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**T**HE WAR this term has left us comparatively unharassed and we note with great satisfaction that the list of casualties among Old Priceans is shorter than of late, while the Honours list is substantially extended. Bunyan, who was interned in Algeria, is, we presume, once more free and we rejoice with him.

Partly owing to less disturbed conditions, but mainly owing to a great effort by themselves, the Sixth and Fifth forms won great honour on the Examination front. Four out of six were successful in the Higher and thirty-seven out of thirty-eight in the School Certificate, with an average of rather more than five credits a head. This is for us an unprecedented number of successes and it sets a most exacting standard for this year's forms to maintain.

The Cadet Corps and the Scout Troop have gone from strength to strength and not only through these associations has the School contributed to war effort. The reorganised Savings Group has made great strides as will clearly appear from an article to be found later in this issue.

The gradual growth in numbers in the School and the reduction in the number of pitches, as well as difficulties in the way of obtaining the necessary clothing, especially boots, have resulted in less general enthusiasm for and a lower average of skill in football than for a long time past, though some new boys have shown marked promise. Partly, these difficulties are out of our control, but the proportion of those who have avoided playing all games is regretably large and it may be doubted if House teams show as much skill as their predecessors did when Houses were little more than half their present size. It was significant that at the last round of the House Cup competition, when both cups were still to be fought for, there were barely a dozen spectators. It might be an infringement of the censorship regulations to say to how many boys the success of their Houses was presumably of no interest, but readers can easily work the number out for themselves.

It may be doubted whether those who seek to avoid playing realise what they are missing in the way of bodily fitness and exhilaration. Certainly it is true that the average boy is refusing one of the great sources of human happiness if he will not match his own healthy body with those of his fellows, and cultivate the courage, endurance and bodily skill that football promotes.

Lastly, the good wishes of the season to all our readers and now that it seems that we have firmer grounds for hope than ever before in the final result of the war, we can look forward too to terms beyond when the siren will wail no more and we can concentrate ever more closely on our proper job. We wish all success to those who are leaving, among whom is W. H. Marshall. The School owes much to him ; his personality in school and on the playing field has given him a remarkable and almost unprecedented influence. He will long be remembered by his many friends in the School and on the Staff alike.

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## Honours List.

We have great pleasure in congratulating the following :—

DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL.

A. C. BENNETT.

MENTIONED IN DESPACHES.

S. C. PHILLIPS (Second occasion).

D. J. BUNYAN.

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## Casualties.

We regret very much having to report the following casualties since our last issue :—

KILLED ... .. P. J. HYNES.

PRISONER OF WAR P. GOUGH.

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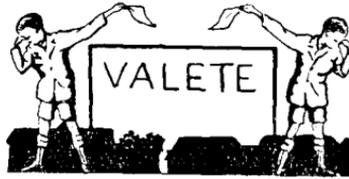
## Examination Results.

“KING GEORGE VI” SCHOLARSHIP AT ROYAL ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ART.—I. M. H. May.

OXFORD H.S.C.—D. Gifford, W. H. Marshall, I. M. H. May, A. W. Lamport.

OXFORD S.C.—I. Smith, \*A. Downes, \*J. R. Suggate, \*H. Dyer, \*E. R. Steel, \*E. E. Hood, \*R. E. Daysh, \*C. M. Pyle, \*R. A. G. Beasant, K. A. L. Gale, \*A. F. Garner, \*R. A. Foulkes, R. Bone, \*J. D. Cole, B. W. Walker, N. W. Wood, \*A. J. A. Hewlett, C. Hill, \*P. W. Shorney, G. A. Nicholson, E. J. White, J. D. Bald, \*J. L. Heard, \*P. G. Hicks, \*F. Taylor, G. G. Smith, R. Lacey, \*J. E. Keress, J. F. Mockford, \*M. Arnold, J. Manton, R. Wetherell, D. H. Maddison, \*R. F. Stapley, A. L. Levin, J. D. C. Cadogan, P. Hills.

\*Indicates Exemption from London Matriculation.



BLACKBROOK.—J. Heard.

CAMS.—W. H. Marshall (Prefect, Victor Ludorum, Captain of School Football and Cricket), P. G. Hicks, B. W. Walker, K. A. L. Gale (School 1st XI Football), C. Devine (School 1st XI Cricket), J. D. Bald.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—M. F. Arnold, H. Dyer, R. V. Bone, N. W. Wood.



3a.—R. J. K. Smith, D. Macfarlane.

3b.—J. F. G. Jones.

2a.—A. N. D. Ashwell, H. G. B. Bascomb, B. Casey, P. Chadd, J. S. Devonport, T. H. D. Feast, K. S. Gibson, A. S. Hamerton, I. A. Hartfall, P. J. Hawkins, R. W. C. Hoar, D. Hunt, H. Innocent, S. G. Jacobs, M. E. A. Jones, P. B. Lovell, T. K. Maybee, C. E. Miskin, M. A. Packer, A. Passingham, J. R. Pyle, B. A. R. Rowe, L. E. Rowe, R. F. Rudgley, R. M. Tatford, R. C. Vear, D. G. Watts, F. B. Webb, D. A. Wilcox, K. L. Sapsed, D. C. Wiggins, P. J. E. Spinner, T. M. Gardiner, D. F. G. Holloway.

2b.—M. F. Bryant, J. T. Bunney, J. A. Chapman, E. R. Cundick, C. F. Fowler, W. R. French, B. C. Gowling, C. M. Hammond, G. Hatter, F. V. L. Hughes, T. K. Lee, A. R. J. Mitchell, G. J. Malcolm, J. W. Nisbet, B. M. Smith, R. C. Steel, M. Upshall, G. H. Watts, A. D. Steele, H. L. J. Williams, J. A. Collins, R. Ward, E. Newland.

## Price's School Cadet Corps.

The end, on October 31st, of another Cadet Year finds the Corps as healthy as ever. There are many problems, and difficult ones, to be solved, but they are the right kind of problems, the kind that come through growth and the need of fuller activity. In spite of the fact that several cadets left school in July, and that others have grown too old to be of "grant earning" age, our numbers of that age are right up to establishment.

The Inspection near the end of last term brought a very satisfactory report, in which, among other things, we were described as "a good keen unit, suffering rather from lack of outside help." The General was particularly pleased with the work of many N.C.O's., and with the general keenness shown by cadets. The increasing interest taken by the War Office was shown by the fact that a Regular Army Staff Captain was sent to assist the General.

During the Summer holidays the Battalion Sports were held, and our team was successful in winning the Cup presented by Colonel Cooke. The cup had to be engraved, but this has been done and the cup is now in my possession, only waiting the preparation of a suitable shelf in the School Hall.

In October a competition open to Cadets from the whole of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was held at Winchester, for a cup presented by the G.O.C. London Division. The teams were to be Sections, each under a Lance Corporal. Each Battalion had to hold preliminary tests judged by a Regular Officer if possible, to decide which section should represent the Battalion. Our section under Lance Corporal Elcock was chosen for this Battalion, and the Officer of the K.O.Y.L.I. who did the judging spoke very highly of their performance. In the actual contest the team did very well indeed in all but one of the five tests. Their score on four tests only was within 47 points of what proved to be the winning score, so that they needed only 48 out of a possible 100 on that other test to win. Unfortunately, something came unstuck, and so the cup is not ours. The tests were as follows: Drill, Map Reading, Message Carrying, Observation, and a Section Stalk. Points obtained so far as known were.—Drill 85%, placed second; Map Reading 91 out of 150, placed third; Observation 57%, placed third equal; Message carrying, unknown (this was the failure); Section Stalk, 81%, placed first.

Lance Corporal (now Corporal) Elcock is to be congratulated on his handling of the Section, and on his general discharge of duty on a day which must have been an anxious one for him. It is not a light task for a N.C.O. to take entire charge for a whole day and be entirely responsible for his section away from home. Of course it was only possible because the whole section were keen, and were ready to co-operate fully as regards discipline and anything else for the credit of the company.

I congratulate our Sergeant Major, Manton, on being made Regimental Sergeant Major to the Battalion. It is an honour, and by no means an empty one. It has meant a lot of hard work, and I know he is doing very useful service to the Battalion, as are some other N.C.O's. of the Company. In July I was elected a member of the County Cadet Committee, which I take as a compliment to the Corps. If you made a bad impression the General wouldn't think I was the sort of person to put on that Committee.

I am putting forward the names of all N.C.O.'s., and all Cadets in the present No. 1 Platoon for Certificate A Part I examination to be held early in the new year. It means taking a chance on some parts of the examination, but nothing venture nothing win. Remember however, that you can't make up for bad marks on one subject by good marks on another. A certain standard must be reached in each.

Our main difficulty still is shortage of instructors. If you know any competent person who could and would help please put me in touch with him.

J. S.

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## The Scout Troop.

A Scout who does not go to camp is like a sailor who does not go to sea. So Summer Camp is a climax in the Scouting year. It was a great privilege in the midst of a world at war to spend at week in a care-free happy camp, and sing songs in the evening around a camp fire in a hollow in a lovely setting under the trees. But a Scout Camp is not only a happy holiday but also war training of the best kind, when boys are learning to be men who can look after themselves, do things for themselves, and be of use to others. On the first Sunday evening in camp a new recruit was invested in the Chapel Tent. Just a year previously four boys from Price's had been invested at the same spot. This year the four boys had grown into four patrols, making 26 Price's Scouts in camp. We had an aerial runway of 250 feet span, built an observation tower, and had stalking games over the wild part of the estate. The night game provided thrills stalking the enemy in the pitch dark woods. A good deal of the work planned could not be done as the weather was bad, but we had good training in carrying on, wet or fine.

This term so many boys have asked to join the Troop that we have formed a fifth patrol, the Eagles, but we have had to say "no" to many would-be recruits whom we would have liked to have accepted if there had been room for them. The half-term holiday gave an opportunity to organise an all-day wide game in perfect autumn weather, in which Price's School Troop, the 3rd Fareham Troop, and a Troop from Portsmouth converged on Boarhunt from different directions. After a truce for making fires and cooking dinner, the game was continued over some miles of country. On the Monday an all-day tramp gave good practice in map-reading and compass work to four older scouts who followed the line of the old Roman Road from where it leaves the present main road at Bedhampton and goes right across country to Wickham. One stream had to be waded and hardly any deviations from the line were made. It is remarkable how little sign of the road remains. One lady who caught us trespassing through her garden told us that she knew the road went under her lawn, and near Southwick we were shown a Roman encampment.

A good many of the Troop are enrolled as Civil Defence Messengers in case of emergency. We have already established visual communication in morse during daylight between the School and a point near Fort Nelson, a distance of more than a mile and a half, by means of our home made signalling lamps. We are planning that more of our work in future shall be training for civil defence.

# War Savings.

Since the beginning of last term the School Savings have been reorganised and each form has now its separate Secretary. The results have been very gratifying, as the School Savings have increased tremendously. This could be improved upon if we had 100% membership of all pupils.

School groups were in existence before Street and Factory groups and the School should have prior claim on the savings of its pupils.

The ideal is for all pupils to belong to their School group, men and women workers to their Factory groups and housewives to their Street groups.

In the stern days which lie ahead let us not grudge *lending* our money to make sure that the "end of the beginning" *will* be "the beginning of the end!"

## MEMBERSHIP OF GROUP.

Form	Percentage	Form	Percentage
6	100	Rem.	94
5a	88	3a	62
5b	92	3b	78
4a	89	2a	62
4b	61	2b	73



## FIRST ELEVEN.

In spite of several difficulties, this season has, on the whole, been a fairly successful one. Although the fixture list was naturally a short one (only five matches being played), the team gave quite a good account of themselves and by the time the fifth match arrived were working together more or less as a team.

In the practices at the beginning of the season, it soon became evident that there was no one in the School who was a natural back, and this remained our chief bug-bear throughout the season. The position was partly solved by moving Daysh back, but it was obvious that he was not happy there.

Apart from this the chief thing wrong with the team seemed to be the almost universal effort to stop a ball about six feet high with the foot instead of trying to head it. Whether the team thought the ball would split them open will probably never be known, but it was a serious handicap to the team, who, apart from this played hard and never gave up trying.

Of the matches played, three were won and two were lost. Results and scorers can be seen beneath.

In the first match against Gosport, it seemed doubtful whether the team would play together very successfully in the first match. However, it turned out all right and Gosport were beaten comfortably if not decisively. The next match against Purbrook was much closer and we were unlucky to lose 4-3, because Allerston twice hit the post from about 20 yards.

Purbrook, however, with most of last year's team playing, were a bigger team than we, and they also knew how to head the ball.

The next match against Five Arches " B " team was won quite easily, while the next match against Purbrook was lost by rather a large margin. Possibly the fact that it was played at Purbrook, whose pitch is difficult for a visiting team, and on a Wednesday, when about three-quarters of their school were there to support them, had a lot to do with the result. In the last match against Gosport, the School spent most of the first half trying to score a goal and at half-time were leading by three goals to nil. Kicking up, however, in the second half they took complete control of the game and netted the ball another seven times without reply.

Notes on the players can be seen beneath, but several individual performances may be noted here. Allerston filled the difficult position of centre-forward very capably and scored a large proportion of the goals. Daysh played well in an unaccustomed position, while Elcock worked very hard at right-half. Gwilliam was a tower of strength at centre-half, both literally and figuratively, while Lamport improved with each match at inside left. Charge of the goal was left in the safe hands of Weight, who made some almost miraculous saves. The other members of the team all did well and gave each other good support, and, as stated above, the season was quite successful.

W. H. M.

There are one or two things I would like to add to the above notes written by Marshall. First of all as to Marshall himself. This is his fourth and unfortunately last season in the School 1st XI, and it would be difficult to assess the influence he has had on School football and House football during that period. As a player he has always set a high standard by his own skill and determination; as a captain he has always pointed his advice by practice rather than by theory. We shall miss him greatly on the playing field, and shall find it difficult to replace him with one of equal courage and ability,

As to my impressions on the team this season, I agree that the absence of a pair of ready made full-backs was the chief of our difficulties at the beginning of the year, but another was undoubtedly the absence of fast wingers. Neither Cole nor Blake in these positions was fast enough or sufficiently incisive to be dangerous, and this caused our attacks to be mostly developed through the centre. Too often the ball did not come in from the wings quickly enough, and too often it passed harmlessly behind the goal.

As regards the general performance of the side I was impressed by the improvement made in all departments of the game, but particularly in the use made of heading, at which Purbrook notably were so much better than we at the beginning of the season. As to the various members of the team :—

Weight in goal is a first-class player, as good as any we have had in recent years. He kicks well and has good anticipation, and has made many extraordinarily good saves.

Daysh is good at back, as he is in any position—a real footballer, Gale at left back is fast and a sound tackler, but is weak in kicking.

All the half-backs were good, quite up to the School standard of recent years, which is a high one. Elcock, Gwilliam and Wellstead have all played well throughout the season, and the last-named has made great improvement.

Among the forwards Lamport has put in a great deal of useful and skilful work, although his shooting is weak; Allerston in the difficult and unaccustomed position of centre-forward has done well. His shooting at times has been a little wild, but most of the danger has come from him. Marshall has played some very fine games in a roving commission, and has been all over the place where he was most needed. The wingers, if not of the first class have tried hard, and Cole has the happy knack of being always in the right place when there is a chance of an easy goal, a regular picker-up of unconsidered trifles.

Ordinary school games have not been too easy to run, nor in some ways have they been highly satisfactory. There are in the School far too many boys who have to be compelled to play, and there are not as many keen boys now in the School as there were when our numbers were little more than half of the present total. It seems incredible to me that boys should have to be compelled to play football! There are, however, as there must be in a School of this size, a number of very keen boys who wish to play at every opportunity, and amongst them there seems to be a sufficiently large reservoir of ability to ensure that we shall be able to find teams to keep up a standard we have always thought to be good. With practice in such departments of the game as kicking with either foot, heading and trapping the ball, several boys should become highly useful members of future 1st XI's.

All boys should be grateful to Allerston to whose industry we owe the fact that we have always had a ball to play with.

B. R. S.

#### First Eleven Matches.

- v. GOSPORT, Home. Won 4—0. Scorers: Allerston, Blake, Lamport, Cole.
  - v. PURBROOK, Home. Lost 3—4. Scorers: Allerston, Cole, Marshall (penalty).
  - v. FIVE ARCHES Y.C. "B," Home. Won 5—3. Scorers: Allerston (4), Cole.
  - v. PURBROOK, Away. Lost 1—6. Scorer: Allerston.
  - v. GOSPORT, Home. Won 10—0. Scorers: Allerston (4), Cole (4), Elcock, Blake.
- 1st XI Colours have been given to Weight, Daysh, Elcock, Gwilliam, Wellstead, Lamport and Allerston.

#### COLTS.

##### RESULTS—Under 14.

- Home. Price's School 1, Gosport 4.
- Home. Price's School 1, Gosport 0.

##### Under 15.

- Home. Price's School 5, Purbrook 5.
- Away. Price's School 2, Purbrook 4.

There have been few matches and as there have been two different age limits the teams had little chance to settle down. Nevertheless, an experimental Under 14 side did really well to win the return match against Gosport and the Under 15 team should have won the first match against Purbrook decisively. It cannot be seriously maintained, indeed, that either team at all closely approached the standard set by some previous Colts' sides, but some members of the teams showed promise and most of the players greatly improved as the season advanced. Wilkins played a great game in the first Gosport match and it was unfortunhate that he could not play again. Gale 2 and Gilbody also played most usefully. In the older side Barton worked very well in defence and Harrison in attack, while Brickwood and Young are dangerous wingers. The main trouble all through has been a shortage of centre-forwards, but if Steel, R. will only grow he looks like solving the problem; Gates would certainly play much better in another position. Grogan was normally a sound and reliable goalkeeper. If we can get in some serious practice next term the prospects for next season should be favourable.

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## HOUSE NOTES.

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### Blackbrook.

Despite the loss of so many of our seniors, the House was able to put up a reasonably good show at football this season. The Seniors got off to a bad start by losing to Cams, the score being 4—0. Although, as it proved this was our stiffest match, the team did not play as well as it might. In the match against School House, the team played decidedly better, and we succeeded in winning, the final score being 3—0. In the final match against Westbury, we were also successful. Wellstead and Knight I played well in the defence, while Weight did excellent work in goal. Young played very well on the right wing.

The Juniors are to be congratulated on obtaining a share in the Junior Cup. Gilbody captained the team most ably, and he was well backed up by Rees, Sapsed and Ponsford, while the team as a whole played hard and well. Several of the newcomers to the House show great promise, and there is certainly no lack of enthusiasm.

We do not yet know the destination of the Tarbat Cup, but it is high time it returned to our shelf, so we must all work harder to ensure its return next term, if not before.

In conclusion, I wish all members of the House a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Cams.

As a beginning to these notes, all those members of the House who gained either a Higher School Certificate or a School Cert. must be congratulated for their success.

Apart from this, the most important of this term's events—in fact practically the only event which is worthy of note—is the playing of the House Matches.

The Seniors won the Cup for the second season in succession, and are to be congratulated on their success in winning all their matches.

The first match against Blackbrook was won by four goals to nil, Cole (3) and Gates being the scorers. The next against Westbury was rather a runaway affair, for we won by eight goals to two. Cole increased his total score to seven, while Marshall I (2) and Stephenson were the other scorers. The match against School House proved to be much closer when we won by 2—1, Marshall II and Cole scoring the goals. This match was notable for a very good first half and a very scrappy second half.

In all the games Cole played very well at centre-forward, while Daysh was a tower of strength in the defence. Gates, Stephenson and Brickwood showed distinct promise, and Marshall II played surprisingly well as outside right.

The Juniors did not do so well, gaining only one point out of the six possible. They were handicapped, however, by the absence of two or three of the most promising of them. The point gained was in the second match, against Westbury, which resulted in a one-all draw.

Wilkins, Steel, R., and Nickless I all played well.

There remains little more to say, but to wish all members a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and that they will return next term ready for exams and steeplechase.

W. H. M.

I must not let this edition of "The Lion" go to press without expressing, on behalf of the House, our grateful thanks to Marshall I for all that he has done for the House. His efficient captaincy of the House for many terms in all games and sports has been of the highest order and he set an example which the rest of the House would do well to follow. The vacancy he leaves will be very difficult to fill. We all wish him the greatest possible luck in his new work.

R. E. G.

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## School House.

The House matches just concluded have left us sharing the Junior Cup with Blackbrook, and third in the Senior competition, so that we may say we have held our own in football this term. The result in the Senior competition was perhaps disappointing, as after beating Westbury fairly easily we lost to Blackbrook just as convincingly, a result which really ended any hopes we may have had of winning the House Cup. In this game Blackbrook showed much more cohesion and team spirit than our players, for whom very little went right, and who it must be confessed, deserved very little good fortune in this game. They afterwards showed, in the last game with Cams, much better form and ran the ultimate winners to a close win.

The particular stars of the Senior Team were Allerston and Elcock, both of whom have played regularly in the School 1st XI and have thoroughly justified their choice. They have had good support from Harrison, Hunt, Wright and Short, and Nicholson has played good games in goal.

For the Juniors, who did not lose a game, and who were leading Blackbrook until the very last minute, Gale has been most useful at centre-half, and he has had great help from Holloway and Simkin in defence, whilst Lee, Neville and Hartfall have all played well in the forwards. In fact the whole of the Junior XI has played well, and the outlook is a cheerful one, as many of these players will be Juniors again next year.

We offer our congratulations to those members of the House who were successful in Higher School Certificate last summer, Gifford and the late House Captain, May, and to those who obtained School Certificates.

D. A. Gifford has been appointed Head of the House, and H. G. D. Allerston will be in charge of the Games.

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## Westbury.

This last year or so we have been handicapped by the lack of bigger boys in the upper forms of the School.

The Seniors lost all their matches, although Bloomfield in goal saved some very fine shots, while Adams, Blake and McLellan played very well indeed.

The Juniors lost to Blackbrook and School House, but drew with Cams, thanks to help of the captain, Grogan, who was in goal, and joint.

We must congratulate all those who succeeded in gaining the School Certificate, and we hope that the present school year will see similar if not a better achievement by the members of the fifth forms.

In conclusion, we wish all members of the House a Merry Xmas and hope that they will resolve to do better in the new year.

R. A. G. B. & J. G.

