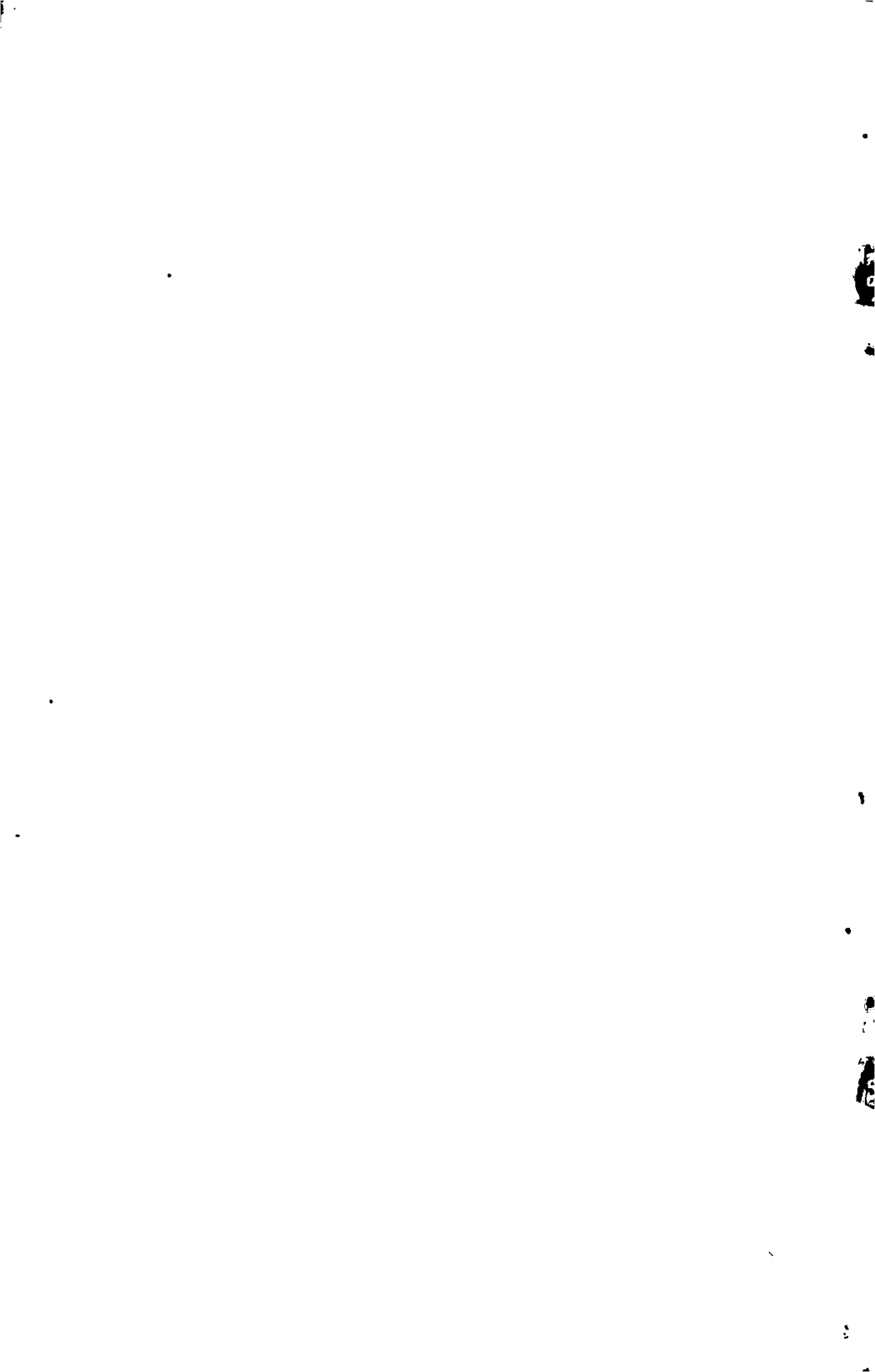




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Editorial.

Perhaps the tide of war has turned, but whether it has or not leaves us unmoved at least from one point of view. Little did we think that Plymouth's misfortune would be our great opportunity, that we would be blessed by circumstances, that it would be our lot to participate in a grand experiment which, to do us and it justice, should influence post-war educational strategy.

Evacuation to private billets may sound good ; evacuation to School Hostels is good. We have been truly blessed in one of the greatest educational experiments of modern times, for we were and are the first municipal boarding High School.

Ours has been a fine tradition in the past, a tradition having its roots deep down in the soil of an *esprit de corps* and a sense of community that unified and vitalised all we did. Our House System has always been a real thing, but never more real than it is now : our friendships have never been so intimate, our contacts never so enlightening, our daily intercourse never so educative, and our knowledge of life never so real as they are now.

What Devonport High School did last year other schools are doing to-day. There is a growing feeling that quite apart from the fun of our type of communal life—and there is plenty of that—living together, feeding together, life in the dormitory, the common-room or the garden is education in its highest sense, real education for real living, an experience we shall never forget and a good influence that we shall never put wholly behind us.

Perhaps the tide of war has turned. We hope it has, but we have not moved from our resolution to see this experiment through to an inspiring climax. The bit of Plymouth that is in Penzance is one of the best and happiest bits of the home town; happy in the uniqueness of its experience and in the knowledge that we are doing well what our city demanded of us in the difficult days after the blitz.

We are grateful to those masters and their wives who so freely give their time and energy, knowledge and experience that this great venture may reach so high a standard of useful achievement. There is no retrogression; we do not even stand still. Every day brings some fresh accomplishment, some new improvement that yesterday was thought to be impossible, or did not even emerge into consciousness.

Again we stress our indebtedness to Mr. Beattie, the Town Clerk, and to the Penzance billeting authorities for all they have done for us: not one of the hostels but has its view of the sea; and all are open to the invigorating Atlantic breezes and the sun that shines to some purpose down here. That we are so well cared for in other ways we are equally grateful to the Cornwall County Education Authority and to Mr. Jackson. There is no public institution with which we have contact that does not leave us the richer for the experience. When the time does come we shall leave behind us very pleasant and grateful memories of West Cornwall.

School Notes

The first term of a new school is over; new boys, of whom we welcome 75 to the school, have settled in at the Rookery and the Mount's Bay Hotel, have acquainted themselves with the rules and regulations of the school, and are learning that D.H.S. means work even in Form I. That the instinct of self-preservation is not naturally applicable in relation to things academic is a pity. Nevertheless it is well that all concerned should realise the importance of the first two years at school. It is then that the foundations of scholarship and character are truly built; and neglect of opportunity at that stage will mean a heavy struggle against long odds if School Certificate and post-School Certificate work are to be successful.

Most of our older pupils will be glad to know that Mr. R. J. Werry, B.Sc., has almost in one hop been promoted to the rank of full Lieutenant. Actually he is engaged on — ("Sorry, we mustn't say."—*Editor*.)

Mr. W. Tamblin, B.Sc., has left us for service as a Naval Schoolmaster. Many of us saw him when he was down on "kitting" leave, and were glad that he looked so fit. The Navy certainly seems to agree with him. Mr. Prynne has also left us for service, not with the Navy, but in the R.A.F. His stay was all too brief. To them both we wish the very best of luck and a safe return.

As time goes on and the demands of the national services on man-power become even more exacting, the problem of the replacement of men called away becomes more difficult. We have been fortunate to get Mr. Warren, B.Sc., to replace Mr. Tamblin; and equally fortunate to secure the services of Miss Reed, B.A. (Hons. London) to replace Miss V. Sparks, B.A., who has taken over an English post in the Girls' Emergency High School at Plymouth.

And now we learn that Mr. H. Chamberlain, B.Sc., is leaving us at Christmas to take the post of Assistant Headmaster at the Herts Training School.

We hope that he and Mrs. Chamberlain will enjoy their new life. They take with them our best wishes.

All these changes have had their repercussions on hostel life. In addition, Messrs. Heather and Davies have for reasons of health had to give up the good work they were doing at the Marine Hotel. To say that they are missed by the boys is to emphasise the obvious. That they may soon return to full vigour and the joy of life that that brings is our sincere wish.

Mr. J. Foster has taken over control of the Marine Hotel and Trevidren will be taken over at Christmas by Mr. and Mrs. Hamley.

We have been very fortunate to find such excellent alternative accommodation for the boys who lost their home at Tredarvah. The new premises at Trevidren stand high, are roomy, have a magnificent view of the bay, and stand in about two acres of grounds. What more could we want?

At the end of the Summer Term we were glad to receive a visit from Mr. A. H. Treseder, M.A., who was appointed first Headmaster of D.H.S. in 1906, and who retired in 1932. He was able to see how the school had settled down to evacuation conditions, and able too to make contact with Mr. Buckley, who greatly appreciated his visit. We noted with pleasure that Mr. Treseder was looking so well and was evidently enjoying to the full the well-earned leisure of retirement.

With great regret we record the death of Mr. A. B. F. Brown, our former P.T. master. Mr. Brown left D.H.S. for a post in Cambridge, where he was an active A.T.C. officer. He was very popular with the boys, and took a great interest in their games, especially in rugger, which he played.

"Bonzo" Brown's personality was one of the sunniest and most pleasant which we have had the joy to know on the long roll of the D.H.S. staff. His easy sanity and his humane nature were a refreshing change in our tradition. Staff and boys alike regretted his departure and will grieve to know of his death.

Out of School Activities

SOCCKER CLUB.

Soccer Master : Mr. G. H. Hodgson.

Captain : D. P. Weeks.

Vice-Captain : W. R. Ward.

Secretary : E. H. Semmens.

In spite of the loss of four of its senior members, the 1st XI has embarked on an even more ambitious programme than last year. The first match, against the R.A.F. at Portreath, resulted in a discouraging defeat, but it was afterwards learned that four professionals were playing for the R.A.F. XI. Penzance N.F.S. has been defeated once, and Penzance County School twice. Not only have away matches been restricted, due to the amount of travel and expense involved, but home fixtures have been cut down and cancelled because we are dependent upon other teams for a pitch.

This lack of a pitch which we can call our own has been felt more by the 2nd XI, which has fulfilled only four fixtures. The Colts XI has been temporarily discontinued, while the Junior XI lost the only game it has played, to Penzance County School.

Thanks are due to Mr. Hodgson, who has done everything possible to alleviate the difficulties of this term ; to Mr. Warren, who has taken charge of Junior Soccer ; to the Headmaster of the County School, for the loan of a pitch, and to Penzance A.F.C., in particular the secretary, Mr. Williams, who has given us invaluable assistance. The club also wishes to extend its sincerest gratitude to Mr. Prynn for his enthusiasm in the club during his brief stay before entering the R.A.F. We thank Mr. Tamblin, who was Soccer master last year, for refereeing a game while on leave from the Navy.

TABLE OF RESULTS

	<i>Played</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>Goals</i>	
					<i>F.</i>	<i>A.</i>
1st XI . .	5	4	1	0	20	10
2nd XI	4	2	0	2	18	8
Junior XI	1	0	1	0	1	8

E.H.S.

CHESS CLUB.

For many reasons the Chess Club has not enjoyed a very successful season. The chief obstacles encountered have been the absence of keen members, and the numerous other House activities.

We hope that next term will witness the reintroduction of inter-House matches, and with them, a definite revival in the Club.

J.G.R.

RUGGER CLUB.

Rugger Master : Mr. Webb.
Captain : G. Evca.
Vice-Captain : G. Walford.
Hon. Secretary : R. M. Holgate.

This season our difficulties, which seemed bad enough last year, were considerably increased. Fixtures were scarce, we had no changing room, nor even a groundsman, and away matches were severely limited by the increase in railway fares.

In spite of all this, however, this term has seen the standard of Rugger in the school well maintained. Our senior teams have easily defeated St. Marylebone Grammar School, and our old adversaries at Truro. The 1st XV has shown up well in spite of the use of newcomers, and the games which were lost, those against Camborne School of Mines and Redruth Home Guard, were keenly contested fights against superior weight and development. We had cause for self-congratulation in the mere fact that we keep Rugger alive in the school, apart from the success our teams have secured. Encouraged by the keenness of players and supporters, we look forward confidently to our few fixtures next term.

The 2nd and Junior XVs have inevitably suffered from lack of fixtures, but gaps have been well filled in by House matches and practices, so that St. Clare is never unoccupied on a Saturday or Wednesday.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Webb for his keen interest and support, to Williams, who was forced to resign from his position as secretary owing to pressure of work, to Mr. Jarvis for his help with refereeing, and to Mr. Harris for his invaluable assistance, particularly with the Junior team. We owe also our thanks to the Headmaster of the County School for the use of the changing room, and to all members of the club who have so ably rallied round in the absence of a groundsman.

1st XV :

	Down		
Honey	Huzzey	Wortlehook	Balc
	Holgate		
	Payne		
Truscott	Tomlinson	Vogel	
	Walford	Ford	
Beswick	Evca (<i>Capt.</i>)	Higson	

Ellis, Tozer, Pengelly, Hurwitt and Bowen have also played.

2nd XV :

	Tucker		
Ellis	Stinchcombe	May	Pengelly
	Hyne		
	Malpas		
Yandell	Tozer	Bowen	
	Cliffe	Martin	
Chapman	Weatherstone	Hurwitt	

Gould, Wannell, Parsons and Harvey have also played.

Junior XV : Walford
 White Pearce Quantick Honey (ii)
 Beetles
 Lowe
 Baldwin Baker (ii) Bradbury
 Wattlely Jarvis
 Wilkins George (ii) Warrilow
 Hodge, Baker (i), Woodford, Gardener, Butler, Jane and Cambridge
 have also played.

An under 13 team has also played two games with St. Erbyn's School and a Colts XV have played one game with Truro School.

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Points</i>	
					<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XV	.. 5	3	2	0	102	46
2nd XV	.. 3	3	0	0	86	0
Junior XV	.. 2	0	2	0	0	44
Under 13 XV	2	1	1	0	14	15

R.M.H.

SCIENCE CLUB.

President: The Headmaster.

Secretary: T. Lovegrove.

Committee: A. Weatherstone, Havelock, Paine, W. Malpas.

Committee Chairman: Mr. Harris.

Since the last issue of the magazine members have had opportunities of visiting the Ice Factory at Newlyn, the printing press of the "Cornish Tidings" (second visit), the very up-to-date X-ray apparatus at the West Cornwall Hospital, and the extensive surface workings of the Geevor Tin Mine at Pendeen. It is a pleasure to record our appreciation of the readiness with which facilities for making these visits are granted.

At the end of the Summer Term we enjoyed a very able lecture by K. Rockey on "The Atom." This talk inaugurated what is hoped will be a long series of papers given by the members of the club.

After a considerable delay at the beginning of this term the club seems really to be getting into its stride again, and it is hoped that regular meetings of a varied nature will be held in the Spring Term.

A very encouraging note was struck by the offer of a lecture from one of our Old Boys, Mr. Nicholls, of Exeter College, Oxford, and we hope to be able to hear his talk on "Explosives" next term.

It is hoped that the club will be well supported by the present members of the Fourth Forms and that everyone in the club will do his utmost to increase its usefulness.

We were sorry to lose our Treasurer, Mr. Taylor, at the end of the Summer Term. W. Malpas was elected to take his place as representing the Marine Hotel.

T. LOVEGROVE.

SCOUT LOG.

Although the Troop as a unit is dormant at the moment, Scouting is still alive in the School. During the summer holidays an excellent piece of work of national importance was carried out by senior Scouts at Coryton, North Devon. A group of eight Scouts was maintained for each of six weeks to work as a gang on land clearance and afforestation. Land was cleared and fences erected in preparation for the planting of 20,000 larch trees, to mature in forty years time. Arthur Tredget, Ralph Maybourne and John Hale acted as group leaders and the reports on their work received each week were excellent. Rural life was enlivened by weekly socials and dances which proved popular with the local residents and with the visitors. At the conclusion of the work a letter was received from the Lord of the Manor congratulating the boys on the work accomplished. This is the second time during the war that School Scouts have undertaken work at Coryton, the other occasion being in 1940, when a pioneer Forestry Camp was run for the Forestry Commission. A pressing invitation has been received from the owner to do more work at Easter.

J. Bellamy of 41 is doing good work at The Rookery by organising Junior Scout Patrols. Although working under difficulties, regular meetings take place each Sunday afternoon. It is hoped that in this way a number will come into contact with Scouting and will be available for active Scouting when the school returns to Plymouth.

S./M., D.H.S.

HOCKEY CLUB.

Hockey has been re-introduced into the School this season. Fixtures have been scarce, being confined to one team, and the opposition has thus been weak. But in spite of this we hope that our efforts will be successful, and that in the future Hockey will again be recognised as a School game.

L.R.

SWIMMING CLUB.

Swimming Master : Mr. E. Harris.

Captain : F. Bowen.

Secretary : R. Holgate.

Owing to the exceptional circumstances, swimming activities were rather curtailed during the past season. The programme of standards could not be completed. Arrangements were made for a gala in mid-September, but the bad weather rendered this impossible.

Some standards were gained despite the unpleasant conditions which prevailed, and the totals of points gained thus were:

Raleigh, 38 ; Gilbert, 19 ; Grenville, 16 ; Drake, 13.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Harris for his invaluable assistance in overcoming the many obstacles.

R.M.H.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

After getting off to a late start the Literary and Debating Society held two meetings, one at the Royale and the other at Ponsandane. At the first meeting Ward gave a paper on "The Materialist Conception of History," and at the second Adams gave an account of "The Structure and Development of the Symphony." Both meetings were attended by much larger audiences than was the case last year, and they were rewarded by two very able papers. Ward gave a skilful account of an extremely difficult subject and especially distinguished himself by the way in which he dealt with the stream of questions which followed. Adams did not allow his paper to become mere recital of symphonic composers, but gave a short account of their contribution to the growth of the symphony. This paper was followed by a lively discussion on the difference (if any) between "programme" music and music as pure art.

Other meetings have already been arranged, and we are looking forward to the same success which the first two meetings have enjoyed.

M. HURWITT (*Sec.*).

House Notes

GILBERT HOUSE

As we had hoped, Gilbert managed after a hard fight with Raleigh to gain second position in last year's house contest. This year, however, we have had little success to the present.

Owing to bad weather in September, the Swimming Sports had to be postponed until next Summer; when it is to be hoped Gilbert will assert its old supremacy in this direction. We have suffered, too, from the temporary discontinuance of House Chess, in which the Seniors in particular would probably have fielded a strong side.

As it is, in spite of some close games, we have not won a match either in Soccer or Rugger, Senior or Junior. The Junior Soccer team has perhaps shown up best, though both senior and junior Rugger teams keenly contested their games with Raleigh. Our standard of play in all football games, however, is improving all the while, and we are justified in entertaining higher hopes for the future.

It is with deep regret that we lost Messrs. Heather and Davies, who have done so much for those of our number at the Marine Hotel, and for the house as a whole, but who have had to abandon through ill-health their active participation in our life. Mr. J. Foster has stepped into the breach, and we welcome him back into our midst. Also, by the time this is in print, we shall have lost our house master, Mr. Chamberlain. We owe a great deal to him for all he has done for Gilbert, but above all for his efforts in connection with our hostels. We wish him every success in his new post.

R. TOMLINSON.

GRENVILLE HOUSE

We remain the largest House, and though it is perhaps too early to prophesy concerning the House competitions, our results so far give little cause for complaint. The Senior Soccer team won its only match, and the Juniors have lost one and drawn one ; of the Rugger teams, the Seniors have played and won one match, and the Juniors won both their matches.

The House is backing up well, and the failure of the Junior Soccer team cannot be put down to slackness. The support gained at House matches shows that the chance provided by this communal life to develop a greater feeling of solidarity is being put to good use, and we have found that the work of picking teams has been undoubtedly rendered much easier by close contact with all members of the House.

Next term will see the Athletic Sports, which should provide an excellent opportunity to gain a good lead, but this competition, perhaps more than any other, is decided by the efforts of the whole House. It is to be hoped that we shall not fall from the standard set by Grenville in former years.

In Mr. Tamblin we have lost one who did much for the House in the short time he was with us, and we wish him every success in his new duties as a Naval Schoolmaster.

R. H. HUZZEY.

RALEIGH HOUSE

During the Christmas Term Raleigh has done comparatively well, in spite of the loss of such stalwarts as the Mollands and Cocking. Our success has not been spectacular, but it is pleasing to record the manifestation of a new spirit in the House. All members are at last taking their sporting obligations more seriously, and putting their best into whatever they tackle.

The Senior Rugger team has won its only two matches, and the Junior team one out of the three played. The Senior Soccer team has lost the only match played, and the Juniors have lost one and won one. We hope such moderate achievements may be topped by better ones next term.

No chess has been played, to enable us to show superiority in this direction.

We are looking forward eagerly to the Athletic Sports, when it is to be hoped all members of the House will do their utmost to gain the standards which are the secret of success. In this respect particularly, every junior can do as much to help as any senior.

R. M. HOLGATE.

DRAKE HOUSE

Drake continues to be characterised by strong Soccer teams but weak senior Rugby. The Junior Soccer team has so far won all its three games, and the Senior team its single game. The Junior Rugby team just managed to win its only match, but the Seniors did not have the same success. This, however, was not due to lack of keenness and co-operation; Drake seems at last to have overcome its difficulties in this direction. But what we lack is both experience and numbers for our teams. If, however, the keen spirit so prominent at present is maintained throughout the year, it should do much to retrieve Drake's position in the House championship.

M. HURWITT.

With a Tank Brigade

“. . . ran on embattled armies clad in iron.”

Samson Agonistes.

It is dusk. You can see them and hear their distant rumble across the wind-swept moor land. Their dark and formidable shapes make ghostly silhouettes against the sky as they lumber in majestic procession to harbour for the night. Tanks; those iron steeds for which twentieth-century Macduffs might well cry to save the Kingdom, for this is a war in which tanks feature prominently. We watch them pensively in the gathering loom, our greatcoat collars upturned, for the wind is keen. What is it like to travel in one of these lurching monsters? By whom, and from where are they controlled? What kind of a life do these fellows live. . . . ?

There is not much room in the interior of a tank to swing the proverbial cat, it is just sufficient for its crew of four or five and their cargo of ammunition. Greatcoats, anti-gas capes, "tin-hats," portable cookers (yes, they cook their own meals), and all the other accoutrements of the "complete soldier" must be stowed in the places allotted. The price of indifference to this is to suffer acute discomfort. The hull is divided into four compartments, each separated by a bulk head. The first houses the driver and front gunner, seated at floor level, and who gain admission through a hatch immediately above them. The driving controls resemble those of an ordinary car. There is no steering wheel, but a handle-bar in lieu, which, when pulled, automatically applies the corresponding brake and skids the tank around. A vision door in front of the driver and a periscope are his means of "look-out." An elaborate instrument panel on his right tells how the tank is running. The front gunner, when not actively engaged on his gun, may act as co-driver, and for him, too, there is another handle-bar and periscope. The second compartment contains the electrically operated turret, capable of rotating through a complete circle, and houses the remainder of the crew, including the Tank Commander. This turret mounts two guns,

a 2-Pr. or 6-Pr, and Besa, as well as a telescope. It is the "nerve centre" of the tank in which is installed a receiving and transmitting set for communication with external bodies. Internal communications are maintained by inter-com telephones—the deafening noise when the tank is on the move makes ordinary speech impossible. The third and fourth compartments contain the engine, gearbox and braking appliances.

But the Brigade does not consist solely of tanks and their crews. The Royal Army Service Corps must ensure them a constant and unceasing supply of petrol, food, and the various types of ammunition. The Royal Army Ordnance Corps must administer major repairs and retrieve "casualties" in the Field. The Royal Corps of Signals are responsible for communications, be they radio, telephone or despatch rider service. The Royal Army Medical Corps attend the sick and render first aid to the injured, whilst the Royal Engineers amongst their many other duties manage the Field Post Office. (Woe betide this long-suffering department if there is no mail for Troopers Brown and Smith. Perhaps neither Mrs. Brown nor Mrs. Smith has written this week, but this very relevant fact is completely discounted by these gentlemen, who make no attempt to conceal their distrust of the F.P.O. system, admirable as it consistently proves itself to be.) These arms of the "services" often have their representatives or detachments at the Brigade Headquarters to facilitate administration and liaison with the Tank Battalions. The organisation is immense, and the specialisation as necessary as in "big business"—for the business of the Army is to beat the enemy. External co-operation with other Regiments is as essential as harmony within the Brigade. Tank crews are knowledgeable fellows, the first to admit their reliance on the infantry who must follow up and consolidate positions the tanks have taken. In fact many of them were nurtured in the infantry or cavalry and later converted into tank crews. This is contrary to public opinion, which credits them as the select of the men in khaki—the chosen few! There are numerous non-armoured vehicles—lorries, fitters' lorries, wireless trucks and staff cars, with many other different types which can be seen in the Brigade convoys. All these vehicles, also, have to be maintained and kept in running order by Unit personnel.

Thus the average day of the tank brigade soldier is a busy one. He rises early—very early in some cases, like cookhouse staffs. There are lectures to be attended, lectures on diverse and often technical subjects. Physical training takes many forms, including swimming, football and even bowls for the more passive. "Toughening courses" invite the less mature to indulge in ape-like antics amongst trees and shrubbery—like one glorious obstacle race except that there is no cream bun at the end of it. Proficiency must be maintained in gunnery and general drills. There are various night duties to be performed. All this in addition to the real job of work of the mechanic, driver, clerk and tradesmen. With the exception of Sunday the "day's" work often extends into the evening, and then

a hurried making of beds, a wash and a visit to the local canteen and or other places of refreshment.

Occasionally the day is not an "average one"—an Exercise or "Scheme" is in progress with the sky the only roof for nights :

. . . Such is the case with those tanks on the horizon. It is dark now and we can see them no longer. The rumble, too, has ceased. We know that there are guards to be chosen and mounted, tanks to be cleaned, and the prospect of a revcille at dawn. It's not so appealing after all, is it ?

Isn't it ?

33 Tk. Bde. HQ., Home Forces.

CPL. M. MARTIN, R.A.S.C.

(Passed for publication).

Life on the "Rock"

Trying to tell other people about life in Gibraltar at the present time is a very difficult task, as one has to be so careful to avoid treading on the Censor's corns. However.

My account is naturally written from a civilian standpoint, and since the evacuation from the Colony of all women and children of British nationality, together with those men who were not engaged in essential services, civilians have become a much rarer species here than they used to be. This change has been accentuated by the large increase in the number of uniformed Service personnel based at Gibraltar which has taken place.

Gibraltar has also been changed both internally and externally to improve its defences, and nothing has been allowed to stand in the way of its conversion to a modern fortress which now bristles with every conceivable type of weapon.

It is possible to visit Spain, but the shortage of food there makes such visits less enjoyable than they might otherwise be. Indeed, the stream of Spanish men and women who work in the Fortress daily, returning to Spain every evening, has to be seen to be believed. Each carries his or her little bundle containing bread and a few groceries, which they are allowed to purchase in Gibraltar and for which they are very grateful.

When work is done the chief forms of recreation are, in the summer, swimming and tennis, and in the winter, soccer and squash. The one and only rigger pitch, I regret to say, had to be surrendered as the space was required for defence purposes. There are two cinemas and a theatre to provide amusement, the latter being very popular during the visit of an ENSA Company, the reason for which you will probably be able to guess.

Apart from the reprisal raids carried out by the Vichy Air Force after the Dakar incident, Gibraltar has had no real "blitz," although of course we have had occasional night raids by a small number of planes in which little or no damage has been done.

At the moment, apart from its valuable contribution as a Naval Base to the waging of the war at sea, Gibraltar seems to be rather out of the picture, but its Garrison stands ready to meet any eventuality and will, I am sure, render an excellent account of itself. Legend has it that on the day when the Rock apes disappear British rule will come to an end in Gibraltar—the following notice, which augurs well for the future, appeared recently in the Official Gazette: “Rock Apes—Births: To Phyllis, wife of Tony, at North Front on 30th June, 1942, a child. Both doing well.”

In conclusion I should be most pleased to hear from any Old Boy who happens to visit or to be passing through Gibraltar—an enquiry at the Tower, H.M. Dockyard, or a telephone call to Dockyard 325 will find me.

R. J. G. HODGES.

(Passed for publication).

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

President: The Headmaster (W. H. Buckley, Esq., B.A., B.Sc., F.R.Econ.S.).

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Before many of our members receive this copy of the Magazine it will be well into the New Year. To all Old Boys we send our Greetings and good wishes.

News comes from all quarters and although these Notes are of necessity disjointed, it is hoped that they will serve the purpose of keeping Old Boys in touch with the friends of their schooldays.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Swan to Mr. and Mrs. T. Orchard and to Mr. and Mrs. B. Bearn.

Lieut. Healy mentions several interesting meetings with Old Boys. Among these are Paymaster-Commander J. H. Proctor, Mr. S. Butler of the A.P.C., and Lieut. Dyer-Smith.

Messrs. F. Johnson, L. Tovell and K. Wintle are now Sub-Lieuts., R.N.V.R., while our one-time demon bowler, Mr. T. Orchard, is in the course of training for a commission in the same Service.

Mr. J. L. Sutton is now commissioned in the Royal Corps of Signals. Quite a number of Old Boys are in this Corps and several strange meetings have taken place under unexpected circumstances. Lieut. A. M. Dodd speaks of a chance contact with an old VIth Form friend, Capt. S. G. Ash, to whom greetings. A visit to Alexandria brought about a meeting with Mr. N. E. Chaff. It is fairly safe to assume that memories of the School Orchestra were revived during the few hours they spent together.

Mr. F. G. H. Richards is now a Gunner and when he last wrote had just completed an intensive training with his unit.

A welcome air-graph comes from Mr. F. Hornbrook, late of the Excise. He is in the Artillery and is now stationed in India.

Mr. N. L. Rowe, a one-time Senior Prefect, has volunteered for one of the National Camp Schools and is at Hyden Heath, Godalming, Surrey, where his days must be full enough to satisfy even him. He will be interested to hear that a fellow member of the VIth, Mr. A. L. Stephens, is now a Lieut.-Colonel in the Royal Engineers and is in India.

Mr. L. Copplestone, formerly on the Staff of the Plymouth City Treasurer, has obtained the degree of B.A., Manchester University. At present he is the Chief Accountancy Assistant to the Borough Treasurer of Rochdale.

Mr. K. Dolton is now in England again. He has successfully completed his training as a Pilot in the R.A.F. and is flying a Spitfire.

Mr. W. Gray, R.N., has also returned home after several years abroad. He was recently mentioned in despatches as a result of a particularly meritorious piece of work.

Mr. S. Bartlett, who left the School at Penzance at the end of 1941, is now well advanced in his course of training as a pilot in the R.A.F.

A recent visit of Sergeant Crocker, R.A.F., showed that he was as keen as ever on his job as a pilot. He is now at Cranwell.

Mr. W. M. Mitchell has been appointed Clerk to the St. Austell Rural Council. Mr. Mitchell served his articles in Launceston and then joined the firm of Mr. Humphrey Cook, Clerk to the Council, St. Austell. He has now again returned to the town from Holsworthy.

Mr. Eves, of the Tank Corps, who was wounded rather severely, has made a good recovery and is now in South Africa.

Congratulations to Mr. D. E. Ackland, who has passed the London B.Sc. (Engineering) Examination with Honours, Class II, also to Mr. B. Bearn, who passed the same examination. Both have received technical appointments.

Mr. D. Barkell obtained a 1st Class Honours Degree in Mathematics while Mr. G. Knight passed the General Examination. Both the latter are in the same technical O.C.T.U.

Mr. J. Holgate is commissioned in the Royal Marines.

Mr. G. Parsons and Sub-Lieut. (E.) Riseborough paid a brief visit to Penzance. The former is about to enter on a course of specialised training for a technical unit.

Paymaster-Midshipman J. L. Parford also paid an unexpected visit to Penzance. He had recently met his old friends, Messrs. Harris and Steer of University College, Exeter.

Of our recent leavers several obtained State Bursaries. Mr. G. Brown is at University College, Southampton, while Messrs. Roberts and Moger are at Loughborough. All three are studying Engineering. Mr. J. Pickering is at the same College. Mr. R. Beare is at Bristol University, and he, like Mr. A. H. Tredget of Exeter University

College and Mr. J. T. Hale of University College, Leicester, are engaged on Radio Physics. The three other members of this last college, Messrs. G. Hill, J. Hitchborn and M. Lang, seem well contented with their lot. Mr. M. Sparks has taken up his scholarship at University College, Nottingham.

Mr. A. Logan finds life in the R.A.F. very much to his liking.

Mr. K. W. Rockey has gone up to Oxford to swell the D.H.S. contingent there.

Mr. J. H. Nicholls, of Exeter College, Oxford, with Finals well behind him, is doing research work; while Mr. E. J. Forbes is well embarked on his second year at Jesus College.

Mr. J. L. Deal again captained the Oxford University Association Football team. We wish him good luck.

Mr. A. W. Pearce has had a very successful sojourn at Birmingham, where he is doing research work on oil. He is an enthusiastic member of the University O.T.C.

Mr. D. Mould has completed his course at Reading University and has obtained a First Class in the General Degree. Congratulations! He is now taking a Special Degree in Physics.

Mr. Eric Cock, who is well known to all Old Boys as our Dinner Secretary, has received an appointment under the Ministry of Information.

Lieut. Alan J. Legg, of the Royal Corps of Signals, has transferred to a Commando unit and is going through the strenuous training associated with such a unit.

Mr. R. J. Werry, formerly R.S.M., has now been commissioned and is a Lieutenant. This news is exceedingly pleasing both to present and past D.H.S.-ians.

Mr. O. Quantick, Manager of the Plymouth Employment Exchange, has now been appointed to Exeter.

Mr. R. Hodges has just been promoted to Deputy Accounts Officer and will soon be leaving Gibraltar for England. During the time he has been at Gibraltar he has welcomed a number of Old Boys who from time to time have called at the Rock. Mr. E. J. Cox, who was recently promoted to Executive Officer, is now at Gibraltar, and so D.H.S. will continue to be represented at the "outpost."

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mrs. Ingram, wife of Commander (E.) L. F. Ingram. Commander Ingram is on service abroad and to him and to the relatives we tender our sincere sympathy.

The war has taken toll of our Old Boys and with great regret we announce the death while on Active Service of Instructor-Lieut. W. Osborne, R.N., and Pilot Officer R. Ware, R.A.F.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with their families.

H. FERRARO.

We welcome the following new members :

- 773. J. H. Hitchborn, 4 Bedford Villas, Spring Hill, Tavistock.
- 774. A. H. Tredget, 37 Beaumont Street, Milehouse, Plymouth.
- 775. B. J. Fitzsimmons, 38 Beaumont Street, Milehouse, Plymouth.

776. A. Logan, 50 Merivale Road, Beacon Park, Plymouth.
 777. R. S. Roberts, 15 Hill Top Crescent, Higher St. Budeaux, Plymouth.
 778. M. Sparks, 23 Lorrimore Avenue, Stoke, Devonport.
 779. G. W. R. Hill, 2 Carlton Villas, Torpoint.
 780. R. Maybourn, 4 Beechwood Terrace, Mutley, Plymouth.
 781. R. Molland, 45 Rosslyn Park Road, Peverell, Plymouth.
 782. C. Molland, 45 Rosslyn Park Road, Peverell, Plymouth.
 783. R. Quarm, Beelfield, Fore Street, Kingsbridge.
 784. K. Rockey, 42 Trevarthian Terrace, Stoke, Devonport.
 785. M. Lang, 10 Valletort Road, Stoke, Devonport.
 786. W. G. Brown, 49 Johnston Terrace, Devonport.
 787. I. J. Pickering, Lester, 22 Culme Road, Seymour Park, Hartley Plymouth.
 788. J. T. Hale, 13 Crowndale Road, Higher Compton, Plymouth.
 789. H. Gill, 8 Edgecumbe Park Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

The following change of address has been received :

B. Bearn, 1 Montrose Avenue, Stretford, Lancs.

PRESENTATION TO Mr. H. A. T. SIMMONDS.

On behalf of the Old Boys' Association

It was unfortunate that the presentation to Mr. Simmonds had to take place in war-time, for that prevented it, in many ways, from being the presentation that we would have liked to a President who has served the Association so well for over nine years.

It was not possible, with Old Boys spread all over the world, in all the Forces, and particularly as so many of their homes in Plymouth had been damaged, to get into touch with all those who would like to have contributed : but, even so, subscriptions were received from 111 members.

It had been hoped originally to arrange a gathering of Old Boys in Plymouth for the presentation, or, if that were not possible, to hold it in London. But so many members of both the Headquarters and London Branches are now serving with the Forces that it was found impossible to get together any number of Old Boys at once in either place. Instead, therefore, two representatives of the Association, Messrs. A. T. Brooks and L. S. Mills—the Chairman and Acting Secretary respectively of the London Branch—visited Mr. Simmonds at Grange Park on Saturday, 21st November, 1942. They were able, on behalf of the Old Boys, to thank him for all he has done for the Association during his nine years as President and to convey to him their good wishes for his success in his new sphere of activity. The presentation had perforce to take the form of a cheque, but Mr. Simmonds expressed a wish that, after the war, it should be converted to a more tangible form. We hope, therefore, to be able to make another, more appropriate, presentation at the first Old Boys' dinner to be held after the war.

