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The following were 1st and 2nd in their respective forms at the end of the Spring Term :—

Lower VI. : 1, H. C. Lack ; 2, S. F. Cotton.
Lower V. : 1, F. Savage ; 2, T. Pritchard.
Lower IV. : 1, A. C. Barton ; 2, A. N. Taylor.
Lower III. : 1, L. V. Reynolds ; 2, R. Payne.
Lower II. : 1 (equal), G. H. White and P. A. Proudman.
Lower I. : 1, A. J. K. Parker ; 2, D. Bailey.

The following boys left in December, 1915 :—

J. E. Wilford (2nd XI. Football), N. A. Browne, A. A. Gough, C. A. Wallis, F. E. Levers, W. C. W. Nixon, D. Farmer.

The following new boys joined the School in January, 1916 :—

Form IV. : W. H. Bond.
Form III. : R. Vance*.
Form II. : S. Mettham*, J. Vance*, W. Vance*.

*Boarder at School House.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Miss Harvey, whose marriage to Mr. Veitch, R.H.A., took place at her home at Aughton, Yorkshire, on April 29, Mr. Veitch having been warned for foreign service.

Colour-Sergeant (Acting Sergeant-Major) R. E. Small, on the Permanent Staff, 1/5 Batt. Leicestershire Regiment, who was our instructor in rifle shooting for a time, has been awarded the D.C.M. "for conspicuous gallantry throughout the campaign. He has never hesitated to undertake any dangerous duty where he thought assistance was needed, and by his courage, ability and fine example, has exercised a most beneficial influence upon all ranks."

We regret to note that the elder son of the Headmaster was reported "missing" after being previously reported severely wounded in the head in action in Mesopotamia on April 9th. We are sure that all members of the school will feel sympathy for

Mr. and Mrs. Turner in their grief and anxiety. Second-Lieut. R. B. Turner had temporarily thrown up his career at the university and the scholarship which he was holding at the Jesus College, Cambridge, his father's old college, to do his duty like so many others.

In our last issue we had to thank Dr. Spanton (O.L.), of Hastings, for a collection of dried plants and grasses made when he was resident in Loughborough. We have received a very interesting account of the Jubilee of the North Staffordshire Field Club, of which Dr. Spanton was one of the original founders, and of which he is President for the current year. It is to him more than anyone else perhaps, that the club owes its existence and its success.

Last term, besides being an exciting and notable one in other respects, was probably the one of any recent years in which the weather interfered most with games, and the drills of the Corps. We will hope for better conditions during this term.

A bugle has been purchased for the Cadet Corps. It bears an inscription to the effect that it was presented to the Corps by Captain D. C. Daly, H.L.I., to whom our best thanks are due and hereby rendered.

A proportion (19s.) of the subscription for the Football "Sixes" was devoted by the competitors to the Serbian Orphanage Fund and formed part of the sum of £2 which the Headmaster forwarded to the Mayoress on behalf of the School.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

MISSING.

Second-Lieut. R. Bingham Turner, Cheshire Regiment, officially reported missing after the action on April 9th.

WOUNDED.

Major J. Handley, Canadian Infantry.
Second Lieut. C. H. Pickworth, Leicestershire Regiment.

ADDITIONS TO O'L.S. SERVING AND CORRECTIONS.

A. E. Barker, Able Mechanic (1st Class), R.N. Division.
Private F. Matthews 4850, A Company, 2/7 Sherwood Foresters.
Private W. H. Walton, D Co., 28th Res. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
Lieut. C. G. Daly, 1/6 Batt. Highland Light Infantry.

Gunner J. H. Grudgings 127310, 5th Res. Battery, R.F.A., 1 B. Brigade.
Private W. E. Bourne 4818, B Company, 2/5 Batt. Leicestershire Regiment.
Lance-Corpl. L. B. Wouldge 4436, 3/8 Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Private C. V. Smith, R.A.M.C. (X Ray operator).
Lance-Corpl. W. F. Slater, 19th Batt. Yorkshire Regiment.
Sapper W. Cross, R.E. (75606), A. H. Cable Section T3 H. Q.'s (Salonica Force).
Private L. H. Morley, 26th Batt. Royal Fusiliers (Bankers Batt.).
Private B. C. W. Main 23240, F. Company, 26th Batt. Royal Fusiliers (Bankers Battalion).
Private A. J. E. Main, Head Quarters Section, 607 Mechanical Transport Company, A.S.C.
Second-Lieut. J. N. Godkin, 176 Howitzer Brigade, R.F.A.
Private S. E. Grayston, G.K.A. Wade, 2/5 Leicestershire Regi.
Private A. H. Cross, 3rd Batt. Leicestershire Regiment.
Cadet W. A. Savage, Artists' Rifles, O.T.C.
Corpl. W. F. White, 3rd Batt. Special Brigade Royal Engineers.
Q.M.S. G. H. Lamb, 9th Batt. Warwickshire Regiment.

CORRECTION.

Lance-Corpl. A. W. Whitaker, Signal Section, 8th Leicesters.

OLD BOYS.

J. W. Holland, who is still in the North Evington Hospital, took advantage of being motored over on a "joy ride" to pay a visit to the School on March 14th. We were glad to see that his right arm was nearly well again, though his left arm and hand are still under the surgeon's care. Considering the nature of his injuries he may be congratulated on having recovered from them as well as he has. He has twice since played in a scratch team v. the School.

F. Cresswell, in the middle of March, conveyed to Mr. Smith a small sample of the latest German high explosive employed in the aerial torpedoes which had been very troublesome in the sector of trenches occupied by his battalion. The explosive was granular, smelling somewhat of paraffin, and of a yellowish colour. The grains were not dry, but rather soft and oily to the touch. The sample was sent for purposes of analysis, but we have not thus far heard that the analysis has been conducted to a successful issue.

The engagement is announced of Olive, elder daughter of the Hon. R. B. Clegg, I.C.S., and Mrs. Clegg, to Sidney Wadsworth, I.C.S., eldest son of the Rev. H. Wadsworth, of Harrogate, and the late Mrs. Wadsworth.

Sergt. W. F. Jelley was over from France on leave early in February, and paid a visit to the School.

W. J. Mooney also paid us a visit on April 4th. He is wireless signalman on one of our destroyers, which was for the time being under repairs in a home port, after trying to knock a bit off the east coast of England.

DUTIES OF AN OFFICER.

The following notes formed the foundation of an address which was lately delivered by a senior officer to a school for young officers "somewhere in France," and published in "The Times." The beautiful idéal of service embodied in them is our sole and sufficient excuse for printing them here for all members of the Cadet Corps and of the School to read and take to heart:—

I hope you feel that you have picked up much that will be useful to you in your responsible position as officers. . . . General — has asked me to say something to you on the moral side of the duties of an officer. . . . In laying before you some remarks on such a subject, I would begin by impressing on you the great importance of your work. You must realise that, however good and skilful the disposition may be, battles must be won by fighting; the heroism, skill, and firmness of the most junior officers will have the most far-reaching results.

You are responsible for the successful leading of your men in battle; you are responsible for their safety, as far as this can be ensured, while gaining success in battle; you are responsible for their health, for their comfort, for their good behaviour and discipline. Finally, and not least, you are responsible for maintaining the honour of England, for doing all you can to ensure the security of England, and of our women and our children after us.

To bear all these responsibilities successfully you must acquire first, KNOWLEDGE. You must know what to do and how to do it, in order to lead your men with success and honour, and protect them from destruction or loss, which will be suffered if you are ignorant of your work and of your profession. . . . Secondly, you must acquire CHARACTER—that is, resolution, self-confidence, self-sacrifice—in order to inspire your men by your example, sustain

their courage in danger by your example, and their endurance in hardship by your example.

Now as regards the first—KNOWLEDGE—remember two things. . . . (1) Knowledge is not a Heaven-sent gift; it is the outcome of study, hard work, and thought. (2) it is an absolute necessity to you as an officer. It is the foundation of your own character, for without it you cannot gain self-sacrifice, You must know your job. If you do not you can have no confidence in yourself, and the men can, and will have no confidence in you either. Knowledge is therefore the first great essential for your capacity to command men. . . . The men must have confidence in their officer. They must feel not only that he knows his job, but also that he sets the example of courage, self-sacrifice, and cheerfulness, and that he will look after their welfare and comfort. It was to help you to this that these tactical schools have been started.

Now as regards the second requirement of an officer—CHARACTER. . . . The character of the officer is the foundation of the discipline of his men. Men can only be commanded successfully by *men*. No troops ever possessed a discipline that was worth a damn—that could stand the great disintegrating strain of battle—who were commanded by weak, slow, irresolute "Old Women." "Old Women" are not confined to persons who wear petticoats; nor to persons over 70 years of age. I have met "Old Women" in trousers, and of any age between 20 and 50. . . . DON'T be an "Old Woman" whatever else you may be.

DISCIPLINE.

The creation of Discipline and the maintenance of Discipline are among your most important duties. Your orders, and the orders given by your N.C.O's, must always be obeyed without hesitation, with energy and with cheerfulness. Never pass any lapse from duty, however trivial, without taking notice of it. Drop hard on to slackness, disobedience, slovenliness. Never stand any rot or nonsense. Insist on great cleanliness, and great alertness, quickness, and cheerfulness.

I don't want you to go away, however, with the idea that the men must be treated like dogs—very far from it. You don't want to curse or damn every time you notice things wrong. Sometimes a word of encouragement, or a patient listening to an explanation, or a smile when pointing out the fault will go a long way. Remember that, though we are officers and the men are privates, still we are all comrades in the great dangers and the great struggle; make the men feel that you realize this comradeship and love it.

But you cannot be too particular in insisting on a smart, alert, cheerful appearance, and on the prompt and willing accordance of all honours and salutes. It is only that Company or that Battalion which shows attention to all this which really does possess discipline. Without discipline, no body of men will stand an hour of real danger. . . . These matters of appearance and respect to officers are not eye-wash. They are the outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace, as the parson says!

THE OFFICERS' LOOKING-GLASS.

The Company or the Battalion is the best looking-glass of its officers. In the Company and the Battalion you see the image of the officers—you see yourselves. When you note a Company on the march—slack-looking, miserable, dirty, slow, and almost sulky in coming to attention, with half a dozen stragglers creeping on behind, and the officers and N.C.O.'s taking no notice—you can tell at once that these are bad officers, and that no discipline and no energy exists there. On the contrary, when you see a Company marching well closed-up—men with heads erect (even though covered with mud of trenches), and quick and energetic in the movements as they come to the salute—these show good officers and a well-disciplined Company. . . . When you take your men into action, either in ordinary trench warfare or in a big attack, all this discipline will repay you and your men themselves a thousand-fold.

Keep up your own energy and that of your men, and maintain the offensive spirit most carefully. . . . To do this, don't overlook the fact that one of your chief duties is to be always thinking. You have got brains; don't forget to use them. That is what you are an officer for. . . . You must always be thinking. How can you make the trench or (your position wherever it is) more secure, or more comfortable for the men? Or how can you attack the enemy? Or inflict some blows or loss on him? As soon as the thought has entered your head, put it into execution; issue the necessary orders, and see them energetically carried out. Thus you will keep up the spirit of Energy and of the Offensive which are of such immense importance. . . . All energy is born of thought; therefore remember that to think is one of your great duties.

Try and carry out these principles, and put the knowledge you have acquired here into execution when you return to your Battalion. Do not overlook the fact that—though you must possess (and show that you possess) decision and resolution in order to insist on obedience, smartness, and compliance with all orders is not sufficient. Do not forget that the men are your comrades; and do not overlook the fact that the British soldier has a great

soul, and can and does appreciate what courage, honour, patriotism, and self-sacrifice mean. . . . Talk to your men often on these great qualities, both in lectures and to individuals personally. You will always find a ready response, which will one day stand you in good stead; and, what is more important still, will stand England and the Empire in good stead.

THE CADET CORPS.

On looking back over the term's work, one realises that much ground has been covered, in spite of the number of proceedings cancelled owing to the exceedingly inclement weather.

This is in a great measure owing to the fact that an extra period on Friday afternoons has been utilised for carrying on with the necessary revision of drill, &c., thus leaving Mondays and Wednesdays free for "fresh woods and pastures new."

The Monday is devoted to a lecture relating, wherever possible, to the operations to be carried out on the Wednesday.

It will be seen that the work done is in the nature of a preparation for work in the field. It is hoped to devote the Summer Term almost entirely to Field Training.

The following are complete lists of the work done; unfortunately nearly half the Wednesdays were missed on account of the weather:—

MONDAYS (Lectures).

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| Jan. | 24 | 3rd Lecture on "Entrenchments," A.J.S. |
| " | 31 | "Outposts," H.H.W. |
| Feb. | 7 | Wednesday's Operations, and "Life in the Trenches," "Theory of Rifle Fire," A.J.S. |
| " | 14 | Criticism of Wednesday Work. |
| " | 21 | "Elementary Military Hygiene," H.H.W. |
| " | 28 | "Judging Distances," A.J.S. |
| Mar. | 6 | 3rd Lecture on Map Reading, H.H.W. |
| " | 13 | 1st Lecture on Musketry, A.J.S. |
| " | 20 | 2nd Lecture on Musketry, A.J.S. |
| " | 27 | "Care of Arms," H.H.W. |
| April | 3 | "Map Enlargement & Road Reconnaissance," H.H.W. |
| " | 10 | Lecture on "Scouting," H.H.W. |

WEDNESDAYS.

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| Jan. | 26 | Company Drill, Extended Order Drill, Trench Drill. |
| Feb. | 2 | Outposts Scheme (Cancelled). |
| " | 9 | Outposts. |
| " | 16 | Conveying Messages, Guard Duties, Extended Order Drill (Cancelled, but Route March substituted). |
| " | 23 | Conveying Messages, Guard Duties, Extended *Order Drill (Cancelled). |

- Mar. 1 Practice in Judging Distances (Cancelled).
 „ 8 Practice in Judging Distances (Cancelled).
 „ 15 Orders to be posted on Wednesday (Cancelled).
 „ 22 Judging Distances—fatigue men.
 „ 29 Judging Distances Competition.
 April 5 Conveying Messages and Extended Order Drill.

FRIDAYS.

- Jan. 28 Company Drill, 2.5.
 Feb. 4 Company Drill, 2.55.
 „ 11 Company Drill, 3.45 (Cancelled).
 „ 18 Company Drill, 3.45.
 „ 25 Company Drill, 2.5 (Cancelled).
 Mar. 3 Company Drill, 2.5 (Cancelled).
 „ 10 Company Drill, 2.5.
 „ 17 Practical Examination, 2.55.
 „ 24 Completion of Practical Examination, 3.45.
 „ 31 Company and Extended Order Drill, 2.5.
 April 7 Company and Extended Order Drill, 2.55.

About mid-term an examination of N.C.O.'s and Senior Cadets on the first 91 pages of "Infantry Training" was held.

The examination was in two parts, one theoretical, and the other practical. The following were the results (N.B., N.C.O.'s are not included in this list):—1, Gunn; 2, Pritchard; 3, Cotton; 4, Ryle, 5, King; 6, Savage; 7, Philips; 8, Lack; 9, Allcock; 10, Brydson. The following promotions were accordingly made: Lance-Corporals Anderson and Webster to be Corporals, Cadets Cotton, Pritchard and Savage to be Lance-Corporals.

On March 29th, which was a perfectly glorious and exhilarating day, in spite of the snow underfoot, a distance-judging competition was held, the distances judged being those of various objects near Hoton, all under 1,000 yards.

Three of the objects were natural features of the countryside, the corresponding unnatural features being provided by fatigue men put out at certain distances.

By the way, some of these distances were by no means certain to some people. Dame Rumour has it that one fiery-pated individual of brawny chest and recruit-drill fame, after some hesitation, judged the distance of an object 950 yards away to be 50 yards! His hesitation was doubtless due to a momentary indecision between 50,000 yards and 50 yards as correct answers.

Was it the same recruit who, when asked the question at recruit drill "where's your dressing," looked round in a helpless sort of way, fumbled in every pocket on his person, and then, not having found anything bearing the remotest resemblance to his idea of a "dressing," muttered something vague about having "lorst it"? We rather think so.

For the above competition a prize, consisting of several military books was kindly offered by Captain A. J. Smith, and was won by Sergeant Harrison.

The following are efficient judges of distance:—1, T. Harrison, percentage of error 11; 2, J. W. Johnson, 14; 3, H. K. Wright, 15; 4, C. H. Smith, 16; 5, Corporal Anderson and R. Payne, 18 each; 7, Lance-Corporal H. Clarke and Vanhooren, 19 each; 9, J. Jarratt, 20; 10, Sergt.-Major Lowther, Corporal Cook, Tansley, Marsh and B. Barker, 21 each; 15, Lance-Corporal Savage and Haddelsey, 22 each; 17, Taylor, 23.

On February 9th an Outpost Scheme was carried out in the vicinity of the Outwoods Farm. The attacking force was under the command of Corpl. Cook, supervised by Captain Smith, while the outposts were commanded by Corpl. Anderson, Second-Lieutenant Watson supervising. The operations were somewhat marred by the outpost screen not going far enough out, thus delaying the afternoon's proceedings. There was also a tendency throughout for cadets to show themselves unnecessarily, instead of taking advantage of every scrap of cover. It is up to everyone when on field work to try and make things as realistic as possible, and as a necessary consequence, infinitely more interesting. This can only be done by attending to the apparently small things, such as taking advantage of all cover, absolute silence, and so on.

During the term Squad Drill with arms has been held by the N.C.O.'s, the corps being divided up into small squads for the purpose. Towards the end of the term a little musketry was also taught.

Recruit Drill on Mondays and Thursdays, under Sergeant-Major Lowther and Sergeant Harrison, took place whenever the weather permitted, which was not often.

THE MILITARY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

A School of Instruction for N.C.O.'s and senior cadets was arranged last term by the Adjutant to take place in Leicester.

Its object was to standardise the work throughout the battalion; that is, to ensure that the same methods of instruction should be employed at the different schools constituting the battalion.

It was arranged to have two field days, four drill days and a series of lectures, the drill taking place on the County Cricket Ground, and field operations on the Birstal Golf Course, about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Magazine Square, where we paraded at 9.45

every morning. In case of bad weather the Empress Rink served as our "barrack-square," but was only employed on one occasion.

We were divided into two platoons, platoon-sergeants and section commanders being appointed each day, also an orderly sergeant and corporals.

The first parade was on Monday, April 10th. After falling-in, the colonel, who unfortunately was unable to attend on all occasions, said a few words respecting the object of the school. We then marched to the cricket ground and began with some squad drill. The object was to teach us how to instruct; we were also told those points which are not definitely decided upon in the regulations, and for which every battalion has its special methods.

After the interval the Adjutant instructed No. 2 Platoon in the direction and control of fire by means of landscape targets, while No. 1 Platoon was instructed in musketry, equipped with the Service rifles kindly lent by Captain Kaye. At 12.30 we marched back to the Magazine and dismissed.

In the afternoon we had musketry and marching on markers from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., when we marched to the Newarke School for the lecture. The lecture was by Captain Kaye on the first thing a soldier has to learn—Discipline. Captain Kaye said that discipline was never more important than it is to-day, in face of the weapons of modern warfare; that it is the regiments which have had the most drill—drill, drill all the day long; the best help to discipline; that can best withstand the heavy bombardments and emerge, undemoralised, to meet the subsequent attack. In short, he impressed all with the fact that discipline was the first and foremost factor in the training of the soldier.

On Tuesday morning we had our first instruction in physical drill by the physical instructor of Wyggeston G.S.. He pointed out that one of the chief points in instructing in physical drill was that one should commence with easy exercises and increase the difficulty in easy stages. This he proceeded to do until we were glad to have a rest.

The rest of the day was employed in instructing in extended order, with the exception of the sergeants who were taught musketry by Squadron-Sergeant-Major Mitchell, of the 10th Hussars, who kindly gave us his assistance on several occasions.

Tuesday's lecture was on Outposts, by the Colonel, preparatory to Wednesday's field day. There was only time to give a general idea of outposts, but the lecture was none the less interesting for that.

On Wednesday morning we marched from Magazine Square to Birstal Golf Links. Here we prepared an outpost line. We represented two companies forming part of a line of outposts defending Leicester. These two companies were detailed to defend and observe to the front of a line across Birstal Golf Links from the Thurcaston-road, inclusive (Ref. Square 11F. A.S. map), to the Loughborough-road exclusive. Through the middle of this was an imaginary road (represented by a hedge). No. 1 Company—represented by a section, owing to an insufficient number of men—taking the East side of the road to the Loughborough-road, and No. 2 Company the West side to the Thurcaston-road. No. 1 Company being a skeleton company, we have only No. 2 Company to deal with. This was divided into 2 piquets, there being no supports. The company was marched to a point in rear of the outpost line of resistance, a piquet line was chosen, and after sending out a covering force and posting sentry groups, we dug ourselves in (we found an empty ditch across the field, which served as a trench). Then patrols were sent out and a machine-gun posted on the Thurcaston-road. When all was ready we were inspected by the Colonel and the Adjutant, who were quite satisfied with the results, the Colonel afterwards expressing his opinion that the scheme was carried out very well. We then marched to the golf house for lunch.

In the afternoon we had some practice in attack. A section was marched off, and took up a suitable position, while the remainder of the company did extended order drill. At last we moved off with No. 1 Platoon as firing line and No. 2 Platoon as supports, our scouts having located the enemy's position. We advanced by sectional rushes until about 100 yards from the enemy's position, when the firing line was reinforced, and we charged. The attack was not very successful. The right flank having lost direction, was enfiladed, and the supports were not ordered up soon enough. This was probably the result of there being no time for anything but a hurried preparation. After the attack came another interval, after which we marched back to Leicester and dismissed.

Thursday was the worst day of the week as regards the weather. In the morning No. 1 Platoon had range practice and No. 2 Platoon musketry and squad drill with arms until the interval. Then we began guard mounting, in which we were taken by the Adjutant. This was not completed in the morning on account of the weather interrupting occasionally, so in the afternoon No. 2 Platoon "carried on" with guard mounting in the Empress Rink. The platoon was divided into two guards

of two sections each. These were taken in guard mounting until proficient. Then we were taught guard relieving. One squad was detailed for the old guard which had been on duty for 24 hours, and the other for the new guard coming to relieve the former. The new guard was marched up to 15 paces distance of the old guard, compliments were paid, and the sentries relieved by those of the new guard. The old guard was then marched off.

After the guard mounting, we had platoon drill, consisting of the drill of the so-called "platoon in sections." This is not in Infantry Training, 1914, but is simply a platoon drilling as a column, with sections instead of platoons, the only difference being that the section commanders are 2 paces in rear of their sections. The words of command are exactly as in company drill with the words "platoon" and "section" substituted for "company" and "platoon" respectively.

Thursday's lecture was by the Adjutant on Advanced Guards in view of Saturday's field day. He mentioned the advance guard as sub-divided into the point, vanguard, and mainguard, and also a few words on flank guards and their sub-divisions, the flankers and flanking party, and the main flank guard, the flankers corresponding to the point, which the former must get in touch if responding to the point, with which the former must get in touch if both flank guards and advanced guards are necessary—the flanking party to the vanguard, and the main flank guard to the mainguard.

On Friday we began a totally new subject—Bayonet Fighting. The elementary positions and motions, such as the "on guard," "point" and "parry," were gone over in the morning. After the interval followed more physical drill, the rifle being employed in the drill on this occasion. We ended the morning with company drill, which was done quite well. The afternoon was employed in the more advanced stages of bayonet fighting, Sergeant-Major Mitchell again instructing the sergeants. Friday's lecture was again by Captain Kaye on Bayonet Fighting. After a few preliminary remarks he demonstrated the correct positions and motions. He then went on to remark on the importance of being able to use a bayonet and consequently how necessary to keep fit and in perfect practice. He backed up his statements with incidents which have occurred in this war, which added to the interest of the lecture. After the lecture copies of a scheme for an attack to take place on the Saturday were distributed.

Parade was at 9.30 on Saturday morning. We marched up the Thurcaston-road and halted at a point near spot level 188 quarter-mile S.E. of the G in Great Central Rly. (Ref. Square 11 G., O.S. Map). The Adjutant then explained that we were about

to advance to Thurcaston, where it was reported there were enemy, and were consequently about to throw forward an advanced guard. No. 1 Section was to act as point, Sections 2 and 3 as vanguard, sections 4, 5 and 6 as mainguard, while the main body was to be represented by Sections 7 and 8. When we had passed the bridge under the G.C.R., a message was to come back that a firing party of the enemy was threatening our right flank from the direction of Birstal. On hearing this the C. in C. was to detail a flank guard to get in touch with this enemy. No. 7 Section was to be main flank guard, and No. 8 to be flanking party with our file as flankers. The latter were to locate the enemy, who would open fire. The whole column was then to halt while the flanking party forced the enemy to retire.

This was then carried out quite successfully, and we proceeded with the attack as arranged the day before. The general idea was that our Brigadier had given orders for the brigade to attack, and if possible to take the trenches of the enemy immediately to its front. The situation of the enemy as concerned us, one of his companies was as follows: 250 yards to our left front was a dismantled redoubt, and right of that a few blasted trees representing the position formerly occupied by the enemy, and then forming part of "No man's Land." 120 yards in rear of the redoubt the enemy held advanced fire trenches (formerly his support trenches), to command the redoubt. His main fire trenches were 100 yards further to the rear. The frontage for the attack in our portion of the line was 150 yards. No. 1 Platoon was in the firing line, No. 2 Platoon acting as the support. The right flank was to direct and the order of advance was right, left, centre. At the beginning of the attack the artillery bombardment (imaginary) of the enemy fire trench was increased in intensity. The advance began at 11.45 and continued until the section in rear of the redoubt was within 50 yards of the redoubt, when it was reinforced by its supporting section, and, being under fair cover, at once occupied the redoubt. In the meantime a party of eight men from the support with two Lewis guns (of a similar nature to those employed in our advanced guard action last Christmas term), had crept along the ditch running parallel to our line of advance, and on the left flank, and had mounted their guns on the redoubt. The artillery then shortened range and bombarded the enemy's advanced fire trenches and, five minutes after the line to the right of the redoubt advanced to a line 20 yards forward of the redoubt, covered by the fire of the men and machine guns in the redoubt. The artillery then increased range, and the remainder of the supports were brought up to the firing line, supported by the fire from the redoubt and

from the front line. The sections occupying the redoubt then advanced 30 yards forward of the firing line, covered by the rapid fire of the right flank, who in their turn advanced, supported by the fire of the left. The left flank again advanced to the alignment of the right flank, and the whole line assaulted the advanced fire trenches and at once organised and consolidated so as to allow the local reserves (imaginary) to pass through and assault the main fire trenches of the enemy. The attack being over, we marched to the club house and had lunch. At 1.45 p.m. we fell in again and the Adjutant gave us his opinion of the whole week's work. He considered the morning's attack to have been most successful, and a great improvement on Wednesday's. With regard to the rest of the week, he was sure that all had benefited by the instruction, and was very pleased with the week's work. Finally, he hoped that it would be possible to arrange another course of longer duration in the near future. We then marched to the tram terminus and dismissed, thus ending a week which I am sure was enjoyed by all.

FOOTBALL SEASON, 1915-16.

The football season 1915-16 has been very unsuccessful, owing to the lack of good forwards. School has been represented in most cases by the following: Webster (capt.), Harrison, Holt, Lowther, J. P. Farmer, H. Clarke, Ryle, Gunn, Anderson, E. D. Smith, and Jervis or Bond. Others who have played are: Savage, R. H. Lowe, Mettham, Cotton and Tansley. Farmer unfortunately was not able to play during Easter term, owing to illness.

Only three matches have been played since Christmas, owing to weather conditions, there having been an immense amount of snow and rain. When we could get a game, School seemed to begin half beaten, owing, no doubt, to their repeated and crushing defeats.

The unsuccessfulness of this season was no doubt owing to the lack of practice. Only one afternoon in the week has been devoted to football, and the enthusiasm for football was not great enough for more than about half-a-dozen to remain behind at nights.

We wish to thank Mr. Whyman very much for his great kindness in refereeing for us all through the season. He has done so, no doubt, much to his own inconvenience, and has shown a very keen interest in the school team.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

- T. H. Webster: Right back (capt.); an energetic leader, possessing great ability; a safe and reliable kicker with both feet.
- T. Harrison: Left back; a very sound tackler, with a strong and sure kick; feeds his forwards well, and is very safe.
- A. H. Lowther: Left-half; a very good half-back, who tackles extremely well, is very cool and steady, and feeds his forwards well.
- J. P. Farmer: Inside-left; a very good forward, who shoots and passes well, but is rather selfish; unfortunately was not able to play during Easter term.
- H. Clarke: Centre-half; a very steady half, who can generally be able to tackle his man successfully; passes well, but has not a very strong kick; would do much better if he headed more.
- W. L. Holt: Goalkeeper; a fairly reliable goalkeeper; sometimes plays a brilliant game, but is at times very weak. Would do much better to get the ball clear away much quicker; rather weak at low shots.
- F. E. Ryle: Right-half; a steady, persevering half, who seldom fails to bustle his man off the ball; passes fairly well, but is rather slow in his movements.
- S. Gunn: Inside-right; plays a good game, but is rather slow on the ball; passes well and with judgment.
- J. Anderson: Centre-forward; a very good forward, his bustling tactics have occasionally met with great success; is quick on the ball, and very speedy when he has it; shoots well and frequently; has not met with the success he deserved, owing to not being supported well enough by the other forwards.
- E. D. Smith: Outside-right; a good player, but has frequently crossed off, and so spoilt the side; centres well; he has played in many places this season, but was probably most successful as outside-right.
- W. H. Bond: a good forward, who passes and shoots well; has not played often, but has always justified the choice; will do much better when he gets heavier and stronger.

FICTITIOUS CHARACTERS OF MEMBERS OF THE

1st XI. FOOTBALL.

- * SARDINE (also Skipper); Has safely piloted his crew to defeat nearly every time. Like brother Tatcho, he often enjoys a quarter of an hour instead of listening to the Headmaster's explanations of the Bible; is known to neglect chapel for better pastimes; is a great frequenter of Long Row; has had a great acquaintance with enlisting soldiers, consequently promoted to corporal.
- TATCHO; Like "greased" lightning, especially when trying to dodge being late for morning school; great linguist, owing to intercourse with foreigners.
- C.S.M.A.H.L.; King of the Boarderland, and Generalissimo of the L.G.S. rebel forces; awes recruits by his generous awards of recruit drills; is accordingly much admired (?) and respected (??) by those unfortunate individuals.
- CH, OH, CHOH, CHOH, CHOH, CO.H.; Sweet as name implies; school's six-foot of smiles, goodnature, stinks and feet; will some day blow up either school or himself, let us hope it will be the latter; has broken all records for the track between Lost and Not Wanted Railway Station and L.G.S.
- DONINGTON DEWDROP; A highly estimable gentleman of the old school; like a Zeppelin, once seen, never forgotten; like brother "Tubby" spends most of his time chastising the younger members of the academy which he attends.
- TUBBY; Hot stuff when he has his sign-post with him; sometimes forgets it with disastrous results; gets so used to "laying the law down" on days between Monday and Friday, that he sometimes does the same on Saturdays; noted for his rotund form, hence his name.
- * SAM; All jaw, swank and cheek; author of the world-famous manual, "Work, and how to dodge it," for the instruction of energetic students; would look a spectacle behind glass(es); not, as his name would imply, a can(n)on.
- WHITE-NOB; The Scotch wonder; spends most of his time in fighting the school goat, but(t) is not always quite victorious.
- STICKY; As his name implies, a veritable "Stick-in-the-mud"; is seen to best advantage when hurrying from Loughborough Midland Station to L.G.S.; his mean speed on the way being 1ft. per year, (this result has been obtained by him as the mean of 99 journeys, and with the help of five figure logarithms).
- "MIFF"; Chief member of Platoon 5, B. Coy., 1st Cadet Batt., Leices. Regt.; is great on "Boils Law," missing footer to prove it; can be relied upon to act the fool on all possible occasions.
- BUGLER BILL; General officer commanding L.G.S. band; ought to get on, having the necessary cheek; promotion applied for, refused without thanks; a MAN of IDEAS.

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BY ORDER.

SCHOOL v. ALDERMAN NEWTON'S SCHOOL.

This was played at Leicester. School had a weak team, having several Second XI. and freshmen, among whom were Tansley and Mettham. The place in which we had to change was very small, as was the ground on which we had to play. School played well for a start, but our rather small forwards were easily kept out by the heavy backs of our opponents. Anderson, however, managed to score first. The opponents soon replied, however, and brought the scores level. Soon after Alderman Newton's scored again. The School defence, although it was very good, could not hold them out, and they scored three more before half-time. School scored their second goal just before half-time, the half-time score being: Alderman Newton's, 5; L.G.S., 2.

In the second half School had no chance, and the opponents managed to get in seven more goals, although Mettham played an excellent game, saving several very hard shots. Time came with the score 12—2 against School.

L.G.S. v. SHEPHERD'S XI.

This match was played on Saturday, March 25th, at home. The visitors brought a strong team, and on winning the toss elected to kick towards the School end. The School forwards who, much to the surprise of the School, played an exceedingly clever and dashing game, immediately pressed hard. After a few minutes the score was opened through the agency of Anderson. He again scored a little later from a run-up following the centre, and was followed by the centre. In this half the task of the School forwards was rendered easier by the curious and unskilful antics of the opposing goalkeeper, who was changed soon afterwards. The opposing forwards, at last roused, now pressed the School backs hard, and Wilkinson got past Holt with a low, rasping shot. Just before the whistle blew Bond again scored for School with a nice dropping shot from the right. Half-time score, 5—1 for School.

On resuming the game, the opposing forwards, led by H. Green (better known as Jumbo), advanced in a determined fashion, and, after a short while scored. The rest of the game was rather fast, and took place mainly at the School end. The whistle finally blew with the score 9—5 for School. The scorers were Anderson 3, Bond 2, Gunn 2, Savage 2.

"For 'twas a gallant victory."

School team: Holt; Webster and Harrison; Ryle, Clarke and Lowther; Bond, Gunn, Anderson, Savage and Lowe.

SCHOOL v. MR. A. E. WHITE'S XI.

Played at home on April 1st. We had to play on the Second XI.'s ground owing to the netting being down on the First XI. ground. School was represented by the following: W. L. Holt, L. H. Webster (capt), T. Harrison, F. E. Ryle, H. Clarke, A. L. Lowther, W. H. Bond, E. D. Smith, J. Anderson, F. Savage and R. H. Lowe.

School lost the toss, and had to play for the first half with the sun in their eyes. Anderson soon opened the score for School with a good shot. Soon after the ball was kicked off again the visitors attacked, but the school defence was too strong for them. Anderson

got the ball, and scored his second goal after beating several of the visitors. Soon after this the visitors pressed and managed to score. In a few minutes Anderson replied with another goal, thus getting his "hat trick." Immediately after this the visitors again scored. Half-time arrived with the score 3—2 for School.

In the second half the game was not so even as in the first, the visitors getting the upper hand. The visitors scored almost immediately after the kick-off. School soon replied by means of Savage, who scored a good goal. After this the visitors attacked strongly, and soon obtained three more goals. Time arrived with the score: Mr. A. E. White's XI., 7; L.G.S., 4.

SIXES.

The Sixes Competition was held this year for the Serbian Orphanage Fund. There were 50 entries, but one competitor did not play, so that the competitors were divided into eight teams. These eight teams were divided into two leagues, League A and League B. The captains of sixes were as follows:—

League A.—T. H. Webster, T. Harrison, A. H. Lowther, J. Anderson.

League B.—W. L. Holt, S. Gunn, E. D. Smith, F. E. Ryle.

The teams were as follows:—

LEAGUE A.

Webster's VI.—Webster, Bond, Topping, Moss, Barrow, H. Wright.

T. Harrison's VI.—T. Harrison, Mettham, Walker, Bourne, W. Clarke, W. Vance.

Lowther's VI.—Lowther, Cook, Reynolds, Simpson, Handley, J. Wright.

Anderson's VI.—J. Anderson, Vanhooren, Hiam, Clemerson, Huntley, J. Vance.

LEAGUE B.

W. L. Holt's VI.—Holt, Pritchard, Beresford, Lack, Haddelsey, W. G. Smith.

S. Gunn's VII.—S. Gunn, Dowland, Tansley, G. W. Browne, T. N. Bailey, Radford, Brotherton (absent).

E. D. Smith's VII.—E. D. Smith, F. Cotton, Jarratt, Unwin, G. H. White, Chamberlain, Highton.

F. E. Ryle's VI.—F. E. Ryle, Savage, G. T. Allcock, R. Vance, Dyer, Johnson.

The following tables show the results of the Sixes:—

LEAGUE A.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Agst.	Pts.
Lowther's VI.	3	2	0	1	0	0	5
Anderson's VI.	3	1	2	0	3	2	2
Webster's VI.	2	1	1	0	1	1	2
Harrison's VI.	2	0	1	1	0	3	1

LEAGUE B.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Agst.	Pts.
Gunn's VI.	3	1	0	2	11	6	4
Ryle's VI.	2	1	1	0	2	6	2
Smith's VI.	1	0	0	1	4	4	1
Holt's VI.	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

Four matches were played in League A, and Lowther, with 5 points, was the champion of the league. The matches played in this league were:—

Harrison's VI. v. Lowther's VI.—This resulted in a goalless draw.

Harrison's VI. v. Anderson's VI.—This resulted in a fairly easy win for Anderson's VI., his VI. having 3 goals to Harrison's VI. nil.

Lowther's VI. v. Webster's VI.—After a very hard and equal game, Bond, of Webster's VI, kicked through his own goal. Webster's VI. could not score, so time arrived with score: Lowther's VI. one goal, Webster's VI. nil.

Anderson's VI. v. Webster's VI.—This resulted in a win for Webster's VI., although only after a very severe struggle. Bond scored for the winning VI.

League B.—The matches played in this league were:—

Gunn's VI. v. Holt's VI.—This resulted in a drawn game, each side obtaining one goal.

Gunn's VI. v. Smith's VI.—This was a very even game, as will be seen from the score. Eight goals were scored, more than in any other sixes match. The score was: Gunn's VI. four goals, Smith's VI. four goals.

Ryle's VI. v. Holt's VI.—This was a very hard game, only one goal being scored. Ryle gave his side its first, and incidentally, the winning, goal. Score: Ryle's VI. one, Holt's VI. nil.

SIXES FINAL.

This match was played on Friday night, April 7th, between Lowther's VI., champions of League A, and Gunn's VI., champions of League B. A good game resulted, although there was some rather dirty play, several fouls being given, and several more not seen by the referee. Gunn's VI. obtained first goal, through Handley, Lowther's goalkeeper, who kicked the ball straight to one of the other side's forwards, who promptly scored. In the second half Gunn fouled inside the penalty area. From the resulting penalty kick Lowther scored. Time arrived with the score: Lowther one, Gunn one.

Extra time was played, 5 minutes each way. Gunn scored, owing to Handley fumbling in goal. The result was therefore: Gunn two, Lowther one.

CUP-TIES.

SENIORS.

Christmas Term.—

1st Cup-tie won by Whites.

2nd Cup-tie won by Whites.

3rd Cup-tie won by Whites.

Easter Term.—

Only one match was played, as the Whites only needed to draw to win the cup. The match was won by the Whites, who, therefore, won the cup.

GYMNASIUM COMPETITION.

The Gymnasium Competition was held on April 6th. There was a very fair number of entries, although one form (Form V.) was not represented. The whole competition was of outstanding merit this year; distinctly better than any other competition, the writer has witnessed at the school, although he cannot say anything about last year's competition, as he was absent at the time.

Before the actual competition there was a display by the candidates of physical drill with dumb bells, which was carried in excellent style. Even in this certain candidates showed themselves much superior by their attention to all the smallest details.

The competition proper opened with the parallel bar exercises. The Single March forward was quite well done by nearly everybody. After that came the Travel on Bars and Hand Spring. The majority of the candidates came to grief in the latter part of this exercise; perhaps nerves were responsible, for, later on, in the voluntary exercise, there were some very creditable performances of the rather difficult Hand Spring. In the Travel on Bars Harrison excelled by scrupulous attention to style. The voluntary exercises on the parallel bars followed, and were well performed by nearly all. Hiam was rather unfortunate. There were one or two ingenious displays, of which may be mentioned Harrison's balances, and Holt's monkey-like series of jumps, which evidently pleased the gallery.

The Bent Arm and Bent Leg Circle on the Rings came next, which was very uniformly done. Then in the voluntary exercise, Lowther and Harrison distinguished themselves.

In the first of the Horizontal Bar exercises, namely, the Right Leg acting, there were some excellent performances, but at the same time one or two candidates came down rather badly, two quite failing.

The Circle and Shoot Exercise also produced very similar results. The final voluntary exercise on the Horizontal Bar was well performed in most cases, quite a number of candidates performing quite difficult feats, which must have taken much time to practice. The names that should be mentioned are Holt, Harrison, Anderson, Lowther and Allcock.

The Competition was then brought to a close by a short expression of thanks by Mr. Turner to Sergeant-Major Coleman, together with three hearty cheers from the boys.

The judges, who were Mr. Smith, Dr. Little, Mr. James, and Mr. Watson, then combined their marks, and produced the following order of merit:—1, T. Harrison; 2, A. H. Lowther; 3, W. L. Holt; 4, T. H. Webster; 5, J. H. Cook; 6, G. L. Allcock and Anderson; 8, N. Dowland.

Before closing there should be added a few words of encouragement to the five candidates who were not fortunate enough to get into the VIII. They certainly showed the right spirit in entering, and will certainly be more fortunate at some future time.

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