Jamboree in Austria this summer and to help him the Scouts collected jumble and held a Sale. This proved very successful, within half-an-hour the tables were cleared and we had £13 9s. 4d. to our credit.

This term we are losing Mr. Douglas our Scout Master for the past ten years. He is going to the Friend's School, Lisburn, Co. Antrim. His keen work with the School Troop cannot be too highly praised, and we extend to him our very best wishes for the future.

We are also losing David our Senior Patrol Leader, who is the first King's Scout in the Rye District since 1923.

The Troop will be taken over next year by Mr. Douglas's successor and we wish him every success in keeping up the tradition of Good Scouting in the Second Rye Scout Group.

GUIDE REPORT

This year has been a very busy one in the Guiding world. Our part in this has been no small one.

Several 2nd Class badges have been obtained and a number of Proficiency Badges including Child Nurse, Reader's, Hostess and Gymnast.

Our first main event of the year was on October 7th when we went to a Pageant of Guiding given by the Bexhill Division at the De La Warr Pavilion, when the Chief Guide was guest of Honour. During this month we had a field-day, visiting Bachelor's Bump, Fairlight, several passing their 1st Class Hike.

In January we held our annual party for the children and presented two plays. Once again the patrol teas were the highlight of the afternoon. Later, owing to increase in numbers of Guides, a new patrol, "Violet," was formed.

A Patrol Leaders' Training was arranged at Hastings and three of us attended. On March 9th we had a Guiding film show, to which we invited the Scouts. In May, H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth visited Hastings and all Guides of the District lined the route.

This summer, a division of the companies was made, Mrs. Elliott being Captain 4th Rye, and Miss How Captain 2nd Rye (Saltcôte). A Guide Competition at Brede was won by 4th Rye, 2nd Rye coming second.

Much heartburning was caused by Mrs. Elliott's inability to take us to camp, but determined to keep our spirit and standard on the right plane, Miss Dann nobly stepped into the breach as Commandant of a School Camp.

We regret the loss of Sheelagh Curran, a 1st Class Guide. All ranks please note : *We need more 1st Class Guides.*

S.A.S.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

On Tuesday, July 17th, the whole day was given up to Educational Visits, when, for a time, the pupils were exposed to the educational influences in the world outside the classroom, under the "protection and authority" (as one report had it) of the teachers. The protection, in our experience, anyway, involved chiefly saving them from the dire effects of too many ice-creams and "ginger pops." For, indeed, the day was a really hot one, and this gave a great impetus to all the visits.

One group went to Richborough via Canterbury, returning via Sandwich and Dover, to study the features of the site of the old Roman castle at Richboro'. The only unusual thing about their report is the fact that they had their sandwiches at Richboro', and beverages at the next halt—Sandwich. But they do say they "ate their food with relish among ruins dating back 1800 years." This shows a keen historical sense, we feel.

A second group toured nearby places, Rye Harbour, Icklesham Church, Fairlight and Pett Level, in the interests of the Regional Survey recently undertaken by M.I and M.2. According to their report their most enjoyable time was spent looking for "insects and reptiles" on the beach at Pett. This attitude of mind is so far beyond our ken that we pass on without comment to :—

closer to the realisation that our School really does date from three hundred years ago ; and had it not been for the generosity and far sightedness of two men, it would not exist at all as it does to-day ; which is rather a sobering thought.

O.E.C.

LIBRARY GUILD VISIT TO LEWES

On Field Day, members of the Library Guild visited the East Sussex County Library at Lewes. We arrived by train at 11.5 a.m. and made our way to the Library where we were welcomed by the Deputy Librarian who conducted us round. He took us to the top of the building and showed how new books were entered and catalogued. In another department the system by which books are distributed to the various branch Libraries in East Sussex was explained to us. Then we were shown round various other departments including the basement where all old volumes are kept until they can be disposed of. After this we left the Library and went to explore Lewes Castle. Then, after a rest, we returned to the Library and were allowed to look around on our own. We left Lewes for home at 4 p.m.

S.W.

BACH IN CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

On Thursday afternoon, July 19th, a small but enthusiastic group from school went to Canterbury to hear Bach's " Mass in B minor " in the Cathedral.

Bach's greatest choral work was not intended to be liturgical. Indeed he did not write it all together as a Mass. Over a period of time he set excerpts from the Ordinary to music, which he then presented as a whole to the reigning monarch. Nevertheless, the ideal setting for this great masterpiece is in a church. Canterbury Cathedral proved a really wonderful setting for this performance by the Canterbury Choral Society and members of King's and Simon Langton's Schools with the Boyd Neel Orchestra. The soloists were all familiar with the work, Elsie Suddaby, Freda Townson, William Herbert and Norman Walker gave of their best.

Seated in the lofty nave facing the great West Window through which the evening sun cast rays of iridescent light were over three thousand people, overflowing on to the steps of the Choir ; so many stretching away down the nave into the gloom ; attentive, thrilled, awed.

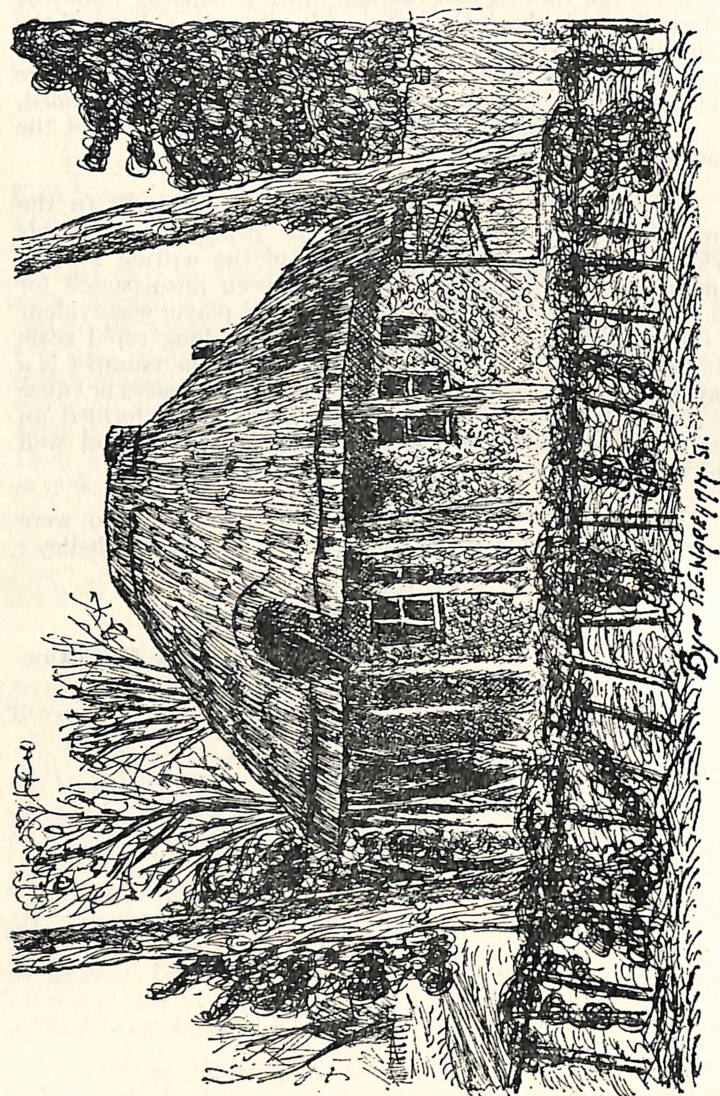
As may be expected the acoustics were excellent and gave ample scope to the Choir. Under their conductor, John Brough (unfortunately Dr. Reginald Jacques was unable to attend), they made the vaulted roof resound in the " Sanctus " and the " Gloria," or echo back the last double pianissimo chord of the " Crucifixus," acclaimed by most as one of the greatest choral pieces written, by many as the greatest. The soloists were good, and Freda Townson sang her exciting parts, it seemed, effortlessly. All sang with real feeling for the words and the atmosphere of exaltation.

A word of praise to the orchestra, particularly to the trumpeter. Bach was merciless to the trumpeter in all his works in which it appears, and some of the writing for the trumpet in the " B minor Mass " has been unsurpassed for difficulty. At this performance the skill of the player was evident by the apparent ease with which he played long rapid scale passages and trills with no trace of blurring. The trumpet is a noisy instrument, but not once did it drown the voices or cause the singers to strain. The rest of the orchestra formed an admirable background for soloists and choir alike and well came into their own when the music allowed them.

This performance could not fail to thrill all who were fortunate enough to hear it. For my part I feel with Shelley :

" Music, when soft voices die,
Lingers in the memory— "

OLGA E. CLARK.



CORD BAT COTTAGE PEASMARSH.

THE THREE FIELDS

I gazed across a furrowed field
Which centuries of men had trod,
To reap the grain which harvests yield
To those who till and plough the sod.

And then arise before my eyes
Another field, on distant shore.
A field where Flanders poppies blow
And hide war's scars for evermore.
The sun was shining o'er that field,
Where war had ravaged all, and hurled
Men to their death, who'd fought for peace,
To save their country's flag unfurled ;
Men who had died, that we might live.

Then to my mind unbidden came
A field where wooden crosses stood
Line upon line, and all the same.
Yet under these same crosses lay
Men of all nations, rank and creed ;
Doomed to die on a foreign shore
Because of man's eternal greed.

And then my thoughts returned again
To the fields of furrowed earth.
Fields of home that the soldier loves,
The land that has given him birth.
To save his native land he died,
Nor thought his life too high a price.
To save his comrade at his side
He made the final sacrifice.

VALERIE JUPP, U.I.

" RAIN "

I like to sit and watch the rain,
Falling on the window pane.
I like the gentle swishing sound
That rain makes falling on the ground.
I like to see the lightning flash,
And then to hear the thunder crash.
Down comes the rain, it pours and pours ;
Yes, I like the rain—when I'm indoors.

B. BULLIVANT, L.II.

" PROMENADE DANS PARIS "

Paris, mais c'est la Tour Eiffel ! disent les étrangers, ou l'Arc de Triomphe, la Concorde, les Tuileries, le Sacré Coeur . . .

Oui, Paris est tout cela, mais c'est aussi un centre de vie intense et différent dans chaque quartier, qui sont presque des villages distincts.

Je suis née dans l'un d'entre eux, un des plus populaires, " Le quartier Latin " où j'habite depuis ce temps là, st c'est par lui que nous allons commencer notre visite de ma capitale.

Le quartier Montparnasse abritait il y a quelques années des artistes épris de la capitale, maintenant il est devenu un centre d'existencialistes débraillés et sales, qui s'y promènent tout le jour et paradent la nuit à la terrasse des grands cafés qui entourent la Gare Montparnasse.

Chaque année le boulevard ayant sa semaine de fête revet un aspect des plus particuliers. Toutes les vitrines sont peintes et représentent diverses scènes du Paradis Terrestre aux caves de Saint Germain des Près.

Et nous finirons par Montmartre. La Basilique s'y dresse, blanche et imposante dominant la ville, cachant de sa masse les moulins de la butte.

Montmartre ! les casinos, les bars, les boîtes de nuits, " c'est un monde de jouissances qui peu à peu perd son renom du siècle précédent, depuis que les artistes que le faisaient vivre ont disparu.

Mais la grande ville continue à vivre, d'un mouvement infernal elle fait sa vie ; certains quartiers sont tout à tour les plus à la mode et la roue tourne mais Paris reste Paris !

ANNIE SOULIÉ.

" EVENING WIND "

Like a sigh swift prest
Against a beating heart
There swoops the tremulous breeze,
Urged on by unseen force ;
Gentle first, a zephyr's kiss
Upon the terrestrial brow.
A tender wind in loving mood
Plays fondly with the golden hair
Of ripening corn. 'Tis evening
And whispers in the dusk are heard
As the warm west breeze invades

The sacred hush within the woods,
Whispering wisdom to the leaves,
Which reply again with woodland lore.
Then night falls swift. The breeze
Grows to a wind whose beating wings
Swirl in the darkness, and in their sweep
Hurl clouds across the velvet sky
In gathering might and majesty.
The mighty breath pants louder,
And tall tortured trees are tossed
By mystic force—a power invisible ;
It breathes cold upon the fleeting clouds
And earthwards drives the rain
In large and steel-grey drops.

OLGA E. CLARK.

LAUGHTER

*" That same laughter, madam, is an irrelevancy
Which almost amounts to revelation."*

(CHRISTOPHER FRY).

Why do we laugh ? I asked my aunt that question once and she just laughed. She said, sometimes people have funny faces, and pointed at me. I said, Yes, but why are they funny ? Who knows ? Anyway, what is funny ? You've got a point there, said my aunt. Heavens, so I have ! If you're amused, what do you feel like ? Sort of funny inside like—like champagne that's been shaken up. When you feel funny inside, what does your face look like ? I wouldn't like to say, you might laugh. Why would I laugh ? There you go again ; how should I know, you laugh at such funny things. Well, I can't help it, they amuse me. How do they amuse you ? I can't really describe it ; something fizzes up inside me, bubbles over like the head on a glass of beer, and I just laugh and laugh. Do you like laughing ? 'Course I do, funny ; think how awful life would be if we couldn't laugh. D'you know we haven't found out why we laugh. Because things are funny, you nit-wit. Yes, but why don't we cry ? Oh Heavens, here we go again !

R.P.

When night with ever reaching shade is borne
On meadow deep, where swifts sweep low ;
And lightly falls the dew on speckled lawn
And Zephyr stirs the trees, then Diana rides,
Daughter of Zeus and young Latona fair :
In silence ride her nightly retinue,
The flowing garments rivalled by her hair :

Throughout the night she rides, 'til from her couch
 Comes bright Aurora, in her chariot rose,
 By milky horses drawn, to run the race
 With Artemis, but soon her glory goes
 And Dawn presides with victory in her face ;
 Run is the race when ev'ry day begins
 And ever bright Aurora rides and wins.

M. J. MASON, U.I.

THE SEA FROM MY WINDOW

As I sit and gaze out of my window,
 Far away and out to sea,
 Many hours slip quickly by
 Filled with dreams of sea and sky.

The sea in Summer is a shimmering haze,
 It laps the shore gently with sparkling waves
 As the tide does turn, on the glistening sands
 It leaves behind memories of many lands.

When the Winter comes again,
 The sea holds not its misty haze,
 The waves like a cannon roar
 As they thunder to the approaching shore.

M. E. STOODLEY, L.S.I.

OUR HERO

The sun was shining hot and strong,
 Our hero stood alone,
 The enemy around him stood ;
 He uttered forth a groan.

He stood with weapon in his hand,
 The enemy drew near.
 One hurled a missile straight at him,
 Our hero quaked with fear.

He swung out with his weapon bold,
 The thing was hurtling near,
 He thought about his wife and home
 And of his children dear.

On, on it came with speed untold,
 Our hero's in a fix,
 And then the crowd begins to cheer,
 " A boundary ! It's a six ! "

SHEILA SWAINE, M.4.

THE STRANGE VISITOR

Silent and dark against the sky
 The lonely lighthouse stands,
 The only sound is the seagulls' cry
 And the waves upon the sands.

'Twas at this spot one evening dark
 When the winter wind blew shrill,
 Took place a happening strange and stark—
 They say the place it bode ill.

The lighthouse keeper afeared was he
 Of the cellar deep and broad,
 For things that flapped and bones he saw
 And putrid frogs by the score.

By chance it happened this fatal night,
 The keeper must needs go down
 With a guttering candle at his right
 And a bundle of keys at his gown.

He ope'd the oaken door so strong
 And stepped into the room ;
 Afeared was he and trembled long,
 He had good cause, for sudden in the gloom

He saw a figure draped in white,
 Bearing a yellow skull.
 He, paralysed, gazed at the sight
 As his candle flickered and dull'd.

The figure turned, and seeing him
 Gave chase upon the stair.
 The keeper ran as seagulls skim
 But the spirit ran on air.

They neared the top of the lighthouse
 With the keeper's feet like lead,
 Out on the parapet, round the top
 The ghost and the keeper sped.

Down below, the sea lashed foam,
 Above the wind howled round.
 The desp'rate keeper lost his wits
 And flung him to the ground.

JANE TUELY.

FRANCIS EGBERT TIGHE

The sudden death of Frank Tighe on May 21 at the comparatively early age of 52 came as a shock, not only to those who were connected with the School between the years 1910-29, but also to the wide circle of people with whom he had been brought into contact through one or other of his many-sided activities. He entered the school as a pupil in 1910, and when called up for service in the first World War, joined the Royal Flying Corps. After demobilisation in 1919 he joined the staff of the School where he remained until 1929. During these ten years he developed his great talent for teaching, and rendered invaluable service to the School in many capacities. His father was the well-known artist, and Frank Tighe inherited his gifts in full measure. Not only in painting alone did he excel, but he had cultivated the allied crafts of etching, wood and lino. cutting, and printing, and was an excellent musician. He was no mean violinist, and had cultivated a great knowledge of singing and of orchestral music.

Children whom he taught did not merely learn a "subject," but could not help being influenced by his enthusiasm, sincerity, and devotion for it. The School lost a valuable friend when he went to Bridport Grammar School in 1929. It was here that his talents developed into full maturity. He became one of the founders of the Bridport Musical Society and acted as Secretary. He exhibited regularly at the Mapperton Art Society's exhibitions and did much to further its activities. He was a founder of the Air Force Association during the pre-war years. When war came, he, as might have been expected from his strong sense of duty—and possibly assisted by an inherited Irish tendency to get into a fight—re-joined the R.A.F. He served throughout the war—a great part of the time abroad—and retired with the rank of Flight-Lieutenant after the armistice.

On the day of his death he had been to school as usual, and during the evening while discussing a future production of the Musical Society he suddenly ceased to live.

Well, that is probably as he would have wished it for himself, but for his wife (an old R.G.S. girl), his son, and daughter it is an irreparable loss, and our thoughts go out to them in sympathy.

Men of his ability and selfless devotion to their art and profession are not easily found, and when found not easily spared.

BISHAM ABBEY

On July 7th I was lucky enough to spend a week at Bisham Abbey for a training course for Prospective Youth Leaders.

The Abbey is situated on the banks of the Thames above Marlow and was built in the twelfth century, but it has been added to since that date. The furnishing were of antiques and they were covered with oil portraits of the nobility and with tapestries of the same kind as those at Hampton Court. In addition there was some hand painted wall paper. The Abbey is surrounded by lawns and has tennis courts, both grass and hard, netball courts, an athletics ground and a games field. A gymnasium has been built to allow for more room for indoor sessions.

The course consisted of many activities which could take place in a club, such as tennis, netball, rounders and also indoor activities. We had lectures by several visiting people on subjects concerned with clubs and leadership. These lectures were very interesting and were delivered by people who had worked hard and had many peculiar experiences both in this country and abroad.

Canoeing, for those who could swim, and archery were taught as activities, not for introduction into clubs, but for our own enjoyment so that we could take them up in our own neighbourhood if we wished. In the evenings we had community dancing which enabled us to get to know one another quickly. The course was well planned and the staff were most friendly and in the little free time we had there was plenty that could be done and the girls seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

There were only twenty-eight girls there, although fifty can be accommodated, and so it seems that the course will be repeated next year and I think that any senior girls who could go, would enjoy themselves thoroughly. The course would help them in any Youth Organisation to which they belong even if they do not intend to become club leaders. In all a most enjoyable course.

JEAN SMITH.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

A regular spate of degrees this year—Bob Burnett, Rex Cowper, Edward Paige and Mary Frostick all of Reading, and Stephen Wood and Trevor Pollard of L.S.E. Special congratulations are due to Burnett who has pulled off a First. He is to do his year's training for teaching and has become engaged to

another First in Modern Languages. Cowper and Paige both obtained 2nds in Science—Paige has another year while Cowper expects to go to Australia to practice marine biology. No detailed news is available of Mary Frostick and Pollard, but Stephen Wood reports that the latter has been President of the Athletic Union at L.S.E. and a very busy man which probably explains why he never writes.

Doris Smith, owing to her father's illness, has had to return home from the Eastbourne Hospital and is now working at a bank. Monica Partletan found nursing didn't agree with her and has gone back to her first choice—teaching. Patsy Payne after a year's supply teaching is going to Training College at Kidderminster. Pamela Wilson and Ruth Arnold have both completed their training—the former is joining a school at Haringay while Ruth goes to Hailsham. Pat Barfoot writes with great enthusiasm of her first year's experience of teaching: she is responsible for the Art teaching in her school and has also recently produced the school play. Congratulations to Audrey Brakefield and Peter Wood on their marriage. Peter still has a year to serve in the Army and Audrey continues to teach. Pamela Brett is doing her training under lovely surroundings at Woking. A long and interesting letter was received from Sutton who is doing his national service in the R.A.V.C. at Melton Mowbray. He expects shortly to go to Korea. Sutton gives us a vivid reminder in this mechanical age that animals have still their part to play. In a recent leave he had visited Bedford and checked up on the various visible signs of our stay there. Peter Cooper has taken his first Curacy at Watford and says his landlady spoils him. He has met the Rev. Colthurst, Rector of St. Paul's, Bedford, when we were there. Peter has promised to come to speak at our Commemoration Service in October, '52. A long and interesting letter came from K. Howlett with the A.E.C. in Malaya. A long extract appears elsewhere I believe. D. Clayson sent a long letter from Ismailia just too late for the last magazine. A letter from him as expected is a treat and he is obviously making the most of his experiences. Writing of his voyage out he says, "Visual memories tend to fade more quickly than most memories, but some few from the journey will stay with me for ever. The lighthouse towering above the white monastery at Cap St. Vincent; the incredible intensity of blue in the Mediterranean; the ruddy mountainous face that Algeria presents to the Straits; one huge crag crowned in pink cloud; the inebriating feast of colour, the kaleidoscopic activity of Port Said at dawn; and the indescribable adventure inherent in every Middle Eastern train journey that one undertakes, adventure against the galatea and its unmitigated roguery: these things I shall remember."

Dudley met sympathetic Education officers and felt able to push along with his languages in between his duties of guarding aircraft. But I hear that now he has moved and that conditions are not so good.

Among recent visitors to the School were V. Glass and T. Law on leave from Cranwell, Rosemary Ray now studying the violin at the Guildhall School of Music with the help of a County Scholarship, Pamela Whiting now recovered and eager to get back to School, John Shearer in the Fleet Air Arm and busily persuading others to follow suit, Stanley Chappell in the R.A.S.C. and attached to the Parachute Brigade on the eve of his departure for Cyprus, Betty Morat now living in Perranporth, Cornwall (she brought her children with her and her sister Joan could only manage a telephone message to School, though she was the first pupil to be admitted by the present Headmaster), Eileen Stoodly at the end of her first year at Bishop Otter and she gave us news of Pat Orsbourne just finished there and now teaching at New Romney.

Two old, old scholars call for special mention, H. W. Wright (1891) and F. J. Ney (1896). The former is a retired engineer while the latter is famous as the founder of the Empire Youth Movement. He has had a distinguished career in Canadian education and we hope to publish further details of him and the Movement in the next issue. We are grateful for the essay prizes he has awarded and look forward to having him with us on Commemoration Day.

Finally the sea—Judd Varley visited us recently when on leave from his R.N.R. training while Diaper who followed Varley to the "Worcester" has one more term there. He prefers to go into tankers and expects he'll be a Captain long before Varley who is in Royal Mail Service.

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