EDITORIAL.

July, 1941.

A phase in the war has just ended and in a few weeks a phase in the war-time life of the School will have ended. For next term, while revealing fresh developments in the war, will probably be more strenuous for the country and consequently for this School—and we may thankfully confine ourselves to the least momentous of these subjects, the latter-mentioned, Brigg Grammar School. The School will become more participant in the national struggle. That is not to suggest that we have been hors de combat so far. No, a review of the past two years shows that the School has given much attention to war problems such as A.R.P., Local Defence, agricultural labour, salvage and national saving. The School has been well represented in the A.R.P. services and the Home Guard; many boys have worked on the land in the holidays and the Scout Troop has done good work in salvage. This term the School has tackled a more important task—that of training crews for the R.A.F.

The A.T.C. scheme is a significant indication of the determination of national policy. Britain does not intend to take half-measures in the future and will be prepared however long the war lasts. This term a School A.T.C. flight was formed; it is making good progress and is expected to take greater strides forward next term. That is one of the reasons why School will be a more serious business next term. School and universities must continue, but seniors in school await with uncertainty, albeit with the will and impulse to join up, the time when they must put on uniform.

Meanwhile the A.T.C. provides training for them wherever they may be.

It would be unfair to end without mention of normal School functions. Sports have continued with but few modifications and there has been no diminution in scholastic achievements, nor does the standard of work appear to have declined.

OBITUARY.

NORMAN A. SMEETH,
B.G.S. 1937-1940,
Accidentally killed on Monday, 7th April, 1941.

Norman Smeeth will always be remembered as an enthusiastic and loyal Briggensian whose radiant cheerfulness was infectious. His death, the result of a crash on his motor cycle near Scampton, was a great shock to us. M. H. Cooke, G. S. Jewitt, W. L. Milton, and R. C. Cobb acted as bearers at his funeral at Glentham on 10th April. Our sincere sympathies are expressed with Mr. and Mrs. Smeeth and their family.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

The School Officials for this term have been :—

Head Boy: W. Maw.

Captain of Cricket: R. Kitching.

Vice-Captain of Cricket: J. Duerdin.

Prefects: W. Maw, P. J. Saynor, D. Cottingham, J. R. Wright, L. Jackson, R. Kitching, J. Cabourne, R. P. Holmes, G. K. Simpson, J. Duerdin, A. D. Francis.

Magazine Committee: Mr. Richards, P. J. Saynor (Ed.), P. Hall (Sub-Ed.).

House Masters and Captains:

Ancholme: Mr. Henthorn; J. Cabourne.

Nelthorpe: Mr. Morris; D. Cottingham.

School: The Headmaster; J. R. Wright.

Sheffield: Mr. Urry; W. Maw.
Yarborough: Mr. Knight; R. Kitching.
National Savings Association: Mr. Pimlott, succeeded by Mr. Constable, R. P. Holmes.
Librarians: W. Maw and the Prefects.
Sports Committee: House Masters, House Captains and Mr. Cabourne (Hon. Sec.).
Musical Society: Mr. Pratt.
Gardening Society: Mr. Thumwood; P. Hall.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Another year has ended and we may count ourselves lucky to have escaped the misfortunes of war as much as we have done. However, we have suffered considerably by the loss of two more masters. This term has seen the departure of Mr. Pimlott, and we now learn that Mr. Urry joins the R.A.F. on the last day of term. At the end of June Mr. Pimlott was suddenly spirited away by the powers that be to undergo a course of training, after which he will take a commission in the R.A.O.C. We can only wish him and Mr. Urry the best of luck in their new work. Mr. R. B. North, an old Briggensian, who has just finished his college course, took over much of Mr. Pimlott's work for the remaining weeks of the term. Mr. P. F. C. King, who is now in the R.A.F., also gave some valuable assistance during the week before Mr. North's arrival.

Summer term activities have proceeded much as usual. Athletics occupied the first half of the term, and cricket, as always, was confined to the second half. Sports Day went off well, though it was unfortunate that J. B. Bell, the Athletics captain, was unable to take part owing to illness. The Cups were presented by Mrs. Talbot Cliff, of The Grove, Scawby, and J. Duerdin, Athletics Vice-Captain, thanked Mrs. Cliff on behalf of the School. A team of boys under sixteen years of age made a trip to Crowle to run against boys from Thorne Grammar School, Scunthorpe Grammar School and Scunthorpe Modern School, and were victorious. Another new feature was the Past v.

Present meeting when the School easily beat a team of Old Boys.

The weather has favoured cricket, and the School teams have played a number of matches, in spite of the dreadful threat which war economy has produced—that cricket teas must disappear. We were pleased to play Bablake School, evacuated from Coventry to Lincoln.

We must mention the School A.T.C. Flight which was formed at the beginning of term under the command of Mr. Thumwood and Mr. Henthorn, and for which we have high hopes. Seniors heard details of entry and training in the R.A.F. from Squadron Leader Ashton of the Air Ministry, who visited the school and gave interviews to prospective airmen.

A War Weapons Week was held in the town during the first week of term. The School contributed to the district fund the praiseworthy total of £740 11s. 1d., and many members of the School made posters for the occasion. Mr. Constable, who has taken on Mr. Pimlott's work as secretary of the School's Savings Association, reports as follows:—Total Deposits, £859 8s. 9d.; number of Certificates bought, 969; to Savings Bank, £119.

French students have not allowed the institution known as the French Walk to lapse. We have made two "Gallic Excursions," one of which was a very enjoyable "French bathe" in the river.

Recently Dr. J. R. Baker, an Old Briggensian, visited the School and gave a very sound and instructive lecture to the Seniors, which was welcomed by all the Upper School.

We have news from Oxford of three notable scholastic successes gained by three Old Boys there: G. Peirson, K. G. I. Jones and A. C. Parkhouse. Peirson has gained an honours degree in Physics, and Jones and Parkhouse honours degrees in Jurisprudence.

Miss M. A. Brockhill, of Northallerton, is Matron of School House, and day boys as well as boarders have cause to be grateful for her kindness, her cheerfulness, and her efficient ministrations.

Dates for next term:

Term begins: September 2nd.
October break: 2nd—23rd.
Term ends: December 20th.

SALVETE.

Ancholme:
Pratt, A.P.
Rands, J. D.
White, J. C.

School:
Eccles, C. N.
Greetham, J. M.

Yarborough:
Hitch, G. L.
Oades, A. G. H.
Partridge, K.

VALETE.

L.VI:

BELL, J. B.—School Prefect, 1941; Cambridge School Certificate, July, 1940; Under XIV Football, 1937-38; 2nd XI Football, 1938-39; 1st XI Football, 1939-41; Football Colours, 1940-41; Junior Swimming Cup, 1938; Athletics, Div. E Cup, 1936, Div. B Cup, 1940; Inter-School Sports representative, 1937-39; Athletics Captain, 1941; Scout Troop Leader, 1940-41; King's Scout, 1941.
Address: 2, Albert Street, Brigg.

LEE, W. E. D.—School Prefect, 1941; Cambridge School Certificate, July, 1940; Under XIV Cricket, 1937; 1st XI Cricket, 1940; Under XIV Football, 1936-37; 2nd XI Football, 1938-40; 1st XI Football, 1940-41; Football Colours, 1941; Junior Swimming Cup, 1937; Inter-School Representative, 1937.
Address: The Mount, Castlethorpe, Brigg.

WATERS, N. A.—Cambridge School Certificate, July, 1940, 2nd XI Football, 1940-41.
Address: 18, Wrawby Street, Brigg.

U.Vb:

SAMPSON, R.
Address: Fair View, Kings Road, Barnetby.

JEWITT, G. S.
Address: Snitterby, Gainsborough.

L.Vb:

RABY, J. A.
Address: Spring Bank, Brigg Road, Messingham.

IVb:

CUTHBERT, E. E.
Address: Scawby, Brigg.

IIIa:

GIBBONS, D.
Address: School House, Limber Magna, Habrough, Lincs.

SPORTS DAY, May 17th, 1941.

The standard of athletics in the school has not been up to that of former years. The enthusiasm that brought eager athletes and steady training in previous years has been in some way lacking this season. I consider that this is due to the short time we had for training—remember the saying, "athletes are made, not born."

Boys who did well in the sports were boys who had plenty of staying power, not necessarily having the style of an athlete. Many times in section "A" we saw a boy who won his race through "guts," for he is not a natural athlete by a long way.

Junior sections are packed full of keen boys, many showing great promise. I am looking forward to the time when these boys become seniors, for with training and the support and advice of Mr. Morris they should go far.

On May 24th at the Past versus Present meeting we gave many people a surprise. Our teams ran better than they have done at any time this year, and on the other hand many of the "past" showed signs of lack of training and hard smoking. The school came away victors by seven points to nil. We thank the old boys for in some ways replacing the inter-school sports. The proceeds amounted to £7 7s. 7d. and this went to the Red Cross.

J.B.B.

DETAILED EVENTS.

100 yards:

Div. A.—1, Kennedy, T.; 2, Cooke, M.; 3, Taylor, J. Time: 11⅗ secs.

Div. B.—1, Allison, C.; 2, Monteith, W. J.; 3, Sawyer, P. N. Time: 11⅘ secs.

Div. C.—1, Organ, T. J.; ,2 Hewson, R. L.; 3, Pegrum, E. E. Time: 12 secs. Record equalled.

Div. D.—1, Cabourne, P.; 2, Plaskitt, J. A.; 3, O'Neill, T. R. D. Time: 12⅗ secs.

Div. E.—1, Thompson, J. C.; 2, Knapton, F.; 3, Wescott, A. W. Time: 14⅘ secs.

220 yards:

Div. A.—1, Kennedy, T.; 2, Cooke, M.; 3, Duerdin, J. Time: 26 secs.

Div. B.—1, Monteith, W. J.; 2, Sawyer, P. N.; 3, Stokes, C. K. Time: 28 secs.

Div. C.—1, Organ, T. J.; ,2 Linneker, J. G.; 3, Hewson, R. L. Time: 28⅗ secs.

Div. D.—1, Cabourne, P.; 2, Plaskitt, J. A.; 3, O'Neill, T. R. D. Time: 30⅕ secs.

Div. E.—1, Thompson, J. C.; 2, Knapton, F.; 3, White, J. C. Time: 34⅗ secs.

440 yards:

Div. A.—1, Kennedy, T.; 2, Cooke, M.; 3, Sinclair, A. C. Time: 58⅖ secs.

Div. B.—1, Monteith, W. J.; 2, Girdham, R.; 3, Stokes, C. K. Time: 60⅘ secs.

Div. C.—1, Organ, T. J.; 2, Martin, F. L.; Hewson, R. L. Time: 69⅕ secs.

Half-mile:

Div. A.—1, Sinclair, A. C.; 2, Kennedy, T.; 3, Baggott, J. C. Time: 2 mins. 18⅕ secs.

Div. B.—1, Girdham, R.; 2, Monteith, W. J.; 3, Sawyer, P. Time: 2 mins. 29⅘ secs.

Div. C.—1, Organ, T. J.; 2, Cobb, R.; 3, Martin, F. L. Time: 2 mins. 35⅕ secs.

Mile:

Div. A.—1, Sinclair, A. C.; 2, Kennedy, T.; Blogg, G. E. Time: 5 mins. 24⅘ secs.

Div. B.—1, Girdham, R.; 2, Monteith, W. J.; 3, Stokes, C. K.

Hurdles:

Div. A.—1, Wright, J. R.; 2, Duerdin, J.; 3, Westoby, C. D. Time: 15⅗ secs.

Div. B.—1, Winters, A.; 2, Sawyer, P.; 3, Girdham, R. Time: 18 secs.

Div. C.—1, Organ, T. J; 2, Martin, F. L.; 3, Hewson, R. L. Time: 18 secs.

High Jump:

Div. A.—1, Atkinson, R.; 2, Duerdin, J.; 3, Allison, C. E. Height: 4ft. 11¾ins.

Div. B.—1, Girdham, R.; 2, Sawyer, P.; 3, Bratley, G. A. Height: 4ft. 10ins.

Div. C.—1, Dent, A.; 2, Turner, C. K.; 3, Healey, R. B. Height: 4ft. 6½ins.

Div. D.—1, Cabourne, P.; 2, Lyon, J. R.; 3, O'Neill, T. R. Height: 4ft. 4ins.

Div. E.—1, Thompson, J.; 2, Herring, R.; 3, White, J. C. Height: 3ft. 6ins.

Long Jump:

Div. A.—1, Maw, W.; 2, Duerdin, J.; 3, Wright, J. R. Distance: 17ft. 5ins.

Div. B.—1, Girdham, R.; 2, Sawyer, P.; 3, Stokes, C. K. Distance: 16ft. 4ins.

Div. C.—1, Hewson, R.; 2, Organ, T. J.; 3, Linneker, J. G. Distance: 14ft. 10½ins.

Div. D.—1, Cabourne, P.; 2, Tear, R. G.; 3, Park, H. D. Distance: 13ft. 4½ins.

Div. E.—1, Pocklington, J.; 2, Thompson, J. C.; 3, Hilton, R.

Putting the Weight:

Div. A.—1, Taylor, J.; 2, Baggott, J. C.; 3, Duerdin, J. Distance: 33ft. 9½ins.

Tug of War:

1, Nelthorpe; 2, Yarborough; 3, Ancholme; 4, School; 5, Sheffield.

House Relays:

Div. A.—1, School; 2, Nelthorpe; 3, Yarborough; 4, Ancholme.

Div. B.—1, Yarborough; 2, Sheffield; 3, Ancholme; 4, Nelthorpe.

Div. C.—1, Nelthorpe; 2, Ancholme; 3, Yarborough; 4, Sheffield.

Div. D.—1, Ancholme; 2, Yarborough; 3, Sheffield; 4, Nelthorpe.

Div. E.—1, School; 2, Sheffield; 3, Nelthorpe; 4, Ancholme.

Cup Winners, etc.

Athletics Cup.—Ancholme.

Victor Ludorum.—Kennedy, T. (School).

Division B.—Girdham, R. (Yarborough).

Division C.—Organ, T. J. (Nelthorpe).

Division D.—Cabourne, P. (Ancholme).

Division E.—Thompson, J. C. (School).

Long Distance (Bletcher Cup).—Kennedy, T. and Sinclair, A. C.

Cross Country.—Girdham, R.

CRICKET NOTES.

June and early July have seen the school field packed to the brim with cricket, the glorious weather having been the source of all this activity. Section games and nets have been carried on regularly, school matches have been played on every Wednesday and Saturday, while house matches have successfully been finished in record time before school exams. After a close finish with School House in which both sides figured prominently in the field, Yarborough House finished at the top of the House Championship.

School elevens, excepting the Under XIV, have again had a very successful season, the 1st XI having won all

matches except one up to date. This was obviously due to the experienced team we have had, for nine members were in the 1st XI last season. Congratulations to Atkinson, who has played consistently well in the 2nd XI, and scored 73 not out at Gainsborough. The 2nd XI has won two out of three games they have had.

Our first three games in the 1st XI, against Lincoln G.S., De Aston and Bablake School, were all won comfortably, while against Gainsborough we lost owing to a poor show of fielding. Our defeat was as good as a tonic, for in our next game against Scunthorpe G.S., after making over 150, we fielded extraordinarily well to skittle our opponents for 85. Up to the time of writing we have still to play the Old Boys, an R.A.F. XI and Elsham C.C.

R. KITCHING.

Cricket House Championship Table.

	Yar.	Nel.	Sheff.	School	Anch.	Total
Yarborough ...	—	5	3	3	5	16
Nelthorpe	0	—	3	5	5	13
Sheffield	2	2	—	5	2	11
School	2	0	0	—	5	7
Ancholme	0	0	3	0	—	3

June 11th.—School v. Lincoln School, at home.

School.

Baggott c Miller b Campbell...	23
Duerdin b Barstow.....	9
Westoby s Dring b Campbell	16
Kitching lbw b Lancaster	3
Cabourne s Dring b Lancaster	4
Winters s Dring b Lancaster	1
Wright c Lancaster b Campbell	4
Saynor lbw b Thornhill.....	9
Cooke lbw b Campbell.....	0
Monteith s Dring b Lancaster	2
Kennedy not out.....	9
Extras (b.2)	2
Total.....	82

Bowling: Barstow 1 for 9, Townell 1 for 23 Campbell 4 for 24, Lancaster 4 for 24.

Lincoln.

Freeman b Cooke.....	0
Dring lbw b Cooke.....	5
Lancaster b Kitching.....	5
Campbell c Kennedy b Cooke	3
Swane c Winters b Kitching...	4
Peerman lbw b Kitching.....	3
Barstow c Cooke b Westoby...	3
Canner lbw b Baggott.....	0
Thornhill run out.....	11
Miller not out	1
Franklin c and b Baggott.....	5
Extras (b.4).....	4
Total.....	44

Bowling: Cooke 3 for 17, Kitching 3 for 13, Baggott 2 for 7, Westoby 1 for 3.

June 18th.—School v. De Aston C.S., away.

School.	
Baggott c Gordon b Clark	8
Duerdin c Ward b Clark	12
Kitching c Ward b Clark	0
Winters c and b Gordon	0
Wright lbw b Gough	19
Saynor lbw b Whitfield	11
Westoby c Steele b Foulston	8
Cabourne not out	8
Extras (b.4, l.b.3)	7
Total (for 7 wkts.)	73

Kennedy, Cooke and Monteith did not bat.

Bowling: Clark 3 for 18, Gordon 1 for 29, Whitfield 1 for 15, Foulston 1 for 4, Gough 1 for 0.

De Aston.	
Whitfield b Baggott	0
Rickard b Kitching	2
Gordon lbw b Baggott	20
Cooper b Kitching	1
Foulston b Kitching	0
Gough c Kennedy b Westoby	21
Gilbert lbw b Westoby	7
Clark b Kitching	0
Marsh b Westoby	0
Ward b Westoby	2
Steele not out	4
Extras (b.1)	1
Total	58

Bowling: Baggott 2 for 24, Kitching 4 for 20, Cooke 0 for 7, Westoby 4 for 6.

June 21st.—School v. Bablake (Coventry), at home.

School.	
Baggott c Gardner b Allen	43
Duerdin c Gardner b Gardiner	3
Wright b Gardiner	10
Kitching c and b Jones	0
Winters not out	17
Extras (b.1 n.b.1)	2
Total (for 4 wkts.)	75

Saynor, Westoby, Cabourne, Kennedy, Monteith, Cooke did not bat.

Bowling: Gardiner 2 for 37, Ford (J. K.) 0 for 10, Jones 1 for 13, Gardiner 0 for 10, Allen 1 for 3.

Bablake.	
Jones c Winters b Kitching	8
Ward c Westoby b Kitching	2
Gardiner run out	9
Ford J. K., b Kitching	0
Gardner b Kitching	0
Tarrant lbw b Westoby	7
Burton c Cooke b Westoby	1
Allen b Monteith	0
Ford A. D., b Monteith	1
Jaques not out	2
Patrick b Monteith	1
Extras (b.7, l.b. 1)	8
Total	39

Bowling: Cooke 0 for 13, Kitching 4 for 7, Monteith 3 for 5, Westoby 2 for 6.

June 25th.—School v. Gainsborough C.S., at home.

School.	
Baggott c Marsh b Sowerby	3
Duerdin b Chafer	8
Westoby c Kime b Sowerby	1
Kitching run out	9
Winters b Sowerby	1
Saynor b Sowerby	4
Cabourne c Chafer b Sowerby	7
Willford run out	4
Kennedy c Hodgson b Chafer	7
Monteith b Chafer	0
Cooke not out	17
Extras (b.6 l.b.2, n.b.1)	9
Total	70

Bowling:—Chafer 3 for 26, Sowerby 5 for 23, Kime 0 for 7, Stothard 0 for 5.

Gainsborough.	
Willey c Winters b Kitching	5
Stothard run out	1
Marsh b Kitching	8
Chafer c Monteith b Kitching	6
Sowerby s Baggott b Kitching	0
Kime c Kitching b Cooke	53
Humphrey lbw b Kitching	3
Johnson run out	2
Bettison b Kitching	3
Lawson s Baggott b Kitching	3
Hodgson not out	2
Extras (b.7)	7
Total	93

Bowling: Cooke 1 for 24, Kitching 7 for 36, Monteith 0 for 20, Westoby 0 for 6.

July 5th.—School v. Scunthorpe C.S., away.

School.

Baggott c Umy b Clark	2
Duerdin b Thompson	39
Wright c Gravill b King	20
Kitching b King	6
Atkinson run out	14
Winters lbw b Umy	2
Saynor b Thompson	2
Westoby not out	21
Cabourne not out	10
Extras (b.40, l.b. 2)	42
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	158

Kennedy and Cooke did not bat.

Bowling: Clark 1 for 6, Tyson 0 for 26, Whieldon 0 for 10, Gravill 0 for 12, King 2 for 18, Thompson 2 for 30, Urry 1 for 7, Balderson 0 for 7.

Scunthorpe.

Thompson b Kitching	4
Bradshaw b Cooke	1
Wade b Cooke	8
Scott b Kitching	0
Whieldon b Kitching	4
Clark lbw b Kitching	31
Gravill b Westoby	5
King c Westoby b Kitching	5
Tyson c Winters b Kitching	4
Balderson b Kitching	8
Urry not out	0
Extras (b.14 n.b.1)	15
Total	85

Bowling: Cooke 2 for 34, Kitching 7 for 30, Westoby 1 for 6.

July 12th.—School v. Old Boys, at home.

School.

Baggott b Carpenter	7
Duerdin c Urry b Carpenter	9
Wright c Gant b Carpenter	26
Kitching b Codling	0
Atkinson b Carpenter	3
Saynor b Codling	0
Cooke b Carpenter	1
Westoby c Fieldson b Codling	7
Cabourne b Carpenter	0
Kennedy c Atkinson b Codling	3
Monteith not out	0
Extras (b.15)	15
Total	71

Bowling: Codling 4 for 38, Carpenter 6 for 18.

Old Boys.

Wraith b Cooke	5
Urry c Monteith b Kitching	6
Jarvis c Duerdin b Kitching	6
Codling c Wright b Kennedy	39
Fieldson b Kitching	0
Atkinson c Duerdin b Baggott	3
Carpenter c Atkinson b Baggott	5
Gray b Westoby	1
Gant not out	13
Holmes b Kennedy	0
Warren c Duerdin b Kennedy	4
Extras (b.1, lb.3, nb.2)	6
Total	88

Bowling: Cooke 1 for 8, Kitching 3 for 20, Baggott 2 for 21, Westoby 1 for 13, Monteith 0 for 6, Kennedy 3 for 4.

R. P. HOLMES.

2nd XI MATCHES.

v De Aston (won). School: 60 for 9 dec. (Francis 20 not out). De Aston: 30 (Atkinson 4 for 5, Cuthbert 6 for 12).

v. Gainsborough (won). School: 110 for 6 dec. (Atkinson 73 not out, Lumley 25). Gainsborough: 47 (Cuthbert 7 for 17).

v. Barton (drawn). School: 81 for 8 dec. (Atkinson 26, Lumley 24 not out). Barton: 59 for 6.

UNDER XIV MATCHES.

v. Gainsborough (lost). School: 38. Gainsborough: 69.

v. Barton C.S. (lost). School: 36. Barton: 39 (Proctor 4 for 6).

v. Scunthorpe C.S. (lost). School: 21. Scunthorpe: 35 (Cabourne 7 for 18).

v. Gainsborough (lost). School: 47. Gainsborough 74 (Cabourne 7 for 53.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.—FLIGHT 1542.

In common with many other schools throughout the country Brigg Grammar School has registered a Flight of Air Training Corps. The purpose of this organisation, as outlined earlier in the year by the Air Minister, is to provide pre-entry training for boys who wish later to enlist in the Royal Air Force, a Service whose rate of expansion is so enormous and whose duties in defence and attack leave little time and few instructors to give the initial training offered in peace time to aircraft apprentices; so that schools and their staffs, and anyone else with keenness and the technical knowledge have been called upon to maintain the flow into the R.A.F. of enthusiastic and initially trained recruits.

In a school the size of ours there are not enough boys of the right age to form a flight of 50 cadets, so boys from the town and district have been invited to join, and up to date 51 is our total strength. To create a unit with a corporate spirit from human material with very different traditions and experience would appear to be no easy problem, but with the excellent spirit shown this first term by everyone—to try to understand the other's point of view, to help one another to learn and to realise that the other fellow also has something to teach—the Flight will soon find itself a body with exacting but cherished loyalties.

The A.T.C. cadet is first asked to make himself "efficient" by, among other requirements, attending 50 hours of instructional parades. Then according to his own preference and the aptitude shown he begins to train for "air crew" or "ground duties." Within these two main divisions there are a number of courses of instruction he may follow such

as Pilot, Wireless Operator, Flight Mechanic, M.T. Mechanic and others.

All cadets this term have been following a basic course which has included P.T., Foot Drill, Navigation, Aircraft Recognition, Mathematics, Morse, R.A.F. Organisation, and Workshop Practice. The latter presents our greatest difficulty, since the School has no workshop, but the Managers of the Glebe Road School have kindly permitted us the use of their workshop, where two squads of ten have been initiated into metal craft.

During the week, small alternative classes have had to be arranged to meet the convenience of the School and external cadets, but every third Sunday, the whole Flight parades, and attendance has been well maintained.

Next term special courses will be organised for the "proficiency" grades. The examinations for these are conducted by the Central Testing Board; the standard required for a pass is 70%, which is very high, so that strenuous and consistent work will be necessary, but in it there will be found the joy of learning, and of striving to live up to the high and glorious tradition of the R.A.F. Moreover, the only financial help granted by the Air Ministry to a School Flight is a small sum for each "proficient" cadet. A cadet therefore who becomes proficient earns for his Flight money which can be spent upon equipment, and so increase the interest for everybody. To aim at the latter is all-important.

Flight 1542 has already found one benefactor. A gentleman who desires to remain anonymous has presented to us all the reference books recommended in the Training Syllabus. To him we should like here to express our thanks.

2nd BRIGG SCOUT TROOP NOTES.

Scouting in the troop at the present time is, I consider, more enthusiastic and sincere than it has ever been during all my six years in the troop. P.L.'s have arranged weekly meetings for their patrols (in addition to the troop meetings) and this has increased the standard of scouting by cultivating a certain amount of competition and friendly rivalry between the four patrols. For instance the Seagulls triumphed over

us all when they succeeded in securing an admirable "den" —a spacious hut furnished with tables, chairs, mats, pictures, etc.—while the Owls replied by producing their own monthly magazine. The ambitious Owls and Otters now have substantial patrol funds to their credit, through starting subscriptions of a penny per week and through individual donations (in one case to the extent of 10/-).

However, the troop has not escaped certain misfortunes. J. B. Bell has left us to join the Merchant Navy. Johnny, a very popular member of the troop, alone held the distinction of being a King's Scout—a distinction never before attained by any member of this troop. In addition, during his last few months in the troop, he acted as Assistant S.M. to the 1st Brigg Troop.

Moreover, we have now lost the willing services of S.M. Peter King, who has been giving our own S.M. valuable assistance in running our troop. "Puffer," as he was generally called, devoted a very large proportion of his spare time to test-passing, coaching scouts for their Electrician and Wirelessman badges, and a host of other useful duties for which we are all extremely grateful to him.

It is not without regret that we say goodbye to two such keen and active scouts as these.

Congratulations to Cabourne, P., who has gained his Second Class Badge, also to O'Neill, Gray and Constable, who have secured their Tenderfoot Badge and are now fully-fledged scouts. Incidentally, if any boys in the school are keen on joining the troop, we have room for two or three more recruits and will warmly welcome anyone who is interested.

We are pleased to say that we have at last secured an admirable camp-site in Holton-le-Moor Park, thanks to the enterprise of S.M. King and the kindness of Mr. George Dickson in allowing us to camp in the park. It is almost what one might call a "perfect camp-site," with running water "laid-on" and a big cabin in which to retreat if the elements prove too violent for us; not to mention the brick building which serves as a very useful cycle shed. Already we have held three very successful camps there.

The first, Whitsun Camp, was held solely for senior members of the troops of the district, in order to give them experience of camp routine. Although several of those present had never been to camp before, they soon settled down to enjoy a most successful camp. In the afternoons, when most of the work was done, recreation took the form of flag-raids, Danish rounders, and hikes. However, the three-mile cross-country runs every morning before breakfast proved rather too energetic for many of the campers who brought the ability of dodging the run to a fine art and headaches, cramp, sciatica and rheumatism were very prevalent at this time of the day.

The other two camps were for individual patrols, supervised by one of the Scouters. During these camps, the P.L.'s and Seconds made use of the hints and experience gained from the Whitsun Camp. The weather in both cases was glorious, though a little too hot during the afternoon, when the popular event was a cold shower for which a stirrup pump and a bucket of water came in handy.

We overcame the difficulty of transporting our camp gear to the site by building a fleet of cycle trailers which have since proved most useful. At the moment we have about a dozen of these trailers.

During the summer holidays we intend to hold a longer camp of about a week's duration, helping the farmers of the district with the harvesting during the day.

Good hunting, J. CABOURNE, P.L. Owls.

GARDENING NOTES.

Once more Summer has returned with its accompanying gardening fervour. Vegetables have been grown in large quantities and the flowers have not been far behind in brilliance and quantity. The cabbage plants which were noted last time as being rather poor, have taken an enormous stride forward and have produced first-class heads. The potato crop promises to be a good one, as does the bean crop. Salad vegetables have been abundant, but, sad to relate, so have the weeds in unoccupied plots.

Flowers have put over a good show and the lupins in the front plot have been the admiration of all passers-by. The rockery has been resplendent with multifarious plants of all colours. Sweet peas in a prepared bed are doing well despite the drought which has seriously affected the plants.

Mention must be made of Mr. Thumwood's valiant efforts to keep the gardens in order. He has taken over and cultivated the whole of the garden that faces the road. To him is due the credit for the magnificent lupins, flowering shrubs and rockery. He has put in many hours work in spite of the many other duties which take up so much of his time. P. HALL.

SWIMMING, 1941.

The first half of the term was extremely cold and the latter half has been extremely hot. The swimming bath provided a welcome escape from the heat, though the surrounding concrete was sometimes almost too hot for the bare foot, and facilities for the usual fun and frolic, some serious swimming practice and some less conscientious diving. Some boys are so big that they justly remark that the bath is too small for good diving. That was always the complaint of D. A. Pearce, and he ought to know, not because he was big, but because he was a well-practised diver himself, and accustomed to heights at which the ordinary person would tremble.

Great keenness has been shown, especially by Nelthorpe House, who snatched their half-hour after school daily, and by certain Yarboroughs who tore back from Barnetby on their cycles after early lunches on half-holidays. Some lucky forms have been given swimming lessons by Mr. Jarvis during school hours, and Mr. North has found some apt pupils after school, who have learnt much from his patient coaching.

One of the most promising youngsters is the smallest and youngest boy in the school, John Blundell, aged 8. He has not the slightest fear of the water, in fact, water seems to be an element almost as necessary to him as air, or even

a good substitute for it. He throws himself on the water from the side, and, almost completely hidden in a mass of foam, swims three widths without apparently taking a breath. He also attempts a somersault in a running dive, and now wants to go off the six-foot! Of older boys, Snell has shown promising aptitude and learnt to swim a crawl in a fortnight, showing the greatest determination in practice.

At the time of writing J. Locke, A. Bratley and R. Bullock have won certificates for half-miles, and the Headmaster is being kept busy signing certificates for other distances swum. Some of these are achievements of note. A. N. Jones learnt to swim last year and then won certificates for one and three lengths. This year he has already done 7, 15 and 30 lengths.

As for Swimming Sports, they must be reported in next term's issue, as they will be held during the last week of term. The departure of J. B. Bell and D. A. Pearce leaves us fewer swimmers of the first rank, but there are many good swimmers in the middle school, and entries for the sports show a considerable increase in the senior section, at any rate for the three lengths event.

Swimming captains for the term have been: Ancholme, R. Killip; Nelthorpe, C. E. Allison; School, J. Duerdin; Sheffield, J. R. Clift; Yarborough, A. C. Sinclair.

OLD BRIGGENSIANS' ASSOCIATION.

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We have been pleased to see so many Old Briggensians in the course of the year, and a list of those who have visited the School this term will be found later in these notes. Apologies are tendered for any omissions.

The list of Old Boys who are serving in the Forces continues to grow, and is now assuming huge proportions. Instead of printing the whole list as in the last few issues, we have decided to include only those of whom details have been

obtained since the last issue of the Magazine. Even now it is almost certain that there are many more Old Boys who are serving in some capacity or another, and it is hoped that any Old Briggensian who knows of omissions will mention them to the Headmaster or to the Secretary of the O.B.A.

We sympathise with those Old Boys whose University careers have been curtailed or interrupted, and wish for them a speedy return.

We regret to have to record the tragic death in a motor accident of Norman Smeeth. His School career was short, but he made himself popular with all by his unassuming manner and constant cheerfulness. He was a clever footballer, a most promising batsman and a sportsman in the widest sense. We mourn his passing and extend our sincere sympathy to his parents.

R. B. North, who has finished his course at the City of Leeds College, has given full-time service as a temporary master in School throughout July.

The following items of news have been obtained since last term :—

Marriages :—

J. W. Wright (Grayingham) to Miss Bella Tatam, of Harpswell.

Gerald Eyre to Miss Eleanor Phyllis Etherington at the Parish Church, Caistor, on June 23rd.

Peter Landers to Miss Kathleen Carey at Wrawby.

Denis Peacock to Miss Margaret Sanders of Harrogate.

R. Pape to Miss Iris Ackerman of Orpington. A. C. Elwood was best man.

The Rev. Eric Kemp has been appointed Librarian at Pusey House, Oxford.

A. G. Welch has passed his fourth year examinations at the London Veterinary College.

J. Bodsworth (Lincs. R.)is stationed in Iceland, and has sent an interesting account of his stay there. He has two fellow O.B.'s with him, J. Lockwood and R. Etty. Bodsworth complains of the variable Icelandic climate.

J. P. Goates is a Sergeant in the 1st Battalion Notts. Home Guard.

We were very pleased to hear that the Board of Governors now includes another Old Boy, and we congratulate Mr. Edgar Taylor, Chairman of the Brigg U.D.C. on his appointment as Governor representing the U.D.C.

J. Whitfield, who has for some years worked on the "Scunthorpe and Frodingham Star," has been appointed Sub-Editor with an important group of newspapers in the Dewsbury district.

The news that F. H. Hookham, whose ship was sunk by enemy action, was missing, was quickly followed by the good tidings that he was safe, but a prisoner of war.

F. Cram has passed the Final Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society, and is now fully qualified (M.P.S.).

The following have completed their Final Schools Examinations at Oxford, and have been awarded Honours Degrees (B.A.).

A. C. Parkhouse, 1st Class Honours in Jurisprudence.

K. G. I. Jones, 2nd Class Honours in Jurisprudence.

G. Peirson, Honours in Physics.

Parkhouse is to be congratulated on his achievement.

A. L. King, Intermediate Arts at Manchester.

E. Watkinson is continuing his course in Agriculture at Leeds University.

G. Willerton, who has been stationed in Africa, is now a Sergeant-Pilot and is stationed at Blackpool.

O. D. Kendall, who was at the School at the time of the reopening in 1906, and who in civil life is a lecturer at Bristol University, is now Lieut.-Colonel in the R.A. (Survey Regiment).

D. Peacock has been granted a commission (Second Lieut.) in the Royal Engineers, and his brother G. T. Peacock now holds similar rank in the R.A.O.C.

On Thursday evening, 17th July, a German Broadcast announced that E. C. Peacock, of Brigg, is a prisoner of war in Greece.

Several Old Boys are now in North America undergoing training in the R.A.F. Among them are S. Somerscales (Canada), O. Kingdon (Canada), H. E. Howsam (California). H. E. Wood is an Instructor in Canada.

C. H Davy, R.N., has been rated Leading Writer and has charge of 500 accounts.

PRO PATRIA MORTUI SUNT.

A. F. Barber, R.A.F., killed on active service.
J. D. Barber, R.A.F., killed in action.
J. C. Creasey, R.N., died on H.M.S. Thetis.
R. Fussey, Grenadier Guards., died at Dunkirk.
F. C. Holdstock, R.A.F., killed on active service.
K. O. Shelton, R.A.F., killed on active service.

Prisoners of War: P. Gurnell, R.A.F., R. Stevens, R.E., F. H. Hookham, Merchant Navy, E. C. Peacock, N.S.R. Yeomanry.

Missing: T. H. Rodgers, R.A.S.C., T. Stapleton, N. Mid C. of S., J. R. Baxter, R.A.F., J. Denton, R.A.F., C. G. Hilken, R.A.F.

The following Old Boys not previously listed are now known to be serving in H.M. Forces:—

A. C. Elwood, R. C. of S.
F. H. Hookham, Merch. Navy (Prisoner of War).
J. B. Bell, Merchant Navy.
J. R. Barnes, R. N.
J. Allen, R.A.F.
G. Hounslow.
R. R. Lawson, R.A.F.
H. H. Eato, 54th A. T. Regt.
O. D. Kendall, 5th Surrey Regt. R.A. Lieut Col.
R. P. Hunter, Royal Inniskillings.
T. S. Burkill, Life Guards.
C. M. Campion, R.N.
D. A. Denton, R.A.F.
E. J. Denton, R.A.F.
G. Longbottom, R.A.F.
H. Longbottom, R.A.
W. E. Marris, R. C. of S.
T. L. N. Spilman.
A. N. Monckton, Duke of Cornwall's Light In.
G. A. Dalton, R.A.F.
A. M. Wood, R.A.F.
W. A. Wright, Lincs. R.
A. E. Vickers, R.A.F.
R. L. Wilyman, R.A.F.
G. Cressey, R.A.F.
C. Marper, R. C. of S.
R. Denton.
K. Taylor, R.A.F.
P. F. C. King, R.A.F.
J. W. Gibson, R.A.F.
G. W. Hall, R. C. of S.
C. E. Dawson.
G. C. Kime, R.A.F.
C. N. Twydell, R.A.F.

We have been pleased to see the following Old Boys who have visited the School recently:—

M. A. Glover, S. Somerscales, J. D. Robinson, C. M. Campion, D. Sass, P. Dibben, L. E. Harrison, Sergeant, R. F. Davy, C. H. Davy, G. T. Peacock, J. Whitfield, G. A. Dalton, K. R. Smith, A. N. Monckton, D. Ward, V. M.

G. Grey, G. Kitchin, A. C. Elwood, L. C. Dolby, E. D. Sykes, H. Longbottom, J. M. Gray, P. B. Cash, L. W. Collins, W. J. Pike, T. Athron, J. W. Wright, D. W. Picksley, C. N. Twydell, H. E. Dibben, P. A. H. Peacock, E. J. Denton, J. M. Allen, J. P. Goates, G. Peirson, F. A. Chapman.

PAST v. PRESENT.

The athletics meeting between teams representing the past and present members of the school, held on the school field on May 24th, gave an encouraging indication that the standard of athletics in the school had not declined as much as was feared.

In spite of the fact that the Past team could not include many of the school's former stars, and that a number of those included had not had sufficient training, the Present's victory by seven events to nil was a notable one. The effort was in aid of the Red Cross Fund, and although inclement weather encouraged only a meagre attendance, the financial result was not below expectation.

Faulty changing was the principal cause for the defeat by three yards in the 4 x 110 yds. relay, but no mistakes were made in the 4 x 220 yds. relay which was won by the school team by one yard after the Past had gained an early lead.

The 4 x 440 yards relay provided the Present with the easiest victory of the afternoon. It was unfortunate that the Old Boys had been able to secure only two real quarter-milers for this event, and the team had, therefore, to be made up with a sprinter and a distance runner.

The one bright spot for the Past was the high-jump which afforded a stern struggle between W. E. D. Lee (Past) and J. B. Bell (Present). The former eventually proved superior, clearing 5ft. 2¼ins. The Past would have won this event if the school had not had a handicap of 4ins.

The long jump was very much below the standard usually witnessed at the school, and this, together with the shot, provided two more easy victories for the Present.

Last came the mile team race in which the Present had a start of ten seconds. R. Girdham and A. Sinclair, the school's leading milers, had not previously beaten 5 mins. 20 secs. for the distance, but this time they showed their true ability, Sinclair beating Girdham by one yard in 5 mins. 10⅕ secs., a splendid time in a high wind and on a sodden track. None of the opposing team caught anything up on them, and if there had been no handicap this would undoubtedly have been the school's "mile of the century."

The form relays once again demonstrated that the athletes are not the scholars, as the B forms won all three relays.

Results:

4 x 100 yds. Relay: Present. Time: 50⅗ secs.

4 x 220 yds. Relay: Present. Time: 1 min. 47 secs.

4 x 440 yds. Relay: Present. Time: 4 mins. 3⅘ secs.

Mile Team Race: Present. 15 points. (Individual winner, A. Sinclair (Present). Time: 5 mins. 10⅕ secs.).

High Jump: Present. Total height: 15ft. 1¼ins. (Individual winner: W. E. D. Lee (Past). Height: 5ft. 2¼ins.).

Long Jump: Present. Total distance: 48ft. 9ins. (Individual winner: J. C. Baggott (Present). Distance: 16ft. 7ins.).

Putting the Weight: Present. Total distance: 91ft. 10ins. (Individual winner: J. M. Taylor (Present). Distance: 32ft. 9ins.).

Form Relays:

IIIb beat IIIa. Time: 61⅘ secs.

IVb beat IVa. Time: 58⅕ secs.

L.Vb beat L.Va. Time: 51⅘ secs.

KENNETH C. BELL.

THE VISION.

We saw the blood-red splendour of the dawn
That shimmered all across the eastern sky,
While fleece-white clouds were wandering on high,
And waves of golden light spread o'er the corn.
Celestial tears of dew gleamed on the lawn.

Entranced I stood and heaved a silent sigh;
But when toward my friend I turned my eye
Straightway that scene was of its beauty shorn.
"The clouds like smoke of war are curled," he said,
"The dew as tears of endless grief I see,
"And in yon sky the blood that will be shed."
I smiled; but now those words return to me
And echo through my brain; the smile has fled—
The deluge that he saw has come to be.

KENNETH C. BELL.

"STAND AND DELIVER!"

No highwayman is so well known as Dick Turpin. But is it not also true that almost everyone associates him with a wonderful ride to York? He never performed that ride. Turpin was originally a butcher with a flair for cattle-stealing. When, finally, things became too hot for him he fled and took to the road, where he formed a firm friendship and professional association with the celebrated Tom King, the "Gentleman Highwayman." A famous place of refuge for Turpin and King was an inn known as the "Brockley Jack," which was a veritable rabbit warren, with sliding panels and secret passages providing numerous ways of escape. After varying fortunes Turpin and King were mixed up in some affray in which Turpin accidentally shot his friend, who thereupon, with his dying breath "informed" against Turpin, who afterwards was deeply hurt by his friend's betrayal. Although escaping time after time by his unparalleled skill at disguise, Turpin was finally caught, giving himself away, so the story runs, by his handwriting, which was especially well formed. He was executed at York in 1739. The method of execution is interesting. The accused was compelled to climb a ladder, which was reared against a kind of scaffold. He was then fitted with the noose, pushed off the ladder, and allowed to hang until dead. Turpin, showing his courage at the end, climbed the ladder easily, and after speaking a few words jumped off of his own accord. For such a dare-devil as Turpin, who made his

name feared on every road round London, it is difficult not to feel a sneaking regard.

The real hero of the historic ride to York was William Nevison (Swift Nick Nevison). Between him and Turpin there has been much confusion. He was a soldier until becoming implicated in some robbery or other. He then formed a gang on the road, making the Great North Road his especial concern. It is said that he acted as a sort of policeman, guaranteeing protection to the farmers in return for sums of money. His bargains were always honourably observed.

On one occasion he, with several others, was caught and taken to Leicester Gaol. Nevison was put in a separate cell. When the prison doctor came along Nevison's associates made him believe that Nevison was a victim of gaol-fever, and meanwhile the "victim" lay as one dead. The plan worked. A coffin was brought in and Nevison was placed therein by his friends, as no one else would go near him for fear of infection. The coffin was taken out of the prison and Nevison, of course, immediately "came to life." On another occasion he escaped from the law by swimming from a ship on which he was being held captive. The ride to York from London was a fine feat of endurance. Having been a party to some crime or other, Nevison wished to establish an alibi. He therefore performed this wonderful ride, saw the Mayor of York, and made a wager with him so as to attract attention. When it became known at what time he was seen in York, suspicion was immediately diverted from him. Although being pardoned by the King on one occasion, he could not keep from the old life. He was taken and executed at York on March 15th, 1685. So passed one of the real highwaymen, courteous in his dealings with those he robbed, and always ready to give money to those in need

But no name has associated with it so much of romance as that of Claude Duval. Born in Normandy in 1643 he came to England as page to the Duke of Richmond. He soon took to the road and became famous for his daring and gallantry. His elegant manners and ways exercised an uncanny influence over women, who worshipped him as a

hero. On one of his excursions Duval stopped a coach containing a lady and four hundred pounds. He took one hundred of them, then told the lady she could redeem the other three hundred by dancing a coranto with him on the wayside. He is said to have possessed amazing skill with the pisol and the sword, so that no man dare tackle him. Finally, in 1670, when under the influence of wine, he was captured. Ladies of high rank visited him in prison and pleaded on his behalf. The King would have released him but for the terrible Judge Morton, who threatened to resign his office. After Duval's execution his body lay in state with as much pomp as if he had been a member of the Royal Family. Many came to see his body, until the same Morton, the terror of highwaymen, sent officers to put an end to the ceremonies.

Another interesting figure was Capt. James Hind, who was a staunch Royalist in the Civil War, and who formed a plot to kill the great Cromwell. Harrison, one of the regicides, was likewise the object of Hind's attentions. But Hind suffered the same fate as most others of his kind. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered.

Undoubtedly the worst of the well-known highwaymen was Jonathan Wild. Born in 1682 he soon showed criminal tendencies. Taking to the road and mixing with the dregs of the criminal society of his day, he formed a novel scheme for making money. That was a scheme to restore stolen goods to their owners. He made huge profits by this method, sometimes obtaining possession of the goods from the thief and handing them back at a handsome commission. He then saw further possibilities. Organising robberies on a large scale, he had a series of dumps of stolen property, some of them being abroad. He then posed as a "detective," and after some considerable "searching" managed to find the stolen goods. The story of Wild's life reads like a modern thriller. Among his associates were one "Blueskin" and a woman known as "Edgeworth Bess," who on occasion assisted him to escape from prison. Wild was captured in 1725 and tried on numerous charges. While languishing in prison he is supposed to have attempted suicide by taking

laudanum. Unfortunately for him he failed. He was convicted, pelted by an irate mob as he was being taken to Tyburn gallows in the cart, and executed amid scenes of great rejoicing.

Such were some of the leading figures in this weird profession. They stand out from the rank and file who attempted to emulate them. But like their Continental prototypes, the worst specimens of highwaymen in England were despicable creatures. In the "Newgate Calendar" there is an engraving representing a bandit of the name of Raby, who is in the act of stopping a coach. The lady passenger has held out her hand for him to take her rings. One of the rings refuses to come off, so Raby callously takes his knife and cuts off the finger! Other minor figures in the history of High Toby were Joan Phillips, the "highwaywoman"; Capt. Stafford, who also preached sermons; Sixteen String Jack, so called from the unusual number of laces which he affected in his knee breeches; Galloping Dick, so called from his extraordinary speed in the saddle; and, lastly, the famous Spring-heeled Jack. He is not, strictly speaking, of the same type as those mentioned above, because he is merely an enigmatical figure, the perpetrator of the Cut-Throat Lane scare of 1838. He is supposed to have been able to jump along with tremendous strides, far beyond the capacity of any human being. No doubt these reports were the result o' too heavy suppers on the part of those who swore to have seen him. It is one of the unsolved mysteries of crime.

London afforded excellent scope for the footpad. George II was robbed in Kensington Gardens by a highwayman who climbed over the wall. George IV was robbed in Berkeley Square. Two daughters of Admiral Holborn were waylaid on the way home from the theatre in their carriage. Their watches and jewels were carried off by a single footpad. The Neapolitan Ambassador was molested and robbed in Grosvenor Square. There are countless incidents of a like nature which might be quoted to show the insecurity of London streets. It was to establish some degree of safety that the famous Bow Street Runners were instituted. But the footpad is a different being from our highwayman. There

is something romantic about the cry of "Stand and deliver!" but there is nothing romantic about the skull-cracking of the London footpad.

WEATHERS

(after Thomas Hardy).

This is the weather the workmen like,
And so do I;
When every sane person likes to hike,
And songsters fly;
When bright-coloured flowers bloom their best,
And the cuckoo's too lazy to build a nest,
And the bees go forth on their busy quest,
And the fiery sun sinks red in the west,
And so do I.

This is the weather the schoolboys like,
And so do I;
When the postman has to abandon his bike,
And snowballs fly;
And traffic is stopped by snowdrifts high;
When old maids sit in their chairs and sigh,
And other folk say that spring is nigh;
When children laugh as snowballs whizz by,
And so do I. A. R. DOVE.

TWILIGHT.

Twilight has come; the sun is sinking down
To rest, and is clothing the sky with gown
Of red. The owl is hooting in the wood—
The curfew to all children who are good.
The birds are going to their nests, for they
Have had a very busy singing day,
And must be up right early in the morn
To make the folk cheerful, who rise at dawn.
The farmer is plodding the weary road
To his snug and cosy little abode.

Each little flow'r begins to droop its head;
The cows have all been turned out of their shed,
And, as the sly fox creeps out of his lair,
Scarcely a sound breaks the tranquil night air.

A. R. DOVE.

DEFENCE OF THE HILL.

One sunny afternoon the S.M., Mr. Jarvis, cheerfully announced a walk, an announcement that was received with groans by several of the Scouting Community.

We set off across the fields at a brisk pace that gradually diminished after we had gone through two particularly "brambly" coppices, from which we emerged scratched and dishevelled in a very ragged single-file. After crossing numerous fences without mishap, we came into a large field at the foot of a very big hill, at the sight of which our hearts sank considerably. The S.M. told us to rest while he outlined his scheme. Two teams were picked; one under A.S.M King, known as "Skipper" to most scouts, was to defend the hill, while the other party under the S.M. was to attempt to storm the hill and capture the "flag," a Scout hat. Every Scout had his hat as a life and when it was taken he was out of the game.

The defending party set off up the hill which seemed twice as steep as it had previously appeared and it was a very hot and perspiring bunch of Scouts that finally stood on the brow of the hill and surveyed the surrounding terrain beneath. We put the "flag" on a ruined wall, took up advantageous positions round it and waited.

Soon we heard the signal to begin, three blasts on a whistle. For a few minutes we saw nothing, then on the left flank several stealthy figures were seen scurrying from bush to bush and taking elaborate precautions to remain unseen. Among them we saw the P.L. of the Otters and the Second of the Owls. A few minutes later we saw another bunch of Scouts crawling on hands and knees up the front of the hill. Then the A.S.M. spotted what we had missed, the S.M.'s hat bobbing up and down behind a small hedge.

On closer investigation this proved to be the main force.

On came the S.M. and his party in blissful ignorance of the fact that they were under observation. When the S.M. was about 25 yards from the "flag," he blew his whistle. Immediately the party at the front of the hill tore upon us with fiendish yells. A determined charge on our part, however, soon routed them and we returned to help the defenders. The attack on the left flank had not materialised and we saw the P.L. of the Otters and his party valiantly dashing up, still a good distance away. Meanwhile the S.M. had been busy and by the use of a little strategy and a sudden rush had captured the flag and we saw him flashing down the hill with the Second of the "Seagulls" in full cry behind. The other defenders took up the chase and surged down the hill in pursuit with such cries as "Trip him up! Grab him!"

The S.M.'s run was stopped by a marsh, the presence of which he did not notice until one of his feet was submerged up to the ankle in mud. This mishap caused roars of laughter from the pursuers and brought about the S.M.'s downfall, for the Second of the Otters procured a hold on his waist and brought him down. The defenders took back their "flag" and the S.M. concentrated on keeping his life.

The Second of the Otters had a good hold on the hat and he pulled; and the S.M. pulled; and soon the hat began to register protest. The following conversation took place: Second, "I think your hat is tearing, sir." S.M., in muffled tones, "Never mind." Rrrriipp . . . Second, "Your hat is tearing, sir." S.M., still in muffled tones, "Never mind." Rrrrriiippp . . . and at last with a final tug and a final rip the hat came away in the Second's hands looking a very sorry spectacle. The S.M. was out of the game.

"Dog fights" then took place and the attackers without their S.M. were soon defeated and the game was over with the defenders victorious. We were taking a well-earned rest when up came the P.L. of the Otters with his party just too late to be of use. We then went back to camp and enjoyed a terrific tea.

SECOND OF THE OTTERS.

THE PANTRY RAID.

A feeling of hunger and wanting
Has entered Tom's little inside;
For cook has gone out and forgotten
The pantry door stands open wide.

He knows that to-day she was baking
Small cakes which are so nice to eat,
And that feeling of hunger grows dreadful
And poor Tom cannot keep to his seat.

Tom knows that he ought to resist it
Although the temptation is bad,
And when cook comes home and she finds him
I hope she'll forgive the poor lad.

G. N. PEARSON (IIIa).

THE CROWLE ATHLETICS MEETING.

(A Competitor's Impression).

Sports may not be very interesting to some people, and when it is raining so hard that the other end of the track is hardly visible, it takes a keen enthusiast to stay through it all. Contrary to the opinion of all officials the competitors feel it just as much as anyone else.

When a school team goes to a meeting in aid of a War Weapons Week the weather is not considered. If it rains, the Master who is in charge just says, "It's only a shower." This is interpreted as, "It doesn't matter if it is raining, you'll still have to run," and as the Headmaster is just drawing up in his car all objections are left unspoken. The rain is always a good excuse for those who prefer the fire-side to the sports field, but those who ignore the weather are to be congratulated whether they come to see the sports or merely to support the cause.

Most shows of this kind are late in starting and the competitors have plenty of time to examine the track, and

pass remarks which are far from complimentary. In many cases these are not without foundation.

When at last the programme starts, there are usually times for a good laugh between the showers as in one particular case. It is hardly customary to see the starter walk on to the field with a gun nearly as big as a rifle, and still worse is it when he starts using live ammunition. Each time the gun went off a circle of the turf flew after the runners in small lumps. It is still uncertain if the idea was for the runners to get clear before the shower of earth landed and so get a good start. The gun provided another laugh later when there came the old familiar, "On your mark—set," but then a dull click and, "Just a minute." The performance was repeated, but the gun still misfired. Third time lucky, but the starter was beaten. He had to hold the gun in front of him and watch it, instead of firing from behind his back as he had been doing.

In the obstacle race competitors had to crawl under a sheet. Everyone was surprised when the leader did not come out again, and many suggestions were made as to why the sheet kept bobbing up and down in the middle. Everyone seemed amused, but they would have been still more amused if they had known the real reason. Little did they guess that he had lost his pants, and not wishing to let the honour of the school down by reappearing without them he had gone back to find them.

The referee, while only just over five feet tall, was nevertheless a determined man. He gave a "no pull" in the tug-o-war and, despite his size, stood up for his decision against eight or nine hefty soldiers. But after that I should advise a big referee to anyone who organises a sports meeting.

Refreshments are always welcome, but seldom last long. When the sports don't start until after tea, the refreshments come in time for supper, but the ride home gives one an appetite for another supper at home.

Considering everything the evening was not badly spent, despite the rain. N. COBB.

THE COVE.

The wild winds rush,
The waters rumble,
Up the cove
White horses tumble.

Kittiwakes wheel
With angry cry,
Exhausted waves
On the shingle sigh.

A billow breaks—
A cloud of spray,
How grand it looks
In the sun's bright ray.

The tide now ebbs,
Waves no more leap,
And all the cove
Is fast asleep.

J. G. NEAL.

LIMERICK.

There was a young fellow of Mold
On whose conduct there never was hold.
He borrowed pa's rod,
Went fishing for cod,
But all that he caught was a cold.

A. R. DOVE.

MOONLIGHT RAID or FURTHER FABRICATIONS.

The incident which I take the liberty of relating in the sentences which follow should be treated with the utmost reserve and should be remembered, if it is to be remembered a· all, as something which might possibly be related by our

redoubtable friend, Lord Haw Haw, after it has first passed through the diverse channels of distorted fiction which, broadly speaking, constitute the German Ministry of Propaganda.

The scene is a house somewhere in Brigg and from the radio we hear the familiar voice of the world's number one comedian: "Germany calling. Germany calling. I have here a document telling of a daring moonlight raid upon an important naval base on the River Ancholme. Here it is: 'Under the instruction of Admiral von Killemorf, one of our submarines commanded by Commander Kikimhardt left Germany to carry out a hazardous raid on one of the enemy's secret naval bases.

Dusk was falling as she reached the English coast. Several of the crew slipped ashore, overpowered the guard and opened the lock gates at Ferriby. The submarine then slipped quietly into the River Ancholme. The voyage was uneventful, but on reaching Castlethorpe Bridge our Commander ordered us to dive, having received intelligence of a recent aerial attack from the bridge upon a newly-launched vessel which was passing underneath.

Even in the midst of great peril, the German sporting spirit surges to the fore, and in this case the conversation of the crew turned to boxing. After a time the name of the great German heavyweight, Schmelling, was mentioned, whereupon Herr Kikimhardt suddenly stood up and said, "Heil!" and his second-in-command, Lieutenant Wisselfritt, in like manner arose and said "Heil." Our commander then expounded a great plan worthy of the Fuhrer himself, and ten members of the crew went ashore armed with cycle pumps and bellows. They stationed themselves in semi-circular fashion along the northern extremities of the local sewerage, and then proceeded to pump vigorously in such a way as to waft the aroma in the direction of the town itself.

The success of this strategical manoeuvre was immediately apparent. The citizens of Brigg hastily closed windows, doors and everything else which could be closed and, panic-stricken, buried their faces in their pillows, thus leaving our small force to complete its work of destruction.

It is understood that, at this point, an emergency meeting of the town Council would have been held to consider effective counter-measures, but its members, being unwilling to re-expose their nostrils to the disagreeable odour, did not altogether hold with the idea. Needless to say, throughout this operation our men were equipped with a special type of gas mask.

The naval forces which formed our target were next attacked. There was a considerable number of vessels lying at anchor beyond the County bridge. One of the smaller craft had been severely damaged in a previous engagement, and severe damage was caused by direct hits by our torpedoes on the remaining ships. The battle-cruiser, "Waterhen," was undoubtedly sunk.

Before we undertook this expedition, we had been warned of the efficiency of the 2nd Brigg Scout Troop, which, we were told, being particularly devastating with the catapult, would provide stern opposition. Yet so quietly did we proceed throughout the operation that the enemy was totally unaware of our presence until the last minute, and the only opposition encountered on their return journey was the line of a moonlight fisherman who immediately became convinced that he had hooked the legendary Ancholme whale. . . ."

At this juncture the station becomes silent. Obviously there is another raid on Hamburg. The latest British communique regarding the incident states: "There is no truth whatsoever in the German claim of a naval raid on a base in the Ancholme. The German press claims that German forces destroyed the Recreation Ground Shed, but this is known to have been gone with the wind for some time. All is quiet on the Westrum Front."

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