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School Notes and Notices

OWING to difficulties occasioned by the war, the provisions laid down by our Founder and late Principal, Mr. Harry Riley, for the future constitution of the School have not been carried out as expeditiously as would have been possible in normal times. Two Old Strathallians destined to take a prominent part in the management of the School as members of the Board of Governors, Major D. J. Bogie, still a prisoner of war in Germany, and Lt.-Colonel J. B. Maitland Cowan, who has a staff post with the Airborne Forces, are at present unable to hold office. At the risk of some repetition, we would remind our readers that Mr. Riley's plan provided for the liquidation of the old Company—Strathallan School, Limited—and the transfer of its assets to Trustees who would collaborate with a Board of Governors. The main difficulty, owing to the absence of so many Old Strathallians on active service, has been to form a representative board to ensure the welfare of the School. Nevertheless, since the issue of the previous number of the "Strathallian," a further step forward has been taken and, at the Annual General Meeting this year, the necessary resolution for the liquidation of Strathallan School, Limited, was passed. Hence the transition of Strathallan from a private to a public school has been accomplished, and we are now under the jurisdiction of a Board of Governors. No change is contemplated in the internal organisation of the School, but the new constitution provides the opportunity for Strathallan to continue to play a worthy part in the education of the youth of our nation.

We wish Dr. W. R. Pasfield, music master from January 1940, to December 1943, every success in his new appointment as Director of Music at King's School, Canter-

bury. During the three years Dr. Pasfield was at Strathallan he did good work as music master and latterly as housemaster, and the recently constituted Musical Society owes its inception to his enthusiasm. In his place we welcome Mr. B. Mordecai, Mus. Bac., of the University of North Wales. Music is somewhat of a "Cinderella" in many boys' schools, and at Strathallan an attempt is being made to improve its status in the school curriculum. In this connection we welcome the new members of the School Orchestra—both staff and boys—and express the hope that some of the Junior Schoolboys who are learning to play musical instruments will, in due course, attain positions in the Orchestra. We have obtained recognition of a course in music leading to presentation of candidates in this subject at the Leaving Certificate Examination, but such a course will be available for comparatively few boys.

We pass now to this session's scholastic achievements. The School Certificate form who took the Scottish Senior Leaving Certificate in March, 1944, maintained a creditable standard with 15 passes out of 21 entries. In the Autumn Term, potato lifting caused a certain amount of disorganisation in the ordinary school routine; considerable enthusiasm, however, was displayed by the boys, and seemed to reach its zenith on pay day. The local farmers expressed their grateful thanks to the School for the work done. Following the policy instituted two years ago, four candidates were presented for the Cambridge Higher School Certificate in the Science group of subjects, and we offer our congratulations to L. M. Barrett, J. B. Clark, E. S. Dawson, and V. G. Milne, on their awards in this examination. J. B. Clark gained an exhibition in Natural Science to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and, in addition, has

been awarded a State Bursary—a very fine achievement. His predecessor in the award, R. Wylie Gregory, who went to St. Catharine's in 1942, has completed a splendid academical record by obtaining First Class Honours in the Final Mechanical Science Tripos after only two years' study at the University. He was also awarded a special prize and made a scholar of his College. Old Strathallians in the Medical Faculty at Glasgow University have a good record too this session, as no fewer than five—A. M. Gordon, F. R. Hood, D. C. Jackson, J. L. Steven, and C. M. Turner—successfully passed the final M.B., Ch.B. examination at the first attempt.

The start of the rugby football season was rather delayed by harvest activities, but the 1st XV, soon got into its stride and, under the captaincy of John Hall, proved to be one of the School's most successful sides. As can be gleaned from the Sports Notes, there were many thrilling battles, but only one game—that against George Heriot's School—was lost. The 1st Cricket XI., however, had a disappointing season. Most of the school fixtures had to be cancelled on account of an outbreak of German measles, and the games played were mostly against R.A.F. and Army elevens. The opposing teams usually included one or more players with first-class experience, and made large scores against the boys. The Middle and Lower schoolboys' enthusiasm for cricket seems to be on the up-grade, and perhaps an improvement in the match-winning capabilities of future first XIs will be the result. Sports Day, bereft of its peace-time glamour, saw many exciting events, and J. A. McIntyre proved a worthy Sports Champion. The sequel to the events on Sports Day occurred later in the term when the Captain of Nicol House presented the House Championship Flags to the new winners, Simpson House.

The various School societies, the A.T.C., A.C.F., and Scouts, have been centres of great activity during the session. We would like to mention the excellent camps held during the Summer vacation for the A.C.F. at Kinross, and for the A.T.C. at Craik and Errol. Not to be outdone, a party of twenty Scouts camped at the foot of the Ochils near Bridge of Earn, and enjoyed a glorious week under canvas, with Mr. Shaw in charge.

The Musical and Dramatic Societies combined to give a concert in the Gymnasium in aid of the local "Salute the Soldier" campaign for Forgandenny, and the results—both musical and financial—were highly gratifying.

We must record four occasions on which the School was privileged to hear speakers from the Ministry of Information, all of whom expressed themselves as delighted with the very appreciative audiences they had on their visits to the School. Miss Lai Po Kan gave us an insight into the life of the Chinese, whilst Lady Fletcher took us with her on a visit to Russia. We listened with no small admiration to Mr. Van der Bijl, airman and scholar, who spoke to us on Czechoslovakia, and we were enthralled by the exploits of counter-espionage told to us by Col. Rhys-Davies, D.S.O.

We are indebted to Miss Flora McGlynn, L.R.A.M., the assistant music mistress, who provided a delightful Sunday afternoon concert during the Christmas Term. Miss McGlynn and the Misses Lillias Adams, Margot Keillor, and Rita Scott gave delightful pianoforte and violin selections, and we hope that this may be only the first of a series.

We hope that the session 1944-45, which will see a further increase in the number of pupils, will prove an even better session than that just completed. G. S. Lowden, as last year's captain, set a very high standard in the execution of his duties, and was the recipient, by unanimous consent, of the Houston Medal. The School is fortunate in having last year's vice-captain, A. M. Nicol, to carry on.

The members of the School Authority are:—

School Captain: A. M. Nicol.

Vice-Captain and Captain of Ruthven: J. Thomson.

Captain of Freeland: D. K. Common.

Captain of Nicol: J. N. Armour.

Captain of Simpson: G. T. Lamond.

Captain of Rugby: I. W. M. Hendry.

House Prefects: D. Shannon, J. M. Burnett, W. L. Templeton, J. G. Sandeman.

Sub-Prefects: D. B. Fraser, I. W. W. Fingland, J. D. Barr, G. W. Pate, W. W. Law.



Musical Society

President: Dr. W. R. Pasfield.

Committee: L. M. Barrett, W. R. Caldwell, J. A. Davidson, M. S. Madan, G. W. Pate, S. M. Ritchie, John Thomson.

DURING the Christmas Term the Society enjoyed a variety of interesting programmes. Of chief note was the recital of organ music given in St. John's Kirk, Perth, by Dr. Ernest Bullock, C.V.O., F.R.C.O., which the Society attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The other programmes were given by Messrs. B. Finn and S. W. Hughes, members of the Society, and, of course, Dr. Pasfield. The Society contributed a few items to the Christmas Concert but was unable to produce any major operatic excerpt as it did on previous occasions. The last meeting of the term was mainly concerned with the departure of Dr. Pasfield, who had accepted the post of Director of Music at

King's School, Canterbury. Dr. Pasfield was presented with two recorded works as a token of the Society's gratitude for the time and energy which he put into the running of what we like to term his Society.

Few meetings of any importance took place during the rest of the session. The majority of these consisted of pianoforte solos by Mr. Mordecai, the new President. At the end of the Easter Term, the Society, under the direction of Mr. Mordecai, gave a concert of light music, which was much appreciated. In the Summer Term, in co-operation with the Dramatic Society, a concert in aid of the "Salute the Soldier" campaign was held in the Gym.

With the support of every member and with the assistance of Mr. Mordecai, the Society should continue to thrive in years to come.

M. S. M., S. M. R.

Sports Day, 1944

Note.—In the following account the four Houses—Freeland, Nicol, Ruthven, Simpson—are represented by their initials, *i.e.*, F.N.R.S. respectively.

ANOTHER war-time Sports Day was held this year without visitors, without a band, and without prizes, but, fortunately, not without sunshine, although the end of the meeting was marked by a heavy thunder-shower which came like a rather despotie reminder from Jupiter Pluvius that he had still the power to assert himself. The sports had to be postponed several times on account of the tyranny of this gentleman—if, indeed, he deserves the name!

The events on the whole were well contested, although J. A. McIntyre (S) carried off the Senior Championship with more than a clear lead. He took first place in three of the events, having to be content with "playing second fiddle" in five others. This, however, was no mean achievement, and was sufficient to treble the score of 10 points made by the runner-up, J. N. Armour (N).

This result may well be said to have settled the House Championship. Nicol House, it is true, fought hard for the laurels they had won last year, and had the pleasure of seeing D. F. Mackenzie win for them the Junior Championship, the runner-up being A. R. Pate (F), with exactly half Mackenzie's score of 16. Nicol House fought hard, but Simpson House—already confident in the lead obtained in the heats—had no intention of foregoing final victory. Nicol House won the Relay Race, leaving Simpson House to come in second. In the Tug-of-war, it is true, Nicol House dropped to second place, but they yielded, not to Simpson—mere "also-pulled"—but to Freeland, who literally pulled them off their feet with the greatest of ease. Yes, Nicol House fought hard and their defeat was a gallant one, but defeated they were, for they ended eight points short of the score of 109 made by Simpson, who thus walked off with the cup and the flag.

Freeland House followed with 72 points and Ruthven House brought up the rear with what was left.

It is impossible to describe here individual events in detail. Who would even attempt to describe J. B. Clark, brawny and kilted, putting the weight and winning the event by flicking the shot, as it were, past the mark left by J. A. McIntyre's mighty put?

The thrill of the afternoon came with the running of the mile, which D. K. Common won in great style off the Senior Champion, who, apparently under-rating his opponent's lasting power, allowed him to retain the lead from start to finish.

Individual results appear below.

Open Events.

100 Yards—1. J. Hall (N); 2. J. A. McIntyre (S).

220 Yards—1. J. N. Armour (N); 2. D. M. Hastings (N).

440 Yards—1. J. A. McIntyre (S); 2. W. R. Armstrong (F).

880 Yards—J. A. McIntyre (S); 2. D. G. Lyle (N).
One Mile—1. D. K. Common (F); 2. J. A. McIntyre (S).

Hurdles—1. J. A. McIntyre (S).

High Jump—

1. J. A. McIntyre (S); 2. I. W. M. Hendry (R).

Long Jump—

1. J. N. Armour (R); 2. J. A. McIntyre (S).

Throwing the Cricket Ball—

1. M. W. G. White (N); 2. I. N. Stubbs (F).

Putting the Weight—

1. J. B. Clark (S); 2. J. A. McIntyre (S).

Under 16 Events.

100 Yards—1. D. F. Mackenzie (N); 2. R. M. Walker (S).

220 Yards—1. E. B. Fairlie (R); 2. D. F. Mackenzie (N).

440 Yards—1. D. F. Mackenzie (N); 2. D. Shannon (F).

880 Yards—1. D. Shannon (F); 2. R. G. Roger (N).

Hurdles—1. D. F. Mackenzie (N).

High Jump—1. A. R. Pate (F); 2. F. C. Kelly (R).

Long Jump—

1. A. R. Pate (F); 2. J. Thomson (S).

Throwing the Cricket Ball—

1. D. F. Mackenzie (N); 2. J. G. Sandeman (S).

Under 14 Events.

100 Yards—1. B. E. Marr (F).

220 Yards—1. M. S. Wyllie (F).

High Jump—

1. D. G. F. Paul (N); 2. M. S. Wyllie (F).

Long Jump—1. B. E. Marr (F).

Under 12 Events.

80 Yards—1. K. Frost (R); 2. J. C. Shaw (S).

High Jump—1. J. C. Shaw (S); 2. K. B. Gray (F).

Long Jump—1. J. C. Shaw (S); 2. K. Frost (R).

In addition, obstacle races and sack races, organised for the Junior School, were won by D. A. Biggart, A. A. Stuart, M. S. Wyllie, K. Frost, A. Grossett, J. C. Shaw, K. B. Gray and H. W. F. McIntyre.

In the next issue of the Magazine we hope to be able to add the result of a cross-country run, which will be for Strathallians a much looked-forward-to innovation. A. J. S.

The Debating Society

President: Mr. B. Fimm.

Chairman: S. M. Ritchie.

Secretary: V. G. Milne.

Committee: D. B. Fraser, F. C. Kelly, J. M. Macharg, A. R. Pate, David Shannon.

THE first meeting of the season was attended by a large percentage of the Society and the new office-bearers were elected. Before the close of the meeting it was decided that the first debate should be "That the Boarding School should be abolished in favour of the Day School." This motion, supported by W. D. Simpson and D. L. Mason, afforded ample scope for the youthful critics out to attack their own school, but, when put to the vote, the opposition—led by A. J. O. Bennie and A. R. Pate—had the majority by 19 votes to 16.

"That if this war and the peace thereafter were properly handled, and, provided the United Nations win, it could be made to be the last war of its type," was, like its title, rather long-winded, and very few speakers knew much about the subject. The motion was carried by 16 votes to 15.

The motion, "That the appearance of jazz music is proof of a distinct retardation in the culture of man," was proposed by John Thomson and G. W. Pate and opposed by A. J. S. Anderson and G. T. Lamond. This proved the most popular debate of the session and drew a very large audience, which included Dr. Pasfield. Throughout the debate it was obvious that both sides were quite prepared to speak for hours in order to illustrate their arguments. After many speakers had expressed their views, the motion was put to the vote and was defeated by 31 votes to 25. It was noticed that Dr. Pasfield voted in favour of the motion.

The last formal debate of the session, "That travel is an essential part of everyone's education," gave so much scope for argument that several people wandered far from the point. The members of the Society were highly entertained while Mr. Walsh and F. C. Kelly argued on the subject of whether Aristotle left his home town or not.

When the vote was taken the motion was carried by 22 votes to 4.

The next two meetings consisted of a series of impromptu debates, when thirty subjects were discussed. Many juniors spoke during these two meetings and, in many cases, they knew more about the subjects under discussion than some of the seniors.

On three occasions during the Christmas and Easter Terms brains trusts were formed. The first consisted of Dr. Pasfield and five seniors, while the second and third consisted of Messrs. Walsh and Fimm, three seniors and one member of the junior school. Mr. Shaw was question master.

S. M. R.

The Library

Chairman: G. S. Lowden.

Treasurer: S. M. Ritchie.

Committee: L. M. Barrett, J. B. Clark, I. W. W. Fingland, D. B. Fraser, F. C. Kelly, A. R. Pate, I. D. Stuart.

THROUGHOUT the last three years the Library has enjoyed ever-increasing popularity and, during the Easter Term of last session, library books were more than ever in demand. This literary enthusiasm did not, naturally, continue during the Summer Term, since the weather allowed everyone to be out of doors indulging in the season's sports.

The reference section is being enlarged gradually and many boys have consulted this department both for instructional and recreational purposes. The histories of the Boer and Great Wars have been found to be the most popular of all the reference books.

S. M. R.

WISHFUL THINKING.

Half a pound of sodium,

Half a pint of water;

That's the way the lab. blew up.

Pop! goes the Egor.

S7 Traditional.

The Easter Concert

THE Easter Concert was a most welcome innovation. Organised by Mr B. Mordecai, its excellence was indisputable. In the short space of three months he managed to train a Senior Choir, a Junior Choir, a mighty Mixed Choir, and a small, but efficient, orchestra. This orchestra, assisted by the Mixed Choir, started the programme with "The Road to the Isles," and continued on its way to C. E. Parry's "Jerusalem." The orchestra also gave us pleasing renderings of Heykens' "Standchen," and "Minuet from Berenice" and "Largo in G" by Handel.

With piano accompaniment, the Mixed Choir gave a somewhat elaborate but extremely tuneful interpretation of "The Friskay Love Lilt." The senior section of the choir invited us in vibrant tones to "Come to the Fair," and delighted us with Denza's "Funiculi, Funicula."

The Junior Choir, at first somewhat nervous, hopped and skipped merrily through E. German's "Shepherd's Dance," and although some were apt to miss the beat and stumble, they more than vindicated themselves when they sang Strauss' "Spring's Return."

Among the pianoforte solos, the brothers Pate upheld the prestige enjoyed by Chopin's music at Strathallan, by playing the "Prelude in D Flat" and "Polonaise in A," while M. S. Madan charmed us with a lovely rendering of "Valse in A Flat."

It was left to J. A. Davidson to remind us that Chopin is not the only favourite, and by his playing of Debussy's "Clair de Lune," he adequately justified his choice.

The violin came into its own when John Thomson and D. M. Whamond played respectively the Entr'acte to Thomas' "Mignon," and A. Rowley's "Air Russe." They deserve every praise, and their combined playing of "Minuet in G," by Beethoven, provided us with a musical treat.

We have never listened to singing with more pleasure than we did when H. H. Gobbie and Keith Frost gave us Schubert's "Cradle Song," or when R. A. Robertson's clear treble sang the praise of "The Gentle Maiden." N. G. Brown's obvious nervousness in rising to "Ye Banks and Braes" had an appeal of its own, and we would not have missed this item for all the traditional

airs in Scotland. In contrast to the liquid sweetness of the soprano voices came K. J. L. Coat's powerful interpretation of "Simon the Cellarer." A. J. S.

The Christmas Concert

THE Christmas Concert, once again sponsored by Mr. A. J. Shaw and Dr. W. R. Pasfield, was a very definite success. This must have been particularly gratifying to Dr. Pasfield, who, on this occasion, was making his farewell appearance.

The selections by the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. R. P. McGlynn, were enthusiastically encored. Hamish Melville used his accordeon to give us Scottish tunes, and D. M. Whamond followed suit with popular music. We also enjoyed the Accordeon Band, which consisted of D. M. and J. A. Whamond, I. N. Stubbs and A. R. Pate.

The pianoforte items were rendered with real skill and often with artistic appreciation. The honour of first mention must go to Mr. Brian Finn, who is something of a Chopin expert, and who played "Valse in B minor" and "Polonaise in A" with real finesse. Another Chopin exponent—and one of no mean ability—was M. S. Madan, who, in addition, played the "Londonderry Air" and music by Handel. Pianoforte duets were rendered by M. S. Madan and A. J. Davidson, while the latter also charmed us with his solo item "Two Songs Without Words" by Mendelssohn. The brothers Pate went to Tschaiakowsky's "Swan Lake Ballet Music," and Brahms' "A Waltz," respectively, for their inspiration. Donald L. Mason later played beautifully through the first movement of Mozart's "Sonata in C."

Donald L. Mason, who has a very pleasing voice, had previously appeared with Mr. S. W. Hughes, when the concert was appropriately opened with Christmas Carols, and the audience gave Mr. Hughes a warm welcome when he returned to sing "Bloom on the Rye" and "On Wings of Song."

The two dramatic plays of the evening, "The Merchant of Venice" and "The Crimson Cocoon," which were subsequently repeated for the benefit of Forgan-demy "Salute the Soldier" effort, have been reported elsewhere.

There were, in addition, several sketches. A little problem play "Truth Will Out" was

presented by A. J. S. Anderson, E. S. Dawson, G. S. Lowden and A. M. Nicol, and kept the audience guessing to the end.

"The Surgery," presented by J. A. Davidson, J. M. Garvie and Peter Lawrence, was a very highly coloured skit, the product of a little observation and a lot of imagination, and played with no small amount of gusto.

From the pen of J. A. Davidson came what the author would, presumably, describe as a satire under the title "That Man, Shakespeare." Acted by W. D. Kidd, G. S. A. Corbishley, I. D. Stuart, W. R. Caldwell, and the author, the play obviously delighted the audience, and was a fitting finish to Davidson's career on the Strathallan stage.

More carols and the School Song sung lustily by the whole audience brought a long and much enjoyed evening to a happy conclusion.

The Dramatic Society

President: Mr. A. J. Shaw.

Chairman: E. S. Dawson.

Secretary: A. J. S. Anderson.

Treasurer: A. K. Findlay.

Stage Managers: D. L. Slight, J. N. Jordan.

Committee: G. S. Lowden, A. M. Nicol, J. Hall, J. A. Davidson, I. W. W. Fingland, S. M. Ritchie, L. M. Barrett.

THE session 1943-44 may well be called one of the Society's most successful years. It saw the formation of a Junior branch, the production of Shakespeare for the first time on the Strathallan stage, and the presentation—in conjunction with the Musical Society—of a concert for the village in aid of the local War Savings campaign.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the programme is the fact that the Dramatic Society has proved its ability to present Shakespeare as well as modern comedies and dramas; the production of scenes from "The Merchant of Venice" at the Christmas and village concerts was a real success. Our president, Mr. A. J. Shaw, gave a magnificent portrayal of Shylock, and was well supported by E. S. Dawson, G. S. Lowden, A. K. Findlay, D. Shannon and D. J. Fenton.

Most of the Society's Monday evening meetings in the Commonroom were spent in the presentation of three-act plays, which included "I Killed the Count" and "Leave

it to Psmith," while time was also found for members of the audience to compete in scenes from "I want to be an Actor." Although most of the Easter Term was spent in rehearsals for the end-of-term play, "Journey's End," the Society managed to put over a reading of a three-act play by Edgar Wallace.

The success of the Easter production of "Journey's End," by R. C. Sherriff, was largely due to the combined efforts of Mr. Shaw and Mr. Bain, who, between them, created a 1914-1918 dug-out on the stage. Also contributory to the successful production of the play were the "back-room boys," who, although never seen, were responsible for all the effects which transformed the stage into a part of the Western Front. Among the new "discoveries" during the year we must mention L. M. Barrett, D. J. Fenton and David Shannon, who filled their roles in "Journey's End" magnificently. It is hoped that next year the younger members of the Society, together with members from the Junior branch, will step up to fill the breaches caused by old members leaving and thus maintain the very high standard of the Dramatic Society.

We take this opportunity of wishing every success to those members whose career at Strathallan is now at an end and, in particular, to its veterans, A. J. S. Anderson, L. M. Barrett, A. J. Davidson, E. S. Dawson, John Hall, and—our efficiency expert—S. M. Ritchie. A. J. S. A.

Literary Society

President: S. M. Ritchie.

Vice-President: J. B. Clark.

Secretary: I. D. Stuart.

DURING the Summer Term the Librarians, under the chairmanship of S. M. Ritchie, discussed the possibilities of forming a Literary Society. It was generally agreed that there was a demand for such a society. Twelve pupils were elected, and members of the staff were invited to become honorary members.

The Society joined the Scottish-American Centre in Edinburgh, the membership fee being provided from the Library funds. The Society benefits from this move, as it can borrow from the Centre American books of educational value, many of which are unobtainable elsewhere in Britain. I. D. S.

Journey's End

By R. C. SHERRIFF.

Produced under the direction of Mr. A. J. Shaw
on 29th March, 1944.

WE cannot recall having seen a more satisfying production by amateurs. *Ars et celare artem.* Considering that the action of the play moved with the utmost smoothness and ease, it is scarcely too much to say that high praise is due to everyone taking part, both on the stage and behind the scenes.

The opening scene was, perhaps, a little slow, due no doubt to the fact that the actors concerned were adjusting themselves to the right tempo. D. J. Fenton as Captain Hardy played his part with ease, and from the moment E. S. Dawson—who took the role of Captain Stanhope—made his entrance, our attention was rivetted until the end of the play. We were particularly impressed with the high standard of the acting of Dawson and of L. M. Barrett as 2nd Lieut. Hibbert. We enjoyed, too, the jollity of scene two in the third act where Stanhope, Hibbert and 2nd. Lieut. Trotter (A. J. S. Anderson) revelled in almost bacchanalian merriment. The part of Lieut. Osborne (David Shannon) is what producers are in the habit of calling "a character part." Although not particularly dramatic, this part calls for deft treatment, and Shannon gave a dignified and restrained performance. Mason, a soldier servant, supplied the "comic relief," and was skilfully portrayed by A. K. Findlay. In complete contrast, the Colonel (A. M. Nicol) presented the typical British officer of the old school. Nicol filled the part splendidly, stroking his Dundreary whiskers like a character from a Thackeray novel. D. J. Fenton reappeared at the end of the play as a German prisoner. J. A. McIntyre made a realistic C.S.M., and D. B. Fraser and J. D. S. Gardner acted the parts of two British Tommies with effect. In this play the part which undoubtedly "fits" a schoolboy best is that of 2nd Lieut. Raleigh, and G. S. Lowden acted the passive sufferer with consummate ease.

The play was produced with Mr. Shaw's usual skill and artistry. He was aided in no small measure by Mr. S. W. Hughes, who was responsible for the make-up. Nor must we omit to thank Mr. R. N. Bain and Mr.

A. Doig for their truly realistic dug-out structure. S. M. Ritchie made an excellent stage-manager. The sound effects were the work of V. G. Milne and G. B. Esslemont, to whom great credit is due. Apart from his excellent performance on the stage, we congratulate G. S. Lowden on the result of his labours as assistant producer.

B. F.

Incidents from "The Merchant of Venice"

IN spite of Macaulay's warning against removing the "purple passages" from Shakespeare, we believe that although in "The Merchant of Venice" several stories or motifs run through the play like so many brightly coloured strands, it is possible to "lift" any one of these from the play and present it on the stage in a sequence of scenes with complete dramatic propriety. Mr. Shaw and his talented company of amateur actors delighted their audience in this manner at the Christmas Concert by their presentation of the story of "the Pound of Flesh." The play, as a whole, we must admit, wearies us, but when Shylock holds the boards we are wafted into another world, that enchanted world of which Shakespeare holds the key.

The keystone of the whole edifice of the play is, of course, Shylock, and how admirably Mr. Shaw performed the part. How choice was the cast with whom he was associated! Here was proper subordination of the individual to the whole—no ragged edges, no loose threads, even the comic relief of the gaoler (L. M. Barrett) heightened the general dramatic effect. A word of praise is due to Mr. Hughes whose gifts as an artist in "make-up" were ably demonstrated in the way in which Mr. Shaw lost his complete physical identity in the Jew. Thus transformed in appearance, Mr. Shaw entirely sank his individuality in the part he portrayed. It is difficult to find fault with A. K. Findlay's Gratiano. The mockery in "O upright judge" and "a Daniel come to judgment" was superb, and his vigorous gestures would have delighted an Elizabethan audience. In complete contrast—as was only fitting—David Shannon as the Duke was cool and deliberate, and he delivered his

speeches with dignity and clear articulation. G. S. Lowden as Antonio, the merchant, acted with quiet restraint, and made a notable contribution to the success of the evening. E. S. Dawson was an excellent Portia whose forceful interpretation heightened the dramatic effect. D. J. Fenton was Clerk to the Court, and presented a polished performance. Bassanio, portrayed by J. D. W. Barnes, was a trifle wooden at the start, but improved as the play proceeded.

An excellent device on the part of the producer was to introduce a Narrator (John Hall) who also did the Prologue. The costumes and scenery were all that could be desired, including Mr. Batt's device of the Lion of St. Mark. The play formed a worthy climax to a most enjoyable evening.

B. F.

"The Crimson Cocoanut"

By IAN HAY.

THIS amusing farce provided a rollicking performance, and the producer showed great ability in adapting and producing this little one-act play. The lion's share of the acting fell on the shoulders of D. K. Common as he portrayed the intensely amusing part of Robert, the waiter in a disreputable and shabby cafe somewhere in Soho. It would be superfluous to relate the story here, but much horseplay was indulged in during a series of unbelievable situations. The mere recital of the names of some of the characters, Mr. Jabstick, Nitro Glycerinski, Jack Pincher the detective, is sufficient to indicate the type of entertainment. It was carried off in the right spirit of complete Bohemian abandon, and novelty followed on novelty without a moment's hesitation. I. W. W. Fingland as Nitro Glycerinski with a Russian moustache and a nose well flattened by Mr. Hughes' artistry, was excellent. David Shannon made a very satisfying Mr. Jabstick, and E. S. Dawson acted well and vigorously as Jack Pincher. Of the "ladies," J. A. Davidson as Madame Glycerinski was thoroughly realistic, while V. G. Milne made a very charming Nancy. The whole was knit together admirably by D. K. Common, whose acting kept the ball rolling from start to finish. The play was produced by Mr. A. J. Shaw.

B. F.

Impressions on a First Flight

AS I stepped gingerly into the rear cockpit of the Tiger Moth which was to take me for my first flight, I felt a peculiar feeling of uncertainty, which, fortunately, soon vanished, for as soon as my harness was adjusted and I had plugged into my intercomm tube, the pilot put me at ease. He explained that it was a "pretty smooth day," and that our flight would not be bumpy.

We taxied out to the take-off point and the pilot's voice boomed in my earphones "Righty-o, we're off!" With a loud roar the engine quivered to life, and I felt myself being borne swiftly over the field, which gradually began to disappear beneath me. It was impossible to tell the exact moment we were airborne. I adjusted my goggles and leaned over the side. Below, I could discern the aerodrome receding further and further behind as we made for the open country.

"We'll go and have a look at your school now," said the pilot, and, reassured and enjoying myself tremendously, I sat back and admired the world. On reaching Strathallan the first thing that struck me was how large the pond seemed; then we were circling over the main building. I could see the quadrangle and the tennis courts looking like a model toy. On the paths and drives I saw the tiny figures of boys on their afternoon walk. Then suddenly the pilot asked "What's that building down there?" I replied that I could not see because of the wing. The pilot then made a steep bank, and I exclaimed, or rather gulped, that what he saw were the Stripping Rooms. Having asked me if I had seen enough, the pilot then headed the plane back to the 'drome.

The voice came through again. "Do you know anything of the theory of flight?" "No, not much," I replied. However, I ended up by piloting the plane myself for a few minutes. We must have looked crazy to people on the ground, for the plane wheeled and rocking-horsed about the sky. Believe me, I was glad when the pilot took over.

We landed without mishap, and, having said thank you, I hopped out determined one day to own a plane of my own.

J. A. S. C.

Strathallan A.T.C. Flight No. 1517

THE year opened auspiciously with a large intake of new cadets in September 1943, and with some additions later in the session the Flight was at maximum strength with a roll of 51 cadets. To cope with this increase a full complement of N.C.O.'s has been necessary. All the N.C.O.'s have done excellent service with Flight-Sergeant A. M. Nicol giving a lead with most commendable efficiency.

The regular weekly parades, covering the same group of subjects as hitherto, were sometimes only carried out with difficulty owing to instructors from our parent R.A.F. Station not being available—especially since D-Day. However, with valuable co-operation from the N.C.O.'s, the instructional side maintained very satisfactory standards. The regular meetings were varied by the introduction of films and more co-operation with the Army Cadet Force. The extra ("vigorous") P.T. was greatly appreciated, and the two "Field Manoeuvres" were voted an unqualified success.

Visits to aerodromes were completed although various causes of postponement nearly drove everyone crazy. All came right by the end of the Summer Term, however, with every cadet having the chance to visit an aerodrome and many taking part in flights. The year closed with two camps, one at a R.N.A. Station, and the other at a R.A.F. Station.

The Flight again took part in the Inter Area Contest in Aircraft Recognition. Our team was a good one, but not quite good enough to retain the St. Andrew's Shield. The position gained was sixth out of some 30 teams competing.

We are sorry to record the departure from this area of Mr. H. A. Nimmo, who left us in June. Mr. Nimmo has done most valuable work for the Unit, and his position as Instructor in Aircraft Recognition will not be easily filled.

The numerical disposition of the Flight as at 31st July, 1944, was:—N.C.O.'s (all holding Proficiency Badge)—Flt./Sgt. A. M. Nicol, Sgt. E. S. Dawson, Sgt. J. M. Garvie, Corporals G. T. Lamond, D. B. Fraser, A. J. S. Anderson. Other proficient cadets 17;

First Class cadets 15; remaining cadets 13—total, 51.

Proficiency Results.—At intervals during the period 30 cadets were entered for the Proficiency Tests, and of these 24 cadets were successful.

A further step—the first attempted by cadets of Flight No. 1517—was taken in June by Sgt. E. S. Dawson and Cadet V. G. Milne, who sat part of the Post Proficiency Tests. The final preparation was hampered by the proximity of the Higher School Certificate Examinations, but the results were very praiseworthy, with each cadet recording partial success.

Volunteers for Service. The following cadets have volunteered and have been accepted for the Forces:—Cadet T. S. Ellis for aircrew duties with the R.A.F.; Sgt. J. M. Garvie, and Cadets I. W. Laughland and J. W. L. Houston for the Royal Navy via the "Y" Scheme.

J. P. R.

A.T.C. Camp, No. 1

15th-22nd July, 1944.

THERE was a short interval between the end of School Term and the beginning of Camp. Some cadets were able to go home, although the majority stayed on at School. On the Saturday morning everyone re-assembled at School for medical inspection, and, after an early lunch, the party was ready to set out.

We reached the railway station near our destination after an uneventful journey. There our baggage was placed in a naval truck, although the cadets had to march to the aerodrome. The road proved to be quite long, and we were all glad when we reached the Nissen huts which were to be our homes for the week.

In a short interval we were detailed to our various huts. All but six of the Strathallan Flight were accommodated in one hut—the others joined up with Dunfermline and Markinch cadets in the next hut. After we made ourselves vaguely familiar with the rules and regulations posted up we drifted down to the main galley for tea. The time between tea and supper was spent in settling down and getting used to the intricacies of

making up our four-blanket bunks. Later, a limited number of the party had the opportunity of visiting the ENSA show; the remaining cadets visited the NAAFI canteen which proved very accommodating.

Next morning at 7.30 our slumbers were rudely shattered by a marine. His method was to cry out a very unpleasant ditty which sounded like this:—

“Wakie, wakie, wakie, rise and shine,
The day is nice and fine.”

After breakfast we paraded and were addressed by the Station Liaison Officer, who amplified and elucidated the rules and regulations in addition to extending to us a warm welcome. Thereafter we were detailed into two working flights and marched off on a tour of the Station in order to be acquainted with its lay-out. The atmosphere of Service Regulations and Service Terms was enveloping us, and by the time “Liberty Boat” was scheduled, we were completely “at sea” about the precise meaning of “Liberty Boat.” Our notions of a conveyance to take us to the nearest town were soon debunked, for again we had to MARCH out of the aerodrome. The necessity for marching was well thrust upon us during the next few days, and the author, from personal and painful recollections, can vouch for the need of careful consideration being given to the provision of comfortable footwear.

For the remainder of the week we followed a time-table which varied little from day to day, although it covered a wide range of instruction by lectures, practical demonstrations, range, drill and P.T. Each day parties of cadets were detailed for flying, and everyone had a flight with the exception of the unfortunate who developed German measles. Throughout the week there were football matches and sports items, and it is noteworthy that the hut containing the Strathallan cadets came out on top in every contest, including the competition for the tidiest hut.

On the last full day we had an inspection by the Executive Commander of the Station and completed the week's camp—a very successful camp—with the final “Wakie, wakie,” and frantic packing of kit ere we left the aerodrome en route for home.

F. C. K.

A.T.C. Camp, No. 2

22nd-29th July, 1944.

IT was with much relief that the boys from the Cambridge School Certificate class set out for camp on Saturday, 22nd July. We had just finished two weeks of examinations and felt we really required—and deserved—a change. We made a party of twelve including four N.C.O.'s, and were looking forward to an enjoyable week.

After a quick medical inspection in the morning, we had lunch—the last many of us would enjoy at Strathallan—and caught the train to Perth. Negotiating our connection, we arrived at our destination along with two boys from Aberfeldy. The transport took us right to the camp site, where we dumped our kit only to march back to the mess—about 500 yards distant—for tea. For our first day the weather was glorious, and we were all in good spirits. Back at the hut we were given the “gen” about the whole lay-out. It all sounded rather complicated at first, especially since there was no water for washing near the site. The bath-houses were some distance away, but as they were situated near the mess, it was merely a matter of grabbing a towel and performing one's ablutions on the way to breakfast.

Next morning three flights were formed for church parade. We had a pleasant surprise when we found we were to march to a pipe band, and would do so for the rest of the week. This was quite a privilege and an experience!

Flights for classes were drawn up, and since the orders for the day were posted up the previous night, everyone knew exactly what to expect. Each flight had an afternoon off duty during the week, which enabled us to spend our leisure in either Perth or Dundee.

Our programme was completely filled; we had range, workshops, cine shows, and some tremendously interesting lectures and demonstrations. Practical dinghy drill was carried out at the Dundee Swimming Baths; games were arranged and the Strathallan cadets enjoyed a game of soccer with another squadron.

With N.A.A.F.I., the camp cinema, an ENSA concert, and visits to the swimming baths, we were never short of something to do in the evenings.

Unfortunately, very few were allowed to fly. The weather was fine for the first four days, but, due to certain restrictions on the airfield, no flying trips were arranged until the middle of the week, and as luck would have it, the weather then broke down.

It is pleasant to report that in the competition for the tidiest hut during the camp, the Strathallan contingent was awarded the first equal.

To end a most enjoyable week we were inspected by the Group Captain, and were privileged to witness a colour-hoisting parade.

E. S. D.

Scout Notes

LOOKING back over the activities of the past session we cannot but feel satisfied with our achievements. During the twelve months the Troop has strengthened its position and has increased its membership, but, while there has been a considerable increase in the number of 2nd Class Scouts, we should like to see many more boys wearing the 1st Class badge. Here we take the opportunity of conveying our hearty congratulations to John Thomson, who is now not only a King's Scout but is also wearing red-and-white cords. He well deserved his promotion to T.L., as also did K. J. L. Coats. The Scoutmaster very gladly acknowledges that the running of so large a Troop might well have been impossible but for these two reliable and efficient assistants.

Field Day was held in June—an event mysteriously connected with the arrival at School of many bulky parcels. Burdened—willingly—with these, the Scouts wound their way over the shoulder of Drumfin to the Binzion. Here they lit fires and cooked their "eats" with varying degrees of success—the aforesaid parcels being in addition to the rations provided by the School. Two spells of bathing in the May provided pleasant interludes during the hot day, and it was a happy, sunburnt, and well-fed crowd that arrived back at School in the evening.

For the first time since the outbreak of war the Troop held its own Camp, with some twenty Scouts. The site in the Ochils above Bridge of Earn was ideal and had the advantage of commanding a glorious view of the Earn Valley. The fact that every camper worked hard and played hard helped to make the week a huge success. In strict honesty we must confess that the porridge was burned five times out of seven, but in all other respects the cooking was excellent. Our special thanks are due to R. A. M. Kennedy, through whose efforts the necessary tents and equipment were provided, and to K. J. L. Coats and the brothers Bushe for pitching the Camp. Our condolences are offered to H. F. Bushe who, having developed German measles on the first night, had to leave us, and to W. D. Simpson, who accepted a challenge to jump clean over a gorse bush with results too painful to describe.

Our best wishes go with all the Scouts who have left us at the end of their school careers, and to those who are still with us we would say, "Keep trying and BE PREPARED."

A. C. F.

IN the course of the past year the following promotions were made:—J. A. McIntyre to Junior Officer—a rank held with distinction; G. S. Lowden to Sergeant; John Hall and I. W. M. Hendry to Corporals; and J. B. Clark and D. G. Bell to Lance-Corporals.

Deserving of special comment is the formation of a Signalling Platoon for post-Certificate A Cadets, and the arrival at Strathallan of all the equipment necessary for the efficient working of such a platoon. J. B. Clark and D. K. Common, who had attended signalling courses, were particularly useful in the instruction of this sub-section.

About half of the Strathallan A.C.F. unit went to the Summer Camp at Kinross. With the advantage of good weather, a splendid course of instruction and a well-stocked N.A.A.F.I., they spent a profitable and pleasant week.

A. J. S.

Sports Notes

RUGBY, 1943-44.

WITH four of last year's 1st XV as a nucleus, and an unbeaten 2nd XV to recruit from, we looked forward confidently to a successful year. Our confidence was not misplaced, and each member quickly set to train assiduously, determined to do his part in upholding the high rugby tradition of Strathallan. Very soon we had developed into a well-balanced side, and through excellent team-work, acquired a long list of successes. Due to weather conditions and other uncontrollable circumstances, six games had to be cancelled, but we feel certain that in these, as in the other twelve, victory would have come our way. Everything considered, we can look back with satisfaction on the performance of the 1st XV during the session 1943-44.

The 2nd XV record does not compare favourably with that of the 1st XV, and we are forced to the conclusion that the team was but moderate. Considering that they were handicapped by the absence of some of their most prominent players, they have emerged with credit, and with the experience gained, many members should find places in next year's 1st XV.

Junior Rugby continues to thrive, and augurs well for the future. Although the team suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of a much heavier Perth Academy side, much enthusiasm has been aroused among the boys by our re-appearance in the Junior Competition. The Juniors will have benefited considerably by the excellent displays given by our 1st XV on the home ground.

Strathallan v. Morgan Academy. Home, 25th September, 1943.

The game opened at a fairly lively pace, and, after some play at midfield, the Morgan stand-off cut through to score far out. The kick at goal failed. After continued pressure on the Strathallan line, the Morgan wing three-quarter kicked a goal from a mark. Morgan were still on the offensive, and their right wing got over for an unconverted try. Play was transferred to the other end, and after heavy pressure on the Morgan defence, Strathallan were rewarded by tries in quick succession from H. W.

Mann and J. A. McIntyre. Strathallan were still attacking when the half-time whistle went leaving the score Morgan Academy 9; Strathallan 6.

In the second half Strathallan immediately went on to attack, and I. W. M. Hendry, gathering the ball near the half-way line, corkscrewed his way through the Morgan defence to score between the posts. J. Hall converted. The Strathallan forwards swarmed to the Morgan half, and A. M. Nicol crossed to score far out. The kick at goal failed. Throughout the game the pack worked well and had the better of the Morgan forwards. The three-quarters did not run straight, and seldom looked dangerous.

Result: Strathallan, 14 points; Morgan, 9 points.

Strathallan v. Old Strathallians. Home, 2nd October, 1943.

Heavy rain during the morning had left the ground muddy, and this greatly hampered back play, although, under the circumstances, the handling of both sides was very good.

The O.S.'s were early on the attack, and, after continued pressure, A. S. Headrick broke through the centre to send I. B. Petrie over for the F.P.'s first score. The kick failed. Keeping on the offensive, the F.P.'s went further ahead by an unconverted try by N. H. Stewart. School took the ball upfield, but were pinned back again and, after some scrappy play, Stewart got over for a try which he converted. Just before half-time, I. W. M. Hendry crossed the line for an unconverted try for the School. The half-time score stood at Old Strathallians, 11; Strathallan, 3.

Shortly after the restart, the F.P.'s were lucky in having a further try by Petrie. Nothing daunted, School returned to the attack, and from a good passing movement, G. T. Lamond went over for a try. The School pack had by this time got the measure of their opponents, and, keeping play in the F.P.'s twenty-five, had two tries in as many minutes from A. M. Nicol and I. N. Stubbs.

Nettled by this reverse, the Old Boys broke away, and had the School defence rattled when Headrick went over for an unconverted try. From a scrum, School got away, and Hendry got over for an unconverted try. Excitement was at fever pitch now, and the Old Boys held a slender lead. They seemed to tire towards the end, and John Hall, gathering a loose ball far out, scored a brilliant solo try. Hendry brought out full points with a good kick. The forwards played well against a heavier pack, which they gradually wore down, and the three-quarters tackled stoutly throughout the game.

Result: Strathallan, 20 points; Old Strathallians, 16 points.

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School. Home.
6th October, 1943.

The game was played on a dry sod which favoured fast open football. Strathallan were early on the move, and from the beginning it was evident that they were superior in both divisions. From a quick heel the threes got possession, and McIntyre got through to score far out. The kick failed. Strathallan continued to press hard, and tries were scored by Lamond and McIntyre. The forwards were excelling in the scrums and heeled regularly. As a result, the threes got a plentiful supply of the ball, and further tries came from I. N. Stubbs and Hall. The latter converted one. The forwards next took a hand in the scoring, and, from a rush up-field, J. M. Burnett touched down, but the kick failed. Just before half-time, J. M. Garvie, getting possession from a line-out, scored in the corner to leave the score Strathallan 21; Allan Glen's School nil.

In a dull second half Allan Glen's, keeping the ball in the forwards, confined the play to the Strathallan half. A dour forward struggle ensued, but the home backs relieved the pressure by well judged kicking. Hendry broke through to send McIntyre over to add another unconverted try for Strathallan. Just on time the opponents' stand-off dropped a good goal to give his side the only score of the game.

Result: Strathallan 26 points; Allan Glen's School 4 points.

Strathallan v. The Leys School. Away.
9th October, 1943.

The game was played under ideal conditions, and from the kick-off The Leys were early on the offensive. Their forwards showed superiority in the set-scrums and line-out, but the Strathallan forwards worked hard and had the better of the game in the loose. For the first half Leys pressed continually, but a good Strathallan defence kept them at bay. From a breakaway towards the end of the half, Hendry got over for a try under the posts which he converted to leave the half-time score Strathallan 5; The Leys nil.

Leys attacked again on resuming, but they spent their force on an unyielding defence. The Strathallan threes tackled strongly and kicked well, and this relieved them under heavy pressure. Then Strathallan transferred the play to the Leys end, and Lamond beat the opposition full-back for the touch down after a well-timed kick-ahead. Hendry converted from a fairly difficult angle. Time was running out, and Leys strove hard to make up the leeway, and from a long kick-ahead, the wing-three-quarter cut in to beat E. S. Dawson for the touch. The kick failed. With Leys still pressing, the game was a ding-dong struggle, but the Strathallan defence kept its lines intact. The forwards worked hard against a heavier pack while the threes defended stoutly.

Result: Strathallan 10 points; The Leys School 3 points.

Strathallan v. Hillhead High School. Away.
16th October, 1943.

At the outset Hillhead's superiority in the scrums was apparent, and they seemed determined to exploit that superiority to its fullest. Nevertheless, our forwards battled gamely, and gradually wore down their opponents to get on equal terms with them. Then the Strathallan threes had some opportunities of showing their worth, but Hillhead refused to be beaten. Despite many good movements and dangerous attacks on the Hillhead line, it was not until just before half-time that J. A. McIntyre with a splendid burst of speed broke through the opposition to score far out. The kick failed.

Half-time score was Strathallan 3; Hillhead nil.

In the second half Hillhead got away to a flying start, and in spite of a game defence, Strathallan had to concede a try which was not converted. Strathallan got away from the kick-off, and moving up-field, were awarded a penalty just outside the Hillhead twenty-five. Hall made no mistake with the kick, and once again Strathallan were in the lead. Hillhead were not to be denied, and, bringing the play into the Strathallan territory, they were awarded a free kick which brought full points. From a scrum at mid-field, Hall intercepted and beat all opposition to score far out. The kick failed. Both teams were now playing hard and vigorous football, and in a last-minute effort the Hillhead centre cut through to send his stand-off over for a try between the posts. Everything pointed to a Hillhead victory, but Hendry, charging the kick, saved the day.

Result: Strathallan 9 points; Hillhead 9 points.

Strathallan v. Perth Academy. Away, 13th November, 1943.

Once again the weather proved kind, and Strathallan lined out without McIntyre and Stubbs. Their places were filled by D. G. Lyle and S. M. Ritchie, who acquitted themselves very creditably in a good open game. For the first quarter the Strathallan forwards had the better of matters in the set scrums, and thus gave the threes a good supply of the ball. From a good heel the ball travelled quickly to Hendry, who went over for the opening try. Hall converted. Soon Strathallan had an unconverted try by Burnett, who scored from a line-out. The Academy forwards were fighting hard now, and took play up to the Strathallan "25," and it was only the sterling defensive work of the Strathallan threes that saved many dangerous situations. Keeping on the offensive, Perth were rewarded with a try by a centre-three. Strathallan moved quickly to the attack, and G. S. Lowden forced his way over for a try. The kick failed. Play swung quickly from end to end and just before half-time Perth had an unconverted try from a forward rush. At half-time the score stood Strathallan 11; Perth 6.

At the beginning of the second half the Perth forwards took the play into Strathallan territory, and their superiority in weight was very evident. Strathallan broke away and Lyle gathered a loose ball at mid-field to beat the Perth defence for a smart try. Back again Perth were giving the Strathallan defenders an anxious time, and after repeated attacks on the Strathallan line, scored from a penalty, to leave the score at the final whistle, Strathallan 14 points; Perth 9 points.

Strathallan v. The Black Watch. Away, 17th November, 1943.

On account of the hard condition of the pitch, it was only at the last minute we decided to play this game. The Black Watch attacked at the outset and soon one of their three-quarters dummied his way through the Strathallan defence to score an unconverted try. Strathallan took the play to The Black Watch line, and Hendry, gathering from a loose scrum, forced his way over for a try which he converted. Strathallan were now playing brilliantly, and the three-quarter movements were going smoothly. McIntyre made a spectacular opening, and sent Hall over for a good try which Hendry converted, leaving the half-time score Strathallan 10; The Black Watch 3.

The Strathallan forwards opened in lively style, and smothered their bulkier rivals in scrum and line-out. Following up splendidly they heeled from loose and set-scrums cleanly and quickly, and Strathallan had tries in quick succession from Hendry and McIntyre. Hendry, kicking superbly during the whole game, converted both. But The Black Watch were undismayed and stormed to the Strathallan line. They besieged the Strathallan line, and at length took all before them to score just on time. The kick failed.

Result: Strathallan 20 points; The Black Watch 6 points.

Strathallan v. George Heriot's School. Away, 20th November, 1943.

This game, arranged for the morning, was not played until after mid-day, due to the late arrival of the train. The postponement

and the two hours delay seemed to have a wearing effect on the Strathallan team, which was all keyed up for another tilt at their most formidable opponents. The game opened at a furious pace, and both sides made some promising moves, only to be met with stubborn defence. The Strathallan forwards were superior in the scrums, but Heriot's monopolised the line-out. To counteract this, Strathallan elected to take scrums for line-out. Play was very even for the first quarter of the game until the Heriot's centre cut through to score an unconverted try. Soon Heriot's had a dropped goal from the same player. Strathallan, moving determinedly up-field, took the ball right up to the Heriot's line, but good length kicking by the Edinburgh scrum-half kept Strathallan at bay. Heriot's moved quickly to the attack from a lengthy clearance, and, just before half-time, their wing went over for an unconverted try. Half-time the score was Heriot's 10; Strathallan nil.

In the second half Heriot's were quickly on the offensive, and their forwards were having the better of the game. Strathallan was fighting every inch, and Hendry got possession in mid-field. Running strongly, he found the opposition too much, but kicked ahead, and followed up to score near the post. He failed with the kick from an easy position. The score infused new spirit into Strathallan, and, keeping up the pressure, McIntyre dribbled over for an unconverted try.

Heriot's moving up-field got possession for a line-out and set their threes moving. The full-back now moved up to take a hand in the threes movement which brought them a try by a winger, but the kick failed. Shortly after this their centre dropped a splendid goal. Strathallan took up the running, and were unlucky when McIntyre—with only the full-back to beat—knocked on. Towards the end of the game Heriot's exploited the "cross kick" with their forwards following up, and this gave them another unconverted try to leave the final score

Strathallan 6 points; George Heriot's School 20 points.

Strathallan v. R.A.F. XV. Away, 5th December, 1943.

Having decidedly beaten The Black Watch we were looking forward to the visit of this R.A.F. side to Strathallan. Owing, however, to the frost-bound condition of all the School pitches we had to cancel their visit. But the R.A.F. refused to surrender to adverse weather conditions, and at mid-day we had a message to say that their pitch at Scone was quite playable. After a hurried change of orders, the Strathallan team were quickly on their way, and got to their destination in record time.

The sudden thaw which had set in had made the pitch muddy, and on this account the game generally was scrappy and slow. The R.A.F., holding a slight superiority in the opening stages, were first to score a try from a forward rush which they converted. Strathallan now got into their stride, and, due to excellent forward work, McIntyre was placed to score just under the posts. Hendry converted. The School side was superior at this stage, but the hard tackling of the R.A.F. frustrated all efforts at scoring. From a scrum on the R.A.F. twenty-five, Hall got possession, and kicked an excellent goal to give the School the lead. The half-time score was Strathallan 9; R.A.F. 5.

R.A.F. started off in whirlwind fashion, and swept all before them to the Strathallan lines. The defence held out and kicked to touch to save their line. R.A.F., coming back, kicked ahead and Dawson, failing to gather a greasy ball, was beaten for the touch-down. R.A.F. converted. With R.A.F. in the lead and time running out, Strathallan struggled hard to avert defeat. The forwards led a rush up-field, and from a scrum in the airmen's territory, the ball was flashed out to Hendry, who got over at the corner to give the School the lead. The score at final whistle read

Strathallan 12 points; R.A.F. 10 points.

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School. Away, 12th January, 1944.

Strathallan had decisively beaten Allan Glen's in their first game, but now the Glasgow team, fresh from their win over George Heriot's, expected to reverse the situation. Despite a clear, crisp day, the

pitch was muddy. Nevertheless, the handling on both sides was excellent. The Strathallan forwards had a slight superiority over their opponents, and the threes got a good supply of the ball.

In the first half Strathallan were mostly on the offensive, but all the three movements were held up by a brilliant Allan Glen's defence which tackled superbly. From a scrum in Allan Glen's territory, Hendry got possession, and found an opening in the defence to get over for a try which he converted. The half-time score was Strathallan 5; Allan Glen's 0.

Immediately on resuming, Strathallan were on the offensive, and the forwards, combining well, swept up-field. From a loose scrum in Allan Glen's twenty-five, McIntyre gathered and parted to Stubbs, who went over between the posts. Hendry converted to give Strathallan a comfortable margin of ten points. Allan Glen's came back again, and their stand-off was inches wide of the post with an excellent drop. The Strathallan forwards had worn down their opponents now, and pushed them back. From a scrum at mid-field, Strathallan threes were set moving, and McIntyre capped a grand day's display when he went over at the corner for an unconverted try.

Final score: Strathallan 13 points; Allan Glen's nil.

Strathallan v. R.A.M.C. Home, 16th February, 1944.

R.A.M.C. on this occasion included such notables as Adam the international trialist, Lind, McMyn, and Waters, all internationals. The last-named, later in the season, led the Scottish forwards in the Services International against England. Great excitement was caused by the visit of a team with men of this calibre, and there was much speculation as to how Strathallan would fare against such brilliant opposition.

From the kick-off, R.A.M.C. attacked in determined fashion, but Dawson held them up. Play was very even in the open, but for a while the visitors had the better of the set-scrums and used their weight to advantage. From a scrum in Strathallan territory, R.A.M.C. heeled quickly, and the ball travelled through Lind to Adam, who went over for an unconverted try. Strathallan

retaliated, and play moved quickly to the other end. From a line-out Mann, who compared favourably with the opposition in height, got possession, and barged over for a try. The kick failed. R.A.M.C. went away from the kick, and soon had the Strathallan line under pressure. Strathallan held out gallantly, but were forced to concede another try after a heavy barrage by the visiting forwards; once again, however, a grand kick went inches wide of the post. Hendry soon added to Strathallan's total when he dropped a goal with a grand kick. At this stage Lamond had to retire injured, and this necessitated a re-shuffle. Stubbs was brought from the pack to fill the vacant wing position. Half-time came without any further score. Strathallan 7; R.A.M.C. 6.

Although handicapped by the absence of Lamond, who had been to the fore in all forward play, the forwards continued to battle gamely and wore down the opposition. They improved gradually, and gave Strathallan a territorial advantage, but the visitors' defence was adamant. After sustained pressure, Lowden got possession from a scrum in R.A.M.C. twenty-five, and, wriggling his way through the defence, parted to Stubbs, who went over too far out for the kick to succeed.

Waters, the visiting captain, paid a glowing tribute to the display given by Strathallan, and to the sound knowledge of the game which each member of the team showed. The visitors left with a very favourable impression of Strathallan Rugby.

Result: Strathallan 10 points; R.A.M.C. 6 points.

Strathallan v. Glasgow High School. Home, 22nd February, 1944.

This game was played on the Second pitch because heavy rain had made the First pitch unplayable. Even during the early part of the game rain fell heavily, and this in no way added to the attractiveness of the match. Conditions were altogether against open football, and handling was very bad owing to the greasy ball.

Strathallan opened in promising style, and soon forced the High School to their own territory, but handling was difficult for the threes, and the High School forwards

defended stubbornly. However, towards the end of the first half Hall took a nice ball from Lowden, to score under the posts. Hendry converted to leave the half-time score, Strathallan 5; Glasgow High School nil.

In the second half the game resolved into a struggle between the forwards, and play was scrappy due to aimless kicking.

High School tried hard to get on equal terms with the home team, and on several occasions were held up on the line. This half ended without any further scoring on either side.

Result: Strathallan 5 points; Glasgow High School nil.

Strathallan v. Hillhead High School. Home, 11th March, 1944.

On the occasion of the first meeting Strathallan had drawn with Hillhead, so both sides were all out for a win in the return game. With a dry ground which favoured good open football, we were expecting an open game, but Hillhead, relying on their forward superiority, tried to keep the ball in that division.

Strathallan kicked off against the wind, and soon had play in Hillhead territory. Hillhead quickly recovered, and through their forward supremacy brought play back to the Strathallan twenty-five. Strathallan were now mostly on the defensive, and resorted to kicking to save their line. But Hillhead were not to be denied, and their forwards in a headlong rush swept all before them to give Hillhead their only score in the game.

The half-time score was Strathallan nil; Hillhead 3.

With the advantage of deafening vocal support Strathallan opened the second half in whirlwind fashion. The forwards were now playing better, and forced play to Hillhead twenty-five. From a scrum Strathallan got possession and, after a good passing movement, McIntyre scored far out. This infused fresh spirit into Strathallan, and after continued pressure Hendry gathered a loose ball to score another try. He failed with the kick. Hillhead strove desperately to come on equal terms, and transferred play up-field. Strathallan were determined to

hold on to their lead. From a scrum in mid-field, the ball travelled to McIntyre, who beat Hillhead defences all ends up for a grand try at the corner. The kick failed, but the margin in Strathallan's favour left no doubt as to their superiority.

Result: Strathallan 9 points; Hillhead 3 points.

Strathallan v. Morgan Academy. Away, 25th March, 1944.

This, the last game of the season, was one of the hardest. Strathallan kicked off against the wind, and it was soon apparent that it was to be a forwards' game. After ten minutes of fluctuating play, the Morgan stand-off, receiving the ball from a loose scrum, cut through the Strathallan three-line to score a good try under the posts. He added the points with an easy kick. The Strathallan forwards were having the better of the set-scrams, and heeled regularly, but the threes spoiled all their work by bad handling. After twenty minutes' play Morgan went further ahead by an unconverted try from a forward movement. Following this set-back, Strathallan pressed hard, and were rewarded with a try just before half-time, when Lowden scored under the posts from a scrum ten yards out. Hall converted, leaving the half-time score Strathallan 5; Morgan Academy 8.

On resuming, it looked as if Strathallan, with the wind in their favour, would level matters very quickly. But all attempts at scoring were prevented by good tackling, and, after twenty minutes of the second half had gone, Strathallan were still in arrears. Then the Strathallan forwards, sweeping all opposition aside, took the ball to the Morgan line, and heeling quickly put Lamond in possession to score at the corner flag. From a very difficult angle, Hall converted. Morgan fought back again, but Strathallan defended heroically and forced their opponents up-field. From a scrum at mid-field, the ball went to Hall, who further increased the winning margin by an unconverted try.

Result: Strathallan 13 points; Morgan Academy 8 points.

Summary of the Season's Play.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points for.	Against.
1st XV.	-	14	12	1	181	103

House Matches.

The House matches aroused tremendous enthusiasm, and no quarter was asked or given. The display by the Juniors was well up to standard, although, at times, through over-anxiety and excitement, the games were ragged and scrappy.

The Senior competition resulted in a win for NICOL, after closely contested games.

NICOL	5;	SIMPSON	3.
RUTHVEN	3;	FREELAND	0.

Final.

NICOL	6;	RUTHVEN	3.
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Second XV.**Strathallan 2nd XV. v. Morgan Academy 2nd XV.** Away, 25th September, 1943.

This game, the first of the season, was played on a clear, frosty day. It was a hard fought game, and the credit of a win goes to the Strathallan defence who stood up to every Morgan attempt at scoring. The forwards worked well and used their weight to great advantage.

The only try of the game was scored when Yates, getting possession from a scrum at mid-field, broke through and got over to far out for a kick to succeed. Morgan pressed hard and were almost through on two occasions when held up by the Strathallan threes.

Result: Strathallan 3 points; Morgan nil.

Strathallan 2nd XV. v. The Leys School 2nd XV. Home, 9th October, 1943.

In this game our forwards were no match for their opposition in The Leys team, and the superiority in this department contributed largely to their success. Falling on the ball was the only resort to stop The Leys forward rushes.

The threes were inclined to take their passes while standing, and consequently never had an opportunity of using their speed. The Leys' right wing had two tries for his side, and the remainder were scored in very successful forward rushes. Yates once again had Strathallan's only try.

Result: Strathallan 3 points; The Leys School 23 points.

Strathallan 2nd XV. v. Allan Glen's 2nd XV.

Away, 6th November, 1943.

This game was played on an exceptionally muddy pitch, and consequently developed into a forward struggle. Strathallan forwards played well, but got little support from the threes, and had to bear the brunt of the game for most of the time. Despite the threes' weakness, Strathallan were only one score down at the short whistle.

In the second half Allan Glen's forwards gave their threes a fairly good supply of the ball, but good covering up by the Strathallan forwards kept them in check. The threes had broken down completely in defence, and Allan Glen's, taking advantage of this lapse, scored three tries during the second half to leave the final score Strathallan nil; Allan Glen's 12 points.

Strathallan 2nd XV. v. Allan Glen's 2nd XV.

Away, 12th February, 1944.

On this occasion Strathallan was handicapped by the loss of Common, who was off through injuries. The game was played on an extremely muddy pitch, although the day was fine. The game was evenly contested, and Strathallan were unlucky not to have been on almost level terms with Allan Glen's at the final whistle. The forwards combined well, and J. D. Barr had the better of the hooking. Some good forward rushes by Strathallan took the play into their opponents' twenty-five. However, Glen's three-quarters were too fast for the Strathallan threes, and quickly recovered lost ground. W. W. Law's tackling and falling were of no avail, and Glen's superior speed won them the day.

Result: Strathallan nil; Allan Glen's 11 points.

Strathallan 2nd XV. v. Morgan Academy 2nd XV. Home, 25th March, 1944.

The game was played under ideal conditions. It was easily the most successful game of the season, and partly atoned for the previous defeats we had suffered.

For the first time in the season the side really played as a team. The forwards quickly got control and gave the threes a good supply of the ball, which led to tries in quick succession. The handling of the threes was excellent, and good backing up by the forwards resulted in an early try by

Ritchie. A. R. Pate had a field day with four tries and two converts to his credit. D. F. Mackenzie, in his first game with the Second, scored two spectacular tries. Yates also added a try to the total, and brought out full points.

Result: Strathallan 30 points; Morgan Academy 3 points.

R. G. W.

1st XV. Rugby Fixtures, 1944-45.

Sept.	23	Morgan Academy	-	-	-	Home
"	30	Old Boys	-	-	-	Home
Oct.	7	The Black Watch	-	-	-	Home
"	14	Hillhead High School	-	-	-	Away
"	21	The Leys School	-	-	-	Home
Nov.	4	Allan Glen's School	-	-	-	Away
"	11	Perth Academy	-	-	-	Away
"	18	George Heriot's School	-	-	-	Away
"	25	The Leys School	-	-	-	Away
Dec.	2	Melville College	-	-	-	Home
"	9	Morrison's Academy	-	-	-	Home
Jan.	13	Morrison's Academy	-	-	-	Away
"	20	Glasgow High School	-	-	-	Away
"	27	Melville College	-	-	-	Away
Feb.	10	Allan Glen's School	-	-	-	Home
"	17	M.T.E. Rosyth	-	-	-	Home
"	24	Morgan Academy	-	-	-	Away
Mar.	3	Perth Academy	-	-	-	Home
"	10	Hillhead High School	-	-	-	Home
"	17	The Black Watch	-	-	-	Home

CRICKET, 1944.

Strathallan v. No. 8 I.T.C. (The Black Watch). Home. 6th May.

The side fielded for the first game was weakened considerably on account of illness. Winning the toss the School sent in their visitors on a soft wicket. The first wicket fell in the fifth over with 6 runs on the board, and the next fell three balls later. With the score at 18 for three, Strathallan's hopes were high, but the solid batting of the next two batsmen took the score to 57. Up till then Strathallan's bowling was good, but the next two batsmen put our bowlers off their lengths and added scores of 63 and 50 not out. The innings closed at 171 for five wickets. Hall claimed three for 51, Clark one for 35, and Lowden one for 68.

Strathallan's innings started badly and the first wicket fell with no runs on the board. The bowling was good and Strathallan's batsmen were on the defensive. It took a long time to score 14 for three wickets, but

good batting by J. McIntyre (43) and Clark (13) took the score to 57 for four. The remaining batsmen, instead of concentrating on defence, threw their wickets away cheaply and the innings closed at 82 runs.

Result: No. 8 I.T.C., 171 for five wickets (declared); Strathallan, 82.

George Heriot's School v. Strathallan.

Away. 5th May.

Heriot's won the toss and elected to bat. Strathallan's bowling was poor, but a change of bowler brought the first wicket for 24 runs. Clark then came on to conduct a blitz and three wickets fell with the score still at 39. The bowling had now improved considerably and the Heriot's batsmen were kept on the defensive. The remaining batsmen scored little and the innings closed with the score at 67. Bowling for Strathallan, Clark had three for 7, Hall four for 24, and Lowden two for 23.

After lunch Strathallan went in and opened badly. Four wickets were lost for eight runs and nobody in the side reached double figures. The Heriot's bowling was accurate and our batsmen failed in judging the right balls to hit. Strathallan was dismissed for 35 runs.

Result: Heriot's, 67; Strathallan, 35.

The Leys School v. Strathallan. Home.

20th May.

The Leys School batted first, and good batting by the opening pair took the score to 36 before their captain was dismissed for a well-played 30 by Hall. The second wicket fell with the score at 47, followed by two good catches by Pingland, and the score remained at 47 for four. A good stand by the Grieve brothers took the score to 101 before one of them was caught. The Leys School continued to bat after the tea interval and steady batting took their score to 150 all out.

Bowling for Strathallan, Clark took five wickets for 21 and Hall took four for 60.

Strathallan again opened the innings shakily, but Law (12) showed improved form. Milne, Lowden and A. R. Pate batted steadily and the Strathallan innings closed with the score at 72 runs for nine wickets.

Result: The Leys School, 150; Strathallan, 72 for nine wickets.

Strathallan v. No. 157 R.A.M.C. Home.
3rd June.

Strathallan batted first with Clark and Law in good form. Law was, however, well bowled for three with the score at 20, and in the following over Clark (16) was also bowled. The next four batsmen did not settle down, but Lowden (25 not out), along with Fingland (10)—who batted steadily—put the score up to 74 for eight wickets before the tea interval.

Our visitors did not meet with much success at the start, and five wickets soon fell with 27 runs on the board. The next two batsmen, however, settled down to score 31 not out and 12, but with the score at 73 for seven and two runs to make in the last over, both fielders and batsmen were on their toes. Two good drives were smartly fielded and only a single was scored, leaving the score at 74 for seven wickets.

Hall, with six wickets for 23, was the only bowler who met with any success. The fielding showed great improvement over previous matches.

Result: Strathallan, 74 for eight wickets (declared); No. 157 R.A.M.C., 74 for seven wickets.

Strathallan v. R.A.F. (Scone). Home.
6th June.

The R.A.F. won the toss and batted first on a dry wicket. They started poorly and three wickets fell with 28 runs on the board. A stand of 42 runs, however, by the next pair put the score up to 70 for three. Two more wickets fell before tea, when the visitors declared with 101 for six.

The fielding was slow and the bowling again was poor. Hall claimed five for 41 and Clark one for 11.

Strathallan went in to bat after tea and disaster soon befell them. Clark was caught in the first over and Law left at three. A stand by A. R. Pate (27) and J. G. Bushe took the score to 33 for four, and then Pate was joined by Lowden (12) and the score mounted to 60. The remaining wickets fell with only eight runs being added.

Result: R.A.F., 101 for 6 wickets; Strathallan, 68.

Strathallan v. St. Andrews U.C.D. XI. Home. 14th June.

St. Andrews U.C.D. won the toss and put Strathallan in to bat. Law and J. G. Bushe gave the side a fair start, 44 being on the board before Law was caught for a well-played 27. Bushe was joined by E. S. Dawson and the scoring slowed up considerably. Bushe was bowled with the score at 61, and only half-an-hour remained before tea. The next five wickets fell for 25 runs simply because the batsmen did not pick out the right balls to hit. An eighth wicket stand by White (19 not out) and Milne (12 not out) added 35 runs in ten minutes, and the score remained 119 for eight wickets at the tea interval.

St. Andrews batted after tea, and 29 runs were soon hit up before Hendry claimed the first wicket. Wickets fell at regular intervals after this, and the visitors were dismissed for 102 runs.

Hendry bowled well and took three wickets for 17. Lowden showed improved form, taking four for 31. Hall took two for 28.

Strathallan v. No. 8 I.T.C. (The Black Watch). Home. 17th June.

Our second match of the season with the I.T.C. saw Strathallan with a full strength side.

Strathallan batted first and, with the exception of Law (19), the first four batsmen failed to score. Law was joined by Clark and together they put the score up to 44 before Law was caught. Steady batting by Clark (18), Lowden (27) and Hall (18) brought the score to 99, and the innings closed for 106 runs—the first century scored against the I.T.C. this season.

The I.T.C. batted after tea, and 18 was soon hit up before White brought off a good catch. In spite of accurate bowling and good fielding, the next pair set about their task by driving and cutting the Strathallan bowlers all over the place. The 100 was put up before Hall bowled Sergeant Lumsden for a thrilling 30. The Strathallan total was passed for the I.T.C.'s loss of two wickets, and Sergeant Saville carried out his bat for 53.

Result: Strathallan, 106; No. 8 I.T.C., 107 for two wickets.

Strathallan v. Bridge of Earn R.A.M.C. Home, 24th June.

The R.A.M.C. won the toss and put Strathallan in to bat. The first four wickets again fell for few runs, and with 24 runs on the board for the loss of five wickets the position was serious. Hall (16) and Lowden (40 not out) settled down and put the score up to 63 before Hall played on. Useful scores were added by A. R. Pate (10) and Milne (10), and the innings closed for 106.

Our visitors batted for twenty minutes before the tea interval, and four wickets had fallen for 22 runs by then. After tea the rot set in, and the side was dismissed for 36.

Hall claimed five for 19, Hendry three for 10, and Law one for 36.

As it was then late afternoon, Strathallan decided to put the R.A.M.C. in again. The same collapse followed, the score being 31 this time. Fingland, with four for 7, bowled well.

Result: Strathallan, 106; Bridge of Earn R.A.M.C., 36, 31.

J. H.

Team Criticism.

John Hall proved a very good captain and accomplished much with the material with which he had to work. He fostered the team spirit in the Eleven and was adept in manœuvring his field and calling in the services of his change bowlers. Unfortunately, his batting was not too successful, due, perhaps, to the responsibility resting on his shoulders as captain. His bowling was accurate, although nothing like as good as during the previous season. He obtained wickets, however, in each of the games.

G. S. Lowden did not bowl as well as was expected. He had no success as an opening bowler, but made a useful change. He batted well at the end of the season and could be relied upon to score.

W. W. Law improved as an opening bat as the season progressed, and should be an asset to the side next year. His fielding is of a high standard. 1st colours, 1944.

J. B. Clark. Opening with Law, he batted steadily throughout the season. He is a defensive batsman and seldom attacks the bowling. He bowls a good slow spin ball, but is very erratic when he bowls fast. Was poor in the field. 1st colours, 1944.

V. G. Milne played well behind the stumps considering it was his first season. He is a good left-handed batsman, but does not pick the right balls to hit. 1st colours, 1944.

J. G. Bushe has failed to justify expectations as a batsman. His main fault is not going out to a ball which is pitched well up. He is a useful medium-paced spin bowler, but is erratic with his length.

E. S. Dawson has a good defence, but should try to cultivate more scoring strokes. He is an extremely safe fielder, and should improve as a bowler.

A. R. Pate is a steady bat, and is strong on the off, although inclined to go back to a good length ball. He lacks enthusiasm in the field.

I. W. W. Fingland did not bat as well as was expected, due to impetuosity. He scored most of his runs with leg shots, but has a weak defence. He tried hard in the field and improved steadily.

I. W. M. Hendry was promoted from the 2nd XI half-way through the season. He filled the place of opening bowler fairly well, and although he is fast he is very erratic. He could be relied upon to obtain an early wicket. As a batsman he improved greatly and has a sound defence, but few scoring strokes.

H. F. Bushe has an excellent eye and has a very good off drive, but a poor defence. He was very slow in the field.

M. W. G. Whyte falls into the same category as Hendry. He bowls a good length, medium-paced ball, but should try to spin it more. He is a useful hitter when he gets his eye in.

J. A. McIntyre had a very successful innings in the first match of the season, but thereafter was unreliable. He is a powerful bat, but does not swing straight to the ball.

The 1st XI played 8, won 2, lost 4. 2 matches were drawn.

Batting Averages.

	Innings	No. times not out.	High- est Score.	Total Runs.	Average.	Centies.
J. Hall	8	2	18	57	9.8	2
G. S. Lowden	8	2	40	122	20.3	2
J. B. Clark	7	0	18	63	9	2
V. G. Milne	8	1	12	41	5.8	3
W. W. Law	8	0	27	74	9.25	3
J. G. Bushe	6	0	21	33	5.5	1
I. W. W. England	7	0	10	32	4.6	5
M. W. G. White	4	1	17	22	7.3	2
E. S. Dawson	8	1	27	44	6.3	3
A. R. Pate	8	2	27	57	9.5	1
I. W. M. Hendry	3	1	5	12	6	1

Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
J. Hall	92	15	254	28	10.5
G. S. Lowden	71	12	262	7	29.1
J. B. Clark	27	4	102	10	13.2
I. W. M. Hendry	35	11	84	15	7.7

Second Eleven.

The Second XI was rather hard hit owing to the lack of matches during the season. It did, however, have the honour of being the first Strathallan Second XI to beat a Leys School Second XI.

Strathallan v. George Heriot's. Home.

Strathallan won the toss and fielded first as the wicket was suitable for bowling. Strathallan bowlers took full advantage of this and put Heriot's all out for 70 runs (M. W. G. White seven wickets for 15 runs, E. S. Dawson two for 8 runs).

Strathallan's innings started off well, having made 51 runs at the fall of the fifth wicket. At this stage it looked as if victory was in sight, but the remaining wickets dwindled away for five runs, making the total score 56 runs for ten wickets (E. S. Dawson 27 runs, W. M. Duncan 8 runs).

Result: Strathallan 56 runs; George Heriot's, 70 runs.

Strathallan v. The Leys School. Away.

The Leys School batted first and found things pretty easy to start with, as the Strathallan bowlers could not adapt themselves to the fast concrete wicket. The first wicket fell at 33 runs and the remainder fell steadily throughout the innings, until they were dismissed for 84 runs (I. W. M. Hendry

eight wickets for 40 runs, G. T. Lamond one for 10 runs).

Strathallan then went in to bat, not feeling too confident as they had lost their vice-captain, E. S. Dawson. At the fall of the fifth wicket the score was only 22 runs, making Strathallan's chances look pretty thin, but A. M. Nicol (captain) and G. W. Pate changed the position to five wickets for 90 runs (G. W. Pate 41 runs not out, A. M. Nicol 36 runs not out).

Result: Strathallan, 90 runs for five wickets; The Leys School, 84 runs all out.

A. M. N.

House Cricket, 1944.

The House matches were, as usual, keenly contested, and the introduction of the junior competition gave rise to great enthusiasm.

The junior matches were won by Simpson, who made 67 in the final against Ruthven and dismissed their opponents for six runs.

The seniors were evenly contested, Simpson beating Nicol in the first round by two wickets. Ruthven comfortably beat a weak Freeland side by 81 runs. V. G. Milne (84) batted well for Ruthven in this game.

In the final game Ruthven batted first and opened badly, five wickets falling for 14, but Milne again saved the situation by scoring a very good 39. The rest of the side failed to score much, with the exception of W. A. S. Dryden (16). Bowling for Simpson, Lowden took six for 35, and J. G. Bushe—who bowled extremely well—took two for 8.

Simpson batted confidently at the start, and W. W. Law and J. G. Bushe took the score to 53 before Bushe was l.b.w. to A. M. Nicol for 31. Then matters took an obstinate turn and six more Simpson wickets fell for only six runs. Nicol and G. T. Lamond were bowling extremely well at this stage and it appeared to be a case of anybody's game. Law, who was still scoring slowly, was joined by J. A. McIntyre, who quickly hit up 15 for Simpson to win by three wickets.

J. H.

Next season it is hoped that Mr. H. B. Rowan will once more be able to bring up his famous XI for a fixture, sometime in June.

TENNIS.

With measles and other illnesses keeping the pond closed, tennis took a prominent place in the School activities this season. Weather conditions were extremely favourable, and the rain which fell helped greatly to improve the courts. The latter were in good condition, their only fault being the irregularity of the marking lines due to players not nailing them down again after tearing them up.

The two tennis tournaments, the Junior and Senior, were started fairly early in the term and were well contested. Some very close matches were played in the Senior tournament, notably J. Hall beating T. S. Ellis 6—5, and J. A. McIntyre beating V. G. Milne by the same margin. In the Junior tournament we did not see much good play until the semi-finals, when J. G. Sandeman beat A. R. Pate by 6—2 after a keenly contested match. The final of the Senior Tennis tournament between J. A. McIntyre and G. S. Lowden proved to be very even, and it was only after a hard match that the latter won, the score being 6—3, 6—4. The Junior final proved more one-sided, J. G. Sandeman beating D. L. Mason 6—0, 6—2.

The House Matches were played in two parts. The eliminating rounds took place on Saturday, 8th July, and the finals on Monday, 10th July. In the first round Nicol played Simpson, and Ruthven played Freeland. The matches between Nicol and Simpson were very keen, and it was only after a considerable struggle that Simpson were the victors. The circumstances were very similar in the contests between Ruthven and Freeland, but the latter were successful. In the finals, due to the steady play of J. D. Barr and J. G. Sandeman, Simpson won the House Tennis.

A team consisting of G. S. Lowden, T. S. Ellis, J. Hall, J. A. McIntyre, A. R. Pate, and I. W. M. Hendry went to Pitlochry to play The Leys School. Although Strathallan played well we were soundly beaten by 8 matches to one, mainly due to the superiority of our opponents at the net.

Next year the prospects for Tennis are bright, with J. G. Sandeman, A. R. Pate, and D. K. Common forming the nucleus of a team. The School will never, however,

have a good tennis team until the boys learn to deliver a harder and faster second service.

G. S. L.

SWIMMING.

Owing to an outbreak of chickenpox the pond had to be closed during part of last session. This handicapped those boys who were competing for badges, but the following boys are to be congratulated on obtaining their badges under the new conditions:—J. Anderson, D. A. Biggart, E. S. Dawson, T. S. Ellis, I. B. Ferguson, Wm. Jackson, I. P. Johnston, A. K. Morton, W. C. Taylor.

Scout Swimming badges have been obtained by J. Anderson, D. K. Common, T. S. Ellis, A. K. Findlay, B. M. Kedslie, D. F. Mackenzie, S. McLennan and D. N. Paterson.

The new Swimming captain is D. K. Common.

S. W. H.

Potted Thriller

A DEADLY silence fell. Every ear was strained to catch the sound of footsteps; every eye was strained to catch the first glimpse of comrades to warn them if danger lurked near. At last they came, staggering under the weight of their booty. As the leader stepped into the moon's light there came a warning hiss from a window above. Instantly he withdrew to the shadow, but it was a false alarm. Soon the all-clear was given and they advanced once more.

Suddenly something long and white slithered down from the window. Quickly the booty was made fast and, at a given signal, drawn up and pulled inside. The white snake-like thing was lowered again and with its aid the party rapidly scaled the wall. Once inside they halted to make sure their manoeuvres had not been observed. Only their breathing disturbed the stillness of the night—and the pounding of their hearts.

A click, a flash of steel in the moonlight, and the cords which bound the box were severed. The leader reverently placed the contents on the floor. Everyone gathered round. The Midnight Feast of Dormitory S had begun. J. R. M. P. (Class J1).

Old Boys' News

AMONG the awards for gallantry in Italy is that of the Military Cross to Lieut. David Fulton of Edinburgh, who showed great bravery on 25th August, 1944, when a mine blew up. His brother officer was killed, and Lieut. Fulton sustained the loss of his right leg. He is now in this country and we wish him a speedy return to health.

Another award is that of the D.F.C. to Fl./Lieut. Owen S. Milne of Montrose. Fl./Lieut. Milne was reported missing from an operational flight over Cologne during the last week of 1944. His commanding officer wrote to his father, however, informing him that five parachutes were seen to leave Fl./Lieut. Milne's Lancaster and it is hoped he may prove safe. The plane was seen on fire although it completed its bomb run in this condition. Fl./Lieut. Milne, who was in a Pathfinder Squadron, was captain of the Lancaster and had completed over fifty operations.

The D.S.C. has been awarded to Lieut. J. Miller McGregor, R.N.V.R., who has been in the Navy for the past four years. He took part in most of the operations in the Mediterranean up to the landing at Anzio, from which he returned to this country in time for the big assault on Normandy. It must have been hard work going backwards and forwards across the Channel. Among his passengers for the initial assault on Normandy was Captain Ian Turner of The Black Watch.

In the New Year's Honours List we were pleased to notice that Lieut./Col. Edward Hart, R.A.M.C., was awarded the M.B.E. Lieut./Col. Hart is attached to General Headquarters, Delhi, where he has been adviser in blood transfusion to the India Command for the past two years. In connection with this work he returned to Britain for a month last November, during which time he was stationed at the Blood Transfusion Headquarters in Bristol and London. Whilst at home he was able to pay a flying visit to his wife and two-years-old daughter. His brother, Mr. T. Mure Hart, who is a P.O.W. in Singapore, has been able to send broadcast messages through the British Red Cross, at Bantony, Simla. Mrs. T. M. Hart

and their two children are in Sydney, where they escaped from Singapore.

Captain Robert D. Taylor, R.A.M.C., of Glasgow, is also in a P.O.W. Camp in Singapore, and reassuring broadcasts have been received by his relatives.

In a letter from Sub-Lieut. Iain A. Headrick of Glasgow, he tells us that when his ship was in dock in a port in North Africa he had a pleasant encounter with Sub-Lieut. Thomas Blair of Girvan. The latter is captain of an M.L. and, we understand, is on his way home to enjoy a long overdue leave. We offer him our best wishes on the occasion of his marriage.

We also congratulate the following Old Strathallians on their marriages:—Captain W. B. Anderson of Carlisle; Mr. R. Ingram Brown of Glasgow; Lieut. T. J. Dodd of Mobile, U.S.A.; Surg./Lieut. Hugh A. Fleming of Nairobi; Fl./Lieut. A. C. Fraser of Newport, Fife; Captain A. W. Harrington of Glasgow; Sub-Lieut. V. S. Lowden of Dundee; and Mr. I. P. Murray of Invergowrie.

Major Alan J. G. Brown of Ceres, Fife, acted as groomsmen at the wedding of Fl./Lieut. A. C. Fraser.

Among the medical pass lists at Glasgow University we are pleased to note the following have gained the M.B., Ch.B. degree:—A. M. Gordon, F. R. Hood, D. C. Jackson, J. L. Steven and C. M. Turner. Dr. A. M. Gordon is a resident surgeon in the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow; Dr. F. R. Hood is a resident surgeon at a hospital in the North of England; Dr. D. C. Jackson is in general practice in Wishaw; Dr. C. M. Turner is a house surgeon in Killearn E. M. S. Hospital.

Dr. Kilpatrick Jack of Glasgow was awarded a "Blue" for rugby last season at Glasgow University.

We are pleased to note that Dr. R. R. B. Gjertsen of Leven has passed the final M.B., Ch.B. examinations at Edinburgh University.

Dr. Horace N. Thomson of Elgin has also completed his finals in medicine at Aberdeen University.

Captain A. James McGregor, R.A., of Greenock, has been in Italy for over a year

as British Officer (Liason) with an American Fighter Group. As the sole representative of his country we can appreciate he would be in for a lot of leg-pulling. Prior to sustaining a slight gunshot wound at Gazala, he saw service in India, Iraq and Syria. He also took part in the fighting at Alamein. His address is c/o 7/9 Army Air Support Control, H.Q. No. 5 Army, C.M.F., and he would be very happy to meet any Old Strathallians who may be able to get in touch with him.

We had a letter from Major L. M. Fraser, R.A., 276/66 L.A.A. Regiment, C.M.F., asking for news of any Old Strathallians who were at school with him. Major Fraser was at Strathallan in the early days at Forgandenny and was a member of the rugby and cricket teams of 1925/26. A contemporary of Major Fraser is Lt. W. Duguid Morrison, who will also be remembered by the Old Boys of 1925 days. He has been in South Africa for many years and is now with the King's African Rifles in the East Africa Command.

Another correspondent is L.A.C. A. H. Ross of Glasgow, who will be remembered as the recipient of large consignments of ice-cream which at one time were a weekly delivery at Forgandenny Station. He is stationed at No. 1 M.T. Base Depot, North Africa.

We offer our congratulations to Lt. Jeffrey T. Keighley on his engagement to Miss Winifred North of Morecambe.

When Lieut. L. Stuart Scott arrived at his depot in Aldershot last September, the first people he met were Lt. Donald McColl and Lt. T. Eric Donaldson. His instructor was Captain A. W. Harrington, who had just returned from the Middle East. We understand that when serving overseas Captain Harrington had the pleasure of meeting Major W. B. McKenna, R.A.M.C., who has been stationed in various parts of the Middle East. Others who have come across Major McKenna are Messrs. Neil Gillanders, Gilmour Leburn and "Sunny" Dunlop.

Major W. O. G. Taylor, R.A.M.C., sent an airgraph from Kenya telling us that he often sees Surg./Lieut. Hugh A. Fleming, who is stationed near his base in Nairobi.

Sgt. Hugh Cowper is back in Australia after serving with the Australian Artillery in the Middle East. He is the father of a young daughter.

We congratulate Mr. G. M. Dobson of Lauder on being the proud father of a son.

On a recent visit to Forgandenny, Sub-Lieut. J. A. Ross McIntyre of Broughty Ferry told us that while training in Trinidad he spent many happy hours off duty with Sub-Lieut. (A) Jimmy Smith of Glasgow, who is an instructor at the base on the Island. Together they were frequent and welcome visitors at the homes of Colonel and Mrs. Wilson, Four Roads, Diego Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Fraser of Trinidad. Colonel and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of P./Officer George Wilson and the late P./Officer John D. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser are the parents of the late Pilot Officer A. D. Fraser.

An occasional visitor to Strathallan these days is Dr. J. Pyfe Waterston, who is on the medical staff at a military hospital in the neighbourhood.

Sgt./Pilot C. Mitchell Thomson is now stationed in the South of England after his period of training in Canada. His brother Nigel is in West Africa.

Mr. Douglas Patterson of Aberdeen has also returned to this country on completion of his R.A.F. training in Canada.

We notice that Mr. John Hall of Glasgow, who left school last July, is playing for Cambridge Varsity XV. In the vital position of stand-off he played a good game in the Inter-Varsity match with Oxford, and his play was the subject of many favourable comments in the press. Another name appearing in the rugby columns is that of Mr. Ian N. Stubbs, who has been playing for Selwyn College.

Mr. Bryan H. George of Glasgow, who took his B.A. at Cambridge, is now with Westinghouse Brake & Signal Company, Limited, in the Brake Development Section, London staff.

Major T. M. Ferguson, O.B.E., spent a short holiday at Stirling during the summer of 1944.

We extend our best wishes for a complete recovery to Mr. John Wallace, who has been in hospital in Johannesburg for quite a lengthy period.

Fl./Lieut. George W. Balfour is in India, as a surgeon in the R.A.F.

We hope to have a visit from Cpl. Ivor Pritchard, a member of our teaching staff, who is stationed near Glasgow. Cpl. Pritchard joined up in 1941 and is in the P.T. Section of the R.A.F. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating him on his marriage. Two other masters who have joined the benedicts since their call-up are Captain J. R. Burn and P./Officer R. H. Leithhead, and we also offer them our best wishes.

Mr. Ronald S. Barrie of Dundee, who left Strathallan in 1941, is serving as a Radio Officer aboard a Dutch freighter and has made a number of trips across the Atlantic.

Sub-Lieut. E. V. Mackay is serving on a destroyer, and his brother, Major A. A. Mackay, is stationed in Ceylon.

A large number of Old Strathallians in the R.A.F. have done part of their training in

the United States, and in a letter from Sub-Lieut. J. D. Wright we read that as he was leaving Detroit for Pensacola he met A/LA Ninian Sanderson, who had just arrived at the base. He also met Sub-Lieut. F. A. Edmonds at Pensacola. P./Officer J. B. Milne trained at Phoenix, Arizona, where the wing commander was J. F. McKenna, A.F.C. All the trainees appear to enjoy the social life as well as the duty side, and we hear a lot of gen about American hospitality and U.S.O. activities.

The Headmaster wishes to acknowledge the many greeting cards which he received from Old Strathallians at Christmas, and sends them his very best wishes.

Among the "things to do when I return"—judging from the bulk of the letters received from Old Boys—a visit to the old School takes a top place, and we earnestly hope that this will be possible before another year is past.

Roll of Honour

"These died that we may live."

ANDERSON, Peter Gordon, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 BARRIE, James W., Private, Gordon Highlanders.
 BELL, John A., Lieut. Highland Light Infantry.
 BRYCE, Archibald Monro, Lieut. 15 19 King's Royal Hussars.
 CRAIG, James Wilson, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 DON, Charles, Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.A.
 FORREST, John Gordon Scott, Lieut. R.N.V.R.A.
 FRASER, Alexander Dalgety, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 FULTON, John Wilson, Lieut. 2nd Lothian and Border Yeomanry.
 GRAHAM, Henry R. Balfour, Private 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
 IRONS, David Murray, Captain 6th Black Watch.
 KIRKLAND, David, R.A.F.V.R.
 LEBURN, George Watt, Lieut., Royal Engineers.
 LUKE, Ronald Vivian, Captain, Royal Artillery.

MeBRIDE, James McAllister, Flight Lieut. R.A.F.V.R.
 MACKAY, Edward Bruce, Lieut. R.N.V.R.
 McCOLL, Robert Smith, 2nd Lieut. 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry.
 McDONALD, Ian Leslie, Sergeant/Pilot, R.A.F.V.R.
 McLACHLAN, William Allison, Lieut. R.N.V.R.
 MELVILLE, Andrew Macdougall, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 MITCHELL, John, R.A.F.V.R.
 MITCHELL, Matthew, Captain.
 MOODIE, Arthur M. L., Cpl., A.L.F.
 PAUL, R. Lamont, Paymaster Lieut. R.N.V.R.
 ROBERTSON, Weston James, Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 SMITH, Norman J. W., Merchant Navy.
 THOMSON, Derek, R.A.F.V.R.
 WALDIE, W. J., Lieut. Royal Seaforth Highlanders
 WHITE, S. K., Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 WILLS, William, Major, R.S.F.
 WILSON, Ian A. D., Lieut. R.N.V.R.
 WILSON, John Dalton, Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 WOOD, David, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

Missing.

HARKNESS, John Furness, Sergeant,
R.A.F.V.R.

HUNTER, William Richard, Lieut. Indian
Army.

MACNAUGHTON, Douglas Henry, Pilot
Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

ORR, J. Ronald, Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R.

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BARRIE, James W., Private, Gordon
Highlanders.

Died 12th June, 1943, P.O.W. Camp,
Malay.

James, whose home was at Vaynes Park,
Breechin, Angus, came to Strathallan in
1926. He was a frequent visitor to his old
school, was an enthusiastic member of the
Old Boys' Club, and took part in all its
functions.

He enlisted in the London Scottish in
April, 1941, and after five months' training
was drafted into the Gordon Highlanders for
service overseas. He landed in Singapore a
week before Japan entered the war, and was
taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore. The
first news his mother received was in Sep-
tember, 1943, reporting his death in a
P.O.W. Camp. We extend our very deep
sympathy to his relatives in their sad loss.

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BELL, John A., Lieut. H.L.I.

Died of wounds, July, 1944.

John, the younger of the two brothers
Bell, of Denbrae, Cupar, Fife, was a great
favourite with everyone whilst at School.
He had real character and ability, two traits
which were evident both on the rugby field
and in his studies. His prowess in mathe-
matics was of a high order, and served him
in good stead in his profession of account-
ancy. Prior to joining up he was with
Messrs. Barton, Mayhew & Company, C.A.,
London. John died of wounds received in
the Normandy campaign, and to his bereaved
family we extend our very sincere sympathy.

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BRYCE, Archibald Monro, Lieut. 15/19
King's Royal Hussars.

Killed in action, September, 1944.

It is with deep regret that we have to
intimate the death of Archie Bryce of
Kirkealdy. Archie was the younger of the
two brothers Bryce, who were great
favourites at Strathallan. Archie was a

member of the Old Boys' Club, and
attended most of its functions. He saw
service in the forces with the 15/19 King's
Royal Hussars in North West Europe. We
extend our very sincere sympathy to his
widow, and to his mother and brother.

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FRASER, Alexander Dalgety, Pilot Officer,
R.A.F.V.R.

Killed 27th May, 1944.

Sandy, who came from Trinidad, was a
prefect during his last session at School. In
this capacity he took a leading part in all
the school activities, and was much liked and
respected by all who came in contact with
him. In July, 1940, being too young to
volunteer, he returned to his home in Port
of Spain for a year, and on reaching his
eighteenth birthday, joined the Trinidad
Squadron of the R.A.F. During his pre-
liminary training in this country, he paid a
short visit to Strathallan, just the same
frank, manly boy, who had left us some
twenty months previously. After the com-
pletion of his training, he took part in
operations over France, flying a Mustang
for nearly a year. Then on May 27th, 1944,
he went up for a practice flight from his
'drome in the South of England, and at 1500
feet, when preparing to land, collided with
another plane in mid-air. One of the wings
was cut off, and the plane dropped like a
stone. Sandy was killed instantaneously.
He is buried at Forfar. To his sorrowing
parents in Trinidad, and to his relatives at
home we extend our sincere sympathy.

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FULTON, John Wilson, Lieut. 2nd Lothians
and Border Yeomanry.

Died of wounds 20th June, 1944.

At School John Wilson and his twin
brother David were great friends with every-
one who knew them. John was an active
member of the 1st Rugby XV., where he
established himself as a fly forward, and also
of the 1st Cricket XI., in which his capa-
bilities as a left-hand spin bowler were a
menace to opposing teams. With the
intention of taking up accountancy as his
career, John was the first Strathallian to
pass the first part of the Intermediate
Accountants Examination at School, when
the Chartered Accountants' Institute per-
mitted this to be taken prior to apprentice-
ship. Joining the mechanised forces, he

obtained his commission and was drafted to Italy. On 20th June, 1944, his tank received a direct hit from an anti-tank gun, killing the driver and severely injuring John in the shoulder and also in the leg. In spite of his injuries, John went on to check up on the crew of a German tank who were believed to be dead, but the enemy took him prisoner, removed him to a dressing station, gave him morphine and did everything possible to ease his suffering. The German dressing station was subsequently captured by our men, and one of the German officers taken prisoner said that John showed great bravery, joking and laughing until he became unconscious, and died through loss of blood. John had previously distinguished himself, and the brigadier had taken his name for an act of bravery. We would like to convey our very sincere sympathy to his parents and to his brother David.

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GRAHAM, Henry R. Balfour, Private, 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Killed in action 2nd September, 1944.

We remember Henry as a lovable and friendly boy with high ideals. He left Strathallan in 1941, and the news of his death spread a gloom over the School for many of the present pupils have happy memories of him. Henry was the son of a gallant officer, who died of wounds received in the 1914-18 war, and as soon as Henry reached military age he volunteered for service. He was with the 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Northern Italy. The regiment had been fighting among the hills for a long time in a series of battles of great difficulty. In one such battle they encountered much stiffer opposition than was expected, but, in spite of this, they pushed bravely forward, and Henry's section made its way to within a few yards of the enemy. No one knows precisely what happened, because all five men in the section were killed and were found lying together. We mourn his loss, and to his mother we would offer our heart-felt sympathy.

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HARKNESS, John Furness, Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R.

Missing from operations, 17th August, 1943.

Originally it was John's intention to follow

his father's career as a medical officer of health, but the call of the Royal Air Force was too strong for him, and in this connection his contemporaries will recall his ardent enthusiasm for flying. He qualified for university entrance in 1940, and shortly afterwards volunteered for air-crew duties. Unfortunately we saw nothing of John at Strathallan during his R.A.F. career, since he was stationed in the South of England, and his leaves were too short to allow of his travelling so far North. He was with his commanding officer in the raid on Peenemunde, the German radio-location station, on 17th August, 1943, and was reported missing. In view of the time which has elapsed since that date, and as all efforts to trace him have been unsuccessful, it is now presumed that he lost his life during the raid on Peenemunde. To Dr. and Mrs. Harkness we extend our deepest sympathy.

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IRONS, David Murray, Captain, 6th Black Watch.

Killed July, 1944.

David Irons, of Forfar, will be remembered with affection and pride by Strathallians of the years 1930-36. He was a playing member of the 1st Rugby XV, and the 1st Cricket XI. On leaving School, he took up banking as a career with the Royal Bank of Scotland in Forfar. He was called up in July, 1939, and joined The Black Watch at Perth. After serving in the ranks he went to OCTU, and was commissioned in The Black Watch. With his regiment he served in France in 1940, and came through the Dunkirk Retreat, after which he went out to North Africa with the First Army and was wounded in Tunisia. After North Africa he took part in the Italian campaign with the Fifth Army, and was killed in July, 1944, when commanding his Company. His Commanding Officer wrote of him, "a gallant little gentleman and a brave soldier," and we understand David's name was put up for a decoration. To his sorrowing parents we extend our deep sympathy.

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LEBURN, George Watt, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers.

Killed August, 1944.

"Watty" was the younger of the two Leburn brothers from Gateside, Fife, and was at Strathallan from 1931 to 1938. His

cheery and happy disposition made him a great favourite with all. He was a "trier" in everything he undertook, and this trait in his character brought him success both on the games field and in the academical world. After obtaining his Leaving School Certificate, he went to Glasgow University to study for his B.Sc. in Engineering. Having secured his degree he joined the Army, and in a short time qualified for his commission in the Royal Engineers. He took part in the Normandy offensive, in which he lost his life in August, 1944. We mourn his loss, and extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Leburn and family.

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McBRIDE, James McAllister, Flight-Lieutenant R.A.F.V.R.

Killed 17th December, 1943.

Jim, the younger of the two brothers McBride, of Port of Spain, Trinidad, was captain of the School in the session 1936-37, and was held in high esteem by his contemporaries. His career at Cambridge was interrupted by the war when he volunteered for the R.A.F. After serving for four years in bombers and in Mosquito night fighters, he was killed in a flying accident on 17th December, 1943, whilst on a special mission. Jim is the second Strathallian Captain to make the supreme sacrifice. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his parents and to his brother Ian, in Trinidad.

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McCOLL, Robert Smith, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry.

Killed 31st October, 1944.

We have pleasant recollections of "Bunny" McColl. He was at Strathallan from 1934 to 1940, and during that time endeared himself to both staff and boys. Joining up in December, 1941, he was for a time in the 1st Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, prior to going to Sandhurst. After obtaining his commission, he was posted to the 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry, and was with them until the end. He lost his life in a very gallant exploit with the B.L.A. in North West Europe, and in a letter to his parents, his commanding officer wrote: "His brave action had an overwhelming effect on the remainder of the operation, since it destroyed the Germans' only rear guard and forced them to blow up a bridge

leaving 400 prisoners in our hands and a great deal of material. Needless to say, we are all miserable—I particularly—since Bob was the best Troop Leader I had ever had, apart from his being a charming companion. Very many of his soldiers have come to me and asked me to tell you how sorry they are."

We mourn his loss and extend our deepest sympathy to his father, mother and sister.

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MITCHELL, John, R.A.F.V.R.

Died 4th May, 1944.

Strathallians of the years 1934-37 will remember John Mitchell of Darvel with great affection. He took up everything—both work and play—with enthusiasm and a steady, reliable persistency which always won through. During his last Summer term at Strathallan he became one of our most successful bowlers for the 1st XI., his medium spin balls always having the opposing batsman in difficulties. Abandoning his career to volunteer for air-crew duties with the R.A.F., he spent some time operating from exposed bases in Iceland. This work severely overtaxed his physical strength, and, after a long illness, John died in the Central Hospital, Irvine, on 4th May, 1944. We extend our sympathy to his bereaved father.

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ROBERTSON, Weston James, Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

Died on active service, March 26th, 1942.

(This appreciation appeared in The Oban Times).

Young Weston Robertson was a most likeable, loyal and promising young man among his contemporaries in civil life, and these qualities were exhibited in a marked degree in his service career. He was a skilful and fearless airman, as can be gathered from the testimony of his Squadron Leader, who had been associated with him in flying for the past two years, and who writes:—"To myself and to the Squadron his loss is a very big one. When there was a particularly hard operation in hand he never flinched, but with a smile and a joke carried on. I can sincerely say that his cool courage and determination in operations, and his general outlook always set an inspiring example to the whole Squadron."

Strathallians at School in the years 1922 to 1926 will endorse this tribute, since Weston Robertson was loved by all.

We offer our deep sympathy to his relatives.

WALDIE, W. J., Lieutenant, Royal Seaforth Highlanders.

One of the two brothers Waldie, of Ceres. Fife, Jim had an active disposition, and as a boy at school was a leading figure on the games field. Taken prisoner in June, 1942, he was in an Italian prison camp when the armistice with Italy was declared. Germans took over, and began transferring the prisoners further north, but by then Jim and his fellow officers had their escape plans perfected. They hid themselves for two days in a tunnel, but bad air forced them to come to the surface after it was dark on the second night. Germans still manned the camp, but, procuring a ladder, the men sealed the wall despite the vigilance of the guard, and made good their escape. Eight months later Jim was engaged in the Normandy landings, and was reported killed. To Mrs. Waldie and to his father and brother we extend our very deep sympathy.

WILLS, William, Major, R.S.F.

Killed July, 1944.

William Wills, of Ayr, was at Strathallan from 1925 to 1929, and was a favourite with everyone. In his studies he acquired a genuine interest in the language, literature, and mode of life of countries in Europe, chiefly France and Germany, an interest enhanced when his schooldays were over by travel abroad and sojourns in youth hostels during his vacations. With his extensive knowledge of foreign countries it was no surprise that when Polish soldiers came to a village in the neighbourhood of the School in the dark days of 1940, Major Wills—at that time holding the rank of captain—was appointed Liaison Officer. Whilst serving in this capacity he paid more than one visit to his old school. Promotion to the rank of Major soon followed, but after a comparatively brief spell on the Continent we were grieved to learn that his gallant services had cost him his life.

To his widow and to his parents we offer our very deep sympathy in their sad loss.

BIRTHS.

GRANT.—In India, on 24th June, 1943, to Captain and Mrs. Kenneth F. Grant, a son (Kenneth Douglas George).

MARRIAGES.

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ANDERSON—PERKINS.—On 21st September, 1944, William Anderson (Captain, The Border Regiment), younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Anderson, St. Brelade's, Scotby, Carlisle, to Margaret Mary Perkins (A.T.S.), younger daughter of Mr. R. P. Perkins, Prestatyn, North Wales, and the late Mrs. Perkins.

BLAIR—MOREAU.—At Dakar (West Africa), on 3rd June, 1944, Thomas Blair (Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Blair, Allerton, Springhill Road, Barrhead, to Nearie Jeannine, elder daughter of Monsieur et Madame Moreau, Dakar.

BROWN—NICOLL.—At Glasgow University Memorial Chapel, on 17th March, 1944, by the Rev. J. Ernest James, B.D., Robert Ingram Brown, eldest son of the late James Ruthven Brown and of Mrs. Brown, 59 Aytoun Road, Pollockshields, Glasgow, to Margaret Gardiner (Margie), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Nicoll, 3 Bower Street, Hillhead, Glasgow.

DODD—FOWLKES.—At Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A., on 28th January, 1944, Thomas James Dodd (Lieut., Army of the United States), only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Dodd, Mobile, to Miriam Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Edward Fowlkes, Mobile.

FRASER—PHILLIPS.—At 3 Panmure Terrace, Dundee, on 21st January, 1944, Alistair Clark Fraser (F. Lt., R.A.F.), son of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Fraser, Norwood, Newport, to Elizabeth Dickson Phillips, S.R.N., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Phillips, 3 Panmure Terrace, Dundee.

GRANT—LYONS.—In India, on 24th June, 1942, Kenneth F. Grant (Captain, Seaforth Highlanders), to Una, daughter of Lt.-Colonel G. W. Lyons, R.I.A.S.C.

HARRINGTON—CLARKE.—At Taunton Parish Church, on 10th February, 1944, A. Wilson Harrington (Captain, R.A.M.C.), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harrington, 3 Park Circus, Glasgow, to Joyce Anne, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Clarke, Sidmouth, Devon.

LOWDEN—BOND.—At Maryfield Parish Church, Dundee, on 11th December, 1944, by the Rev. Robert A. Robertson, M.A., Victor Soutar Lowden (Sub-Lieutenant (A), R.N.V.R.), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lowden, Bangkok, and of 3 Clepington Road, Dundee, to Helen Richmond Hunter Bond, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bond, 51 Forfar Road, Dundee.

MURRAY—WALKER.—At St. John's Cross Church, Dundee, on 20th July, 1944, by the Rev. John Welsh, assisted by the Rev. John E. Hatch, Ian Pulsford Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Murray, Taybank, Invergowrie, Perthshire, to Ivy Constance, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walker, Auchterhouse, Angus.

List of Members—continued

No.	Dates of attendance at Strathallan.		No.	Dates of attendance at Strathallan.	
197.	1934/37	Donaldson, J. T., The Knowe, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.	305.	1941/44	Hall, John, 5 Wilmot Road, Glasgow, W.3.
216.	1936/38	Donaldson, T. E., The Knowe, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.	132.	1929/34	Hamilton, Hugh B., jr., P.O. Box 664, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.
158.	1931/35	Dow, Alastair, Ruberslaw, Elphinstone Rd., Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.	283.	1934/37	Hargrove, Donald, 42 Seafield Rd., Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
<p>n his character brought him success' both on the games-field and in the academical world. After obtaining his Leaving School Certificate</p>			282.	1933/35	Hargrove, Ian, 42 Seafield Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
120.	1929/34	Drummond, John, Major's Loan, Falkirk.	182.	1927/32	Harley, E. C., 1 Hillpark Terrace, Wormit, Fife.
69.	1928/31	Dunlop, Q., Greenan, Ayr.	44.	1925/28	Hart, E., 115 St. Andrew's Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow.
139.	1929/34	Dunlop, R. W., Greenan, Ayr.	159.	1931/35	Hay, Drummond, Glenearn, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire.
151.	1930/35	Dunlop, Wm. A. M., Greenan Farm, Ayr.	19.	1920/23	Hays, D., c/o Dunlop Rubber Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
142.	1924/27	Easterbrook, A. A. F., Arnprior, Gorebridge, Midlothian.	301.	1940/43	Headrick, Alastair S., 48 Corroun Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.
320.	1940/44	Esslemont, G. Birnie, 3 Kingshill Avenue, Aberdeen.	267.	1939/42	Headrick, Iain A., 48 Corroun Rd., Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.
286.	1938/43	Ferguson, Wm. R., Morsgail, Kilmacollm.	55.	1926/30	Henderson, I. D., 6 Newton Place, Charing Cross, Glasgow.
185.		Ferguson, S. S., c/o Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Jamshed Katrak Chambers, Machi Miani, Karachi, India.	210.	1920/22	Hepburn, J. Harley, Coniston, Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy.
61.	1916/17	Ferguson, T., Port Commission, Rangoon.	62.	1920/25	Hird, Walter J., c/o Fabrica Argentina de Alpargatas, Patricios 1053, Buenos Aires.
153.	1929/35	Fergusson, George, Alexandra House, Kirkcaldy.	121.	1927/29	Holmes, John, jr., Drumharrow, Luncarty, Perth.
48.	1926/30	Fraser, S. (Deceased).	247.	1933/39	Hood, D. Ruthven, 28 Prestwick Road, Ayr.
177.	1933/36	Forbes, A. G., 12 Lyndhurst Gardens, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.	154.	1932/35	Hood, W. R., 18 Portland Road, Kilmarnock.
176.	1932/36	Forrest, John G. S. (Deceased).	196.	1932/37	Houston, Dr. R. A., 8 Mansionhouse Road, North Mount Vernon, Glasgow.
60.	1917/19	Forrest, J. H., c/o Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, Beaver Hall Buildings, Montreal.	71.	1927/31	Howie, A., Craigelea, Kilmacollm.
179.	1922/24	Fraser, Alex., jun., Priorybank, W. Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy.	165.	1921/24	Huie, J. C., c/o Messrs. Hewat, Bridson & Newby, P.O.B. 71, Alexandria, Egypt.
181.	1925/27	Fraser, Henry, Priorybank, W. Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy.	46.	1929/30	Hunter, D., 34 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.
180.	1922/25	Fraser, R. Ritchie, 8 Bennochly Avenue, Kirkcaldy.	168.	1933/36	Innes, R. A., 47 Hamilton Drive, Hillhead, Glasgow, W.2.
195.	1932/37	Fulton, D., 15 Douglas Avenue, Burnside.	163.	1930/36	Irons, David M. (Deceased).
117.	1920/24	Galloway, Leonard, 15 Nairn Street, Dundee.	36.	1922/26	Irvine, T., 16 Windsor Avenue, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire.
115.	1920/24	Galloway, Wilfred, 9 Binsted Avenue, Dundee.	246.	1932/39	Jack, Dr. Kilpatrick, 51 Woodend Drive, Jordanhill, Glasgow, W.3.
106.	1929/33	Gardner, D. S., 86 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock.	250.	1934/39	Jackson, D. Clive, 77 Eastwoodmains Road, Clarkston, Glasgow.
317.	1941/44	Gardner, J. D. S., Stonelaws, East Linton, East Lothian.	294.	1940/43	Jeffrey, W. R. H., 92 Brownside Road, Cambuslang.
253.	1934/40	Geddes, Ian C., 143 Market Street, St. Andrews, Fife.	73.	1926/31	Johnston, J. T., 47 Carlaverock Road, Newlands, Glasgow.
257.	1937/41	George, Bryan H., 14 Craignethan Road, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.	174.	1930/36	Johnston, R. S., 1 St. Vincent St., Edinburgh.
204.	1935/37	Gjertsen, Dr. R. R. B., Craigholm, Leven, Fife.	312.	1940/44	Kedslie, Bertie M., 127 Ormonde Avenue, Muired, Glasgow, S.4.
270.	1937/41	Glen, J. Douglas, 3 Hamilton Avenue, Glasgow, S.1.	255.	1936/41	Keighley, J. T., Woodville, Colston Drive, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow.
264.	1937/41	Goodbrand, Edward H., 7 Rubislaw Den North, Aberdeen.	288.	1940/43	Kingan, Ian J., "Ashcroft," New Abbey, Dumfries.
166.	1925/30	Grant, F. W., Montague House, Marshfield, Chippenham, Wilts.	167.	1930/34	Kirkland, Robert, Aldersyde, Ayr.
233.	1927/29	Grant, G. Mitchell, Rose Cottage, Leven, Fife.	152.	1924/27	Lambie, W. A. C., 241 Nithsdale Rd., Pollokshields, Glasgow.
228.	1937/38	Grant, Wm. J. M., 3 Balmuildy Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow.	242.	1928/32	Lang, T. M. O., Rasagalla, Balangoda, Ceylon.
149.	1930/35	Gray, A. G. R., 88 Picton Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad.	41.	1925/29	Lauderdale, L. C., 19 Thorncliffe Road, Norwood Green, Southall, Middlesex.
272.	1933/42	Gregory, R. Wylie, 3 Mulberry Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.	156.	1928/33	Lawson, Ian K., 1 Argyle Street, Dundee.
299.		Guild, William, 63 Kilbowie Road, Clydebank.	214.	1931/38	Leburn, G. W. (Deceased).
258.	1936/41	Haddow, S. A. Haig, Craigend of Capelrig, Newton Mearns.	67.	1924/31	Leburn, W. G., Edenshead, Gate-side, Fife.
			136.	1925/28	Ledingham, J. N., Fairfield, Kilmacollm.