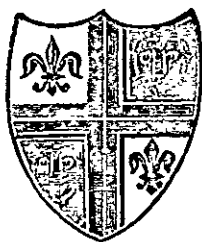


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Editorial.

SOME interesting School developments are recorded in this number of the Magazine, the most important of which is the formation of a Cadet Corps. The movement has been taken up with great enthusiasm by both parents and boys, and we are proud to think that we are now in a position to give a military training to some of those who, in the near future, may be called upon to serve their King and Country. We first of all applied to the War Office for recognition as an O.T.C., but we were officially informed that the military authorities have decided to form no more O.T.C.'s, but to attach School Cadet Corps to the local Territorial Associations. We have now become so recognised, and our uniforms are on order; but while the War is on we shall probably find it difficult to obtain a supply of modern rifles and bayonets. Mr. Ramshaw has been granted a Commission, and is our O.C., and our grateful thanks are due to him for the enormous amount of work he has already done on behalf of the Corps.

Another very pleasing feature is the establishment of a School Museum. Details of the many generous gifts are recorded on another page, and it only remains for us to offer our very hearty thanks to Mr. W. J. Mason and the other kind friends who have given the Museum such a splendid start.

We regret very much that, owing to the weather and the sodden state of the ground, it was impossible to hold the usual Football Scratch Sixes last term.

School News.

NEW BOYS.

C. W. Allen	F. V. Osborne	A. T. Rowbotham
S. L. Ball	T. D. Osborne	M. W. Wilson
G. G. Burnell	B. F. E. Rowbotham	E. F. H. Young
R. E. Dexter		

VALETE.

W. C. DUFFETT. Form V. Entered May, 1913. Camb. Prelim. Locals, July, 1913.

J. W. GAUNTLETT. Form IV. Entered September, 1913. Football XI., 1914.

G. PARSONS. Form V. Entered Sept., 1910. Camb. Prelim Locals, July, 1913.

J. SEYMOUR. Form VI. Entered Sept., 1911. Camb. Prelim. Locals, July, 1913. Camb. Junior Locals, July, 1914.

C. P. WOOKBY. Form VI. Entered Jan., 1913. Camb. Prelim. Locals, July, 1913. Camb. Junior Locals, July, 1914.

C. J. TROWBRIDGE (omitted from last term's list). Form VI. Entered May, 1910. Camb. Prelim. Locals (2nd Class Honours), July, 1913. Camb. Junior Locals, July, 1914.

PREFECTS.

D. T. Sutton (Head Prefect), V. C. Prince, J. H. Wescott, R. G. Innocent, C. Jesse, G. Hemingway.

HEAD BOYS.

H. B. D. Weare, J. M. Fuller, E. D. Drew.

EXAMINATION SUCCESS.

J. H. Edwards has succeeded in the competitive examination for the position of Clerk to Surveyor of Taxes. He was placed 150th out of over 300 successful candidates.

CRICKET.

The following old colours remain from last season: G. Hemingway (captain), V. C. Prince, D. T. Sutton and D. C. Taylor. There are several promising players to fill the vacancies, and we look like having a team above

the average. The usual Inter-School matches have been arranged, but no Club matches will be possible this year owing to the War.

GAMES FUND.

We have to thank the following kind friends for their generous contribution to our Games Fund: C. F. Ellerton, Esq., £1; Mrs. Carpenter, 10/6; Mrs. Hastings, 7/6.

Football.

School v. "C" Battery, R. F. A., home, Saturday, January 30th, Lost 1-11.—The particular Battery we played was the "crack" team of the Brigade billeted at Shaftesbury during the winter. Unfortunately, School was much weakened through the absence of Dr. Tovey; still, we gave the soldiers quite a good game notwithstanding the score. The ground was very slippery—sunshine after a sharp frost—and consequently good combination was greatly lacking. School started well and held its opponents for some time, but eventually they were overborne by weight and speed, though it was a game fight to the end. Bowley and Senior were the most conspicuous players for School, and the latter became quite the idol of the spectators. Prince worked hard, and Spry, in goal, occasionally did some good things.

School Sports.

THE School Sports were originally fixed for Monday, March 22nd, but we have seemed fated in recent years to pick unlucky days, and we had to postpone them to Wednesday, March 24th. Fortunately, on this occasion, the weather was all that could be desired, although the track was on the heavy side. V. C. Prince, for the second year in succession, was Champion Athlete with 48 points; he won the Hundred, Quarter, Half, Steeplechase and Long Jump, and was second in the Mile and Cricket Ball. In the Quarter (57 4-5th secs.) and Long Jump (18ft. 8½ins.) he beat School records, and in the latter event jumped 18ft. 10½ins. in the Public Schools' Sports at Stamford Bridge, and secured second place. Prince is an athlete of great promise, and if he is able to keep up his running after he leaves School he

should develop into a fine sprinter. R. H. Baker came second in the Championship competition with 36 points; he won the Hurdles and Cricket Ball, and was second in both Jumps, the Hundred, and the Steeplechase. His best performance consisted in beating Prince in the Cricket Ball, and thereby avenging last year's defeat. It is worthy of note, too, that he obtained championship marks in every event but one, a very creditable performance. H. B. Spry won the Mile easily, and was capable of considerably better time, and R. G. Innocent, who won the High Jump, will do better another year.

In the Junior events J. W. Miles proved himself an easy "Under 14" Championship winner. He was first in the two Jumps, the Hurdles, the Cricket Ball and Steeplechase, and obtained 40 points, nobody else getting half that number. He is no sprinter, but is a promising high jumper, and looks like developing into a good long distance runner. The Hundred was won by A. W. Sharp, and the Quarter by R. N. Tayler. In the "Under 12" events, H. F. B. Brown stood out by himself. He won the Hundred and the Sack Race, was second in the High Jump, and, best performance of all, was a good second in the Quarter "Under 14." He is an extremely promising athlete.

The three handicaps, as usual, provided good contests, and were all won by boys who are keen, promising runners. The Relay Race provided the most popular event of the day, and resulted in a win for R. G. Innocent's team, drawn from Mr. Ramshaw's House. At the end of the third round Innocent's team had established a long lead, but Prince made a magnificent attempt to win, and those of us who were privileged to witness it will long remember his gallant, if unsuccessful, effort.

Before closing this short account we should like to make two short criticisms. First of all the *quality* of the hurdling and jumping is not nearly as good as it should be. There is hardly a good hurdler in the School, and a great many boys seem to fight shy of these events. There were only 13 entries for the three competitions! We hope this will be altered another year. The jumping, too (with the exception of Prince in the Open Long, and J. W. Miles in the "Under 14" High), was *very* poor. We have plenty of promising runners, but it is difficult to see where our future jumpers are coming from. Again,

why do not more Day-Boys compete in the Sports? There are splendid prizes given, there are events to suit all ages, and there is no entrance fee. Is it *slackness*? If not, what is the reason? We should very much like to know.

At the conclusion of the sports the Mayor (Mr. E. Johnson), himself an Old Boy, presented the prizes to successful competitors. Dr. Tovey expressed the great regret they all felt at the inability of the Mayoress to be present owing to illness, and stated how pleased they were to welcome Mr. Johnson there that day. He also thanked the donors for providing such a charming array of prizes. The Mayor, in reply, expressed his pleasure in being present, told us how he had valued the School in his day, and said that its continued success gave him the greatest possible pleasure.

The officials were as follows: Judges, Mr. W. Ramshaw and Mr. F. L. Watmough; referee, Mr. E. W. Williams; starter, Sergt. Milner; handicapper, Mr. L. B. Owen; timekeeper, Dr. Tovey.

The following are the detailed results:—

STEEPLECHASE (Open)—1, presented by Mr. Innocent, V. C. Prince; 2, presented by Dr. Tovey, R. H. Baker; 3, G. W. Clarke.

STEEPLECHASE (Under 14)—1, presented by Rev. N. S. Lawrie, J. W. Miles; 2, R. Rebbeck; 3, S. Burrow.

MILE (Open)—1, presented by Mr. F. Woodcock, H. B. Spry; 2, V. C. Prince. Time, 5m. 34s.

HIGH JUMP (Open)—1, presented by Mr. H. J. Sharp, R. G. Innocent; 2, R. H. Baker. Height, 4ft. 5ins.

HALF MILE (Open)—1, presented by Dr. Brown, V. C. Prince; 2, presented by Mr. H. Hirst, H. B. Spry. Time, 2m. 28s.

THROWING CRICKET BALL (Under 14)—1, presented by Mr. E. J. Baker, J. W. Miles; 2, A. G. Ensor. Distance, 62yds. 1ft. 2ins.

LONG JUMP (Under 14)—1, presented by Messrs. F. W. Young & Son, J. W. Miles; 2, R. N. Tayler. Distance, 12ft. 7ins.

HUNDRED YARDS (Open)—1, presented by Mr. J. W. Pearson, V. C. Prince; 2, R. H. Baker. Time, 11s.

HUNDRED YARDS (Under 14)—1, presented by Mr. T. W. Clarke, A. W. Sharp; 2, H. J. Hughes. Time 15 2-5s.

HUNDRED YARDS (Under 12)—1, presented by Dr. Blucke, H. F. B. Brown; 2, A. J. Baxter. Time, 15s.

LONG JUMP (Open)—1, presented by Rev. W. Goodchild, V. C. Prince; 2, R. H. Baker. Distance, 18ft. 8½ins.

- HIGH JUMP (Under 14)—1, presented by Mr. H. C. Forrester, J. W. Miles; 2, W. J. Hitch. Height, 4ft.
- HIGH JUMP (Under 12)—1, presented by Miss Macdonell, C. L. Hirst; 2, presented by Mr. Hacker, H. F. B. Brown. Height, 3ft. 3½ins.
- THROWING CRICKET BALL (Open)—1, presented by Mr. R. Gutsell, R. H. Baker; 2, V. C. Prince. Distance, 81yds. 2ft. 5ins.
- HURDLE RACE (Under 14)—1, presented by Mr. R. W. Borley, J. W. Miles; 2, W. J. Hitch. Time, 25s.
- HURDLE RACE (Open)—1, presented by Mrs. Hemingway, R. H. Baker; 2, R. G. Innocent. Time, 21s.
- HURDLE RACE (Under 13)—1, presented by Mr. F. Richards, G. C. Kelson; 2, H. J. Hughes. Time, 25s.
- 220 YARDS HANDICAP—1, presented by Mr. & Mrs. P. F. Westerman, F. C. Innocent; 2, presented by Mr. H. Johnson, H. E. Light; 3, D. C. Tayler. Time, 29 3-5s.
- SACK RACE (Under 12)—1, presented by Mr. H. Gatchouse, H. F. B. Brown; 2, E. W. R. Strange.
- QUARTER MILE (Open)—1, presented by Messrs. Pryce & Barribal, V. C. Prince; 2, presented by Mr. J. T. Peach, H. B. Spry. Time, 57 4-5s.
- OLD BOYS' RACE, 220yds—1, presented by Sir R. Glyn, F. H. Buckland; 2, L. G. Pike. Time, 31 3-5s.
- HALF MILE HANDICAP—1, presented by Mr. Beaufoy, G. W. Clarke; 2, J. M. Fuller; 3, W. F. Willis. Time, 2m. 28s.
- QUARTER MILE (Under 14)—1, presented by Mr. G. H. Imber, R. N. Tayler; 2, H. F. B. Brown. Time, 76s.
- 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 12)—1, presented by Mrs. BurrIDGE, A. J. Baxter; 2, E. W. R. Strange; 3, R. W. Baker and J. A. Rossiter. Time, 37s.
- RELAY RACE, 1600yds.—presented by Mrs. Dunston, Winning Team, R. G. Innocent's.
- JUNIOR CHAMPION CUP—presented by the Mayoress, J. W. Miles.
- SENIOR CHAMPION CUP—presented by the Mayor, V. C. Prince.



Dorset Inter-School Sports.

THE eleventh Annual Athletic Meeting of the Dorset Secondary Schools was held at Blandford on May 26th, after being postponed from last term for a variety of reasons. The day was an ideal one for spectators, but it was rather too warm for competitors, and the recent dry weather had made the ground very hard and rather rough. The number of schools entering was smaller than usual, and the contest soon resolved itself into a duel between Wimborne and ourselves, which ended in their favour, after a very close struggle, by 13 points to 12. We offer them our hearty congratulations on winning the shield for the first time; they have always turned up in force at these Sports, and their keenness and enthusiasm have brought them a success which is very pleasing to all who value healthy rivalry and good sportsmanship.

Our own team did quite as well as we expected. V. C. Prince won three races, and lowered the existing records for the 220 Yards and Quarter Mile; in this last event he strained himself, and so was unable to compete in the Long Jump, an unfortunate incident which spoilt our chance of retaining the Shield, as, on form, he would probably have won this event quite easily. We offer him our hearty congratulations on a brilliant close to his School running career, and, while sympathizing with him on his accident, we know him to be too good a sportsman to grudge Wimborne their victory. R. H. Baker, R. G. Innocent, D. T. Sutton and H. B. Spry all gained points, and G. W. Clarke and J. B. Senior did all that was expected of them as second strings.

The following are a few details of the various events:—

- 1.—HUNDRED YARDS.—No heats were necessary as there were only seven runners. Prince led throughout and won comfortably by a couple of yards. R. H. Baker, our second string, was next to him until about 20 yards from home, when he was passed by a Wimborne boy. Time 11 secs.
- 2.—HALF MILE.—Spry and Clarke were our representatives in this event. Clarke made the running for the first round and paced Spry very cleverly. The Wimborne representative had more pace at the finish and won by about four yards, Spry being second. Time, 2 mins. 25 2-5 secs.
- 3.—HIGH JUMP.—This event provided a very popular win for one of the Bridport boys, and after a tie, Sutton beat Wimborne for second place. Height 4ft. 9½ ins.

- 4.—220 YARDS.—Prince went away from the start and at the half distance was leading by three yards. He finished splendidly in record time. Wimborne was second, and our other representative, R. G. Innocent, was fourth. Time, 24 3-5 secs.
- 5.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—Baker and Innocent were our representatives in this event, and Baker was only beaten by a foot for first place in Wimborne's last throw. Distance 79yds. 2ft. 4ins.
- 6.—QUARTER MILE.—This event produced the best performance of the day. On a difficult course with an uphill finish, Prince ran magnificently; his leg gave way about eight yards from home, but in spite of this he finished in the splendid time of 57 3-5 secs. Senior, our other representative, set a good pace and gave Prince an excellent lead, but he could not stay the distance. Wimborne was second.
- 7.—LONG JUMP.—The jumping was poor, and the absence of Prince robbed it of much of its interest. Baker and Innocent were our representatives, but neither of them was able to beat the Wimborne boys, who secured all three points. Distance 16 ft. 5 ins.
- 8.—MILE.—The weather was much too warm for this event, and as a result the pace was poor. Spry and Clarke represented us, and Clarke led for the first lap, but dropped out at the beginning of the third. Spry made a good effort to gain second place in the last round, but length of stride told against him and Wimborne gained all three points. Time, 6 mins. 5 secs.
- 9.—HURDLES.—Baker and Innocent won their respective heats in identical time after very close contests with their Wimborne rivals, and in the final Innocent just beat Baker on the tape, so that we gained three points for this event. Time 19 4-5 secs.

FINAL RESULT:

Wimborne	13 points.	Bridport	2 points.
Shaftesbury	12 „	Blandford	0 „

Our team consisted of V. C. Prince (captain), R. H. Baker, R. G. Innocent, D. T. Sutton, H. B. Spry, G. W. Clarke and J. B. Senior.

After the last race the shield was informally presented to the winning team by the Mayor of Blandford, who was suitably thanked by the Rev. A. D. H. Allan.



Cadet Corps.

THE idea of forming a Cadet Corps has at length been carried into practice, and is hailed with enthusiasm by the boys. We are now a "recognized" unit, affiliated to the Dorset Territorials. The keenness and enthusiasm with which the boys drill will conclusively prove to any observer to what extent the wave of patriotism has touched the boys, and the excellent start augurs well for the future welfare of the Corps. "Company Drill" is taken on two days in the week, and on almost every day detached squads may be seen working hard under their section commanders, with and without rifles. Miniature rifle shooting figures largely in the course of instruction, and our very best thanks, and those of future members of the Corps, are due to Dr. Tovey, who is presenting a silver cup as a trophy to the Corps, to be competed for annually. The cup is to have the winner's name inscribed on it, and is to be kept at the School. This will be known in future as the "Tovey" Cup, and we hope that there will always be very keen competition for its annual ownership.

Within a week of starting, over 50 boys had enrolled themselves. The admission age is from 13 to 18, according to War Office regulations. Already, under the able instruction of Sergeant Milner, they have improved greatly. The uniform is the Territorial Khaki Service pattern, with School Arms for badge.

As this movement marks a "red-letter" day in the School's history, we append a roll of the first members:—

Officer Commanding—Mr. W. Ramshaw.

Drill Instructor—Col.-Sergeant R. G. Milner.

Section Commanders :

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| 1 V. C. Prince (Sergeant). | 3 J. M. Fuller (Corporal). |
| 2 D. T. Sutton (Corporal). | 4 E. D. Drew (Corporal). |

5	Private R. G. Innocent	33	Private L. Johnson
6	" G. Hemingway	34	" P. G. Hiscock
7	" J. H. Wescott	35	" J. P. Southgate
8	" H. B. Spry	36	" J. N. Wescott
9	" G. N. Rawlings	37	" F. A. Harrington
10	" H. E. Light	38	" S. J. Emm
11	" G. E. Bowley	39	" E. S. Wheeler
12	" F. C. Innocent	40	" R. N. Pointer
13	" H. C. Watts	41	" R. G. Mitchell
14	" G. W. Clarke	42	" A. G. Ensor
15	" J. B. Senior	43	" J. W. Hitch
16	" J. F. Westerman	44	" H. Jeffery
17	" E. G. H. Maidman	45	" G. H. Read
18	" W. F. Willis	46	" W. H. Green
19	" I. C. Eaton	47	" D. C. Ellerton
20	" J. W. Kilpatrick	48	" J. W. Miles
21	" G. Hirst	49	" F. R. Allum
22	" C. F. Scott	50	" H. H. Rogers
23	" R. S. Payne	51	" S. L. Ball
24	" B. J. Gutsell	52	" R. B. Hepworth
25	" R. Borley	53	" W. F. Hitchings
26	" A. W. Sharp	54	" D. S. Coombs
27	" R. N. Tayler	55	" W. G. Radway
28	" D. C. Tayler	56	" E. J. Radway
29	" S. H. Johnson	57	" G. C. Kelson
30	" F. W. Osborne	58	" H. T. Tayler
31	" C. W. Allen	59	" S. Burrow
32	" T. D. Osborne		



Museum.

LAST February the idea of trying to form a School Museum was mooted, and now, after three months only, we have got together a collection of which any School may well be proud. Some excellent specimens have been brought by boys at various times, among whom we should like specially to thank R. Borley and W. C. Duffett for collections of British birds' eggs, L. Focketyn for fragments of early British pottery from the Downs, Mr. Owen and R. Drew for collections of coins. We should here like to tender our best thanks to Mr. Owen for his excellent tabulating and arranging of the coin section. Some excellent curios and mineral ores were given us by L. Johnson, and Mr. E. Johnson (o.s.) has kindly loaned us a set of Eskimo weapons and trinkets chiefly in carved ivory. A collection of North country fossils and rock specimens by Mr. Ramshaw, and one typical of South country by Mr. Polgreen, gave the Museum a great help forward. Mr. Polgreen's collection was especially rich in chalk fossils in a beautiful state of preservation. Our indebtedness for this set of specimens and curios—a set which would cause many geologists to assume the "green" tint that is supposed to be the favourite colour of envy—is extremely great.

The abnormal growth of our Museum in so short a time is chiefly due to the generosity of Mr. W. J. Mason, who has presented the School with his entire collection of mineral specimens, fossils, modern shells, and curios. Among these one may see shells from all parts of the world, of all shapes, colours and sizes; ores of copper, iron, silver, gold, and lead, in great variety; remarkable specimens of quartz crystals; granites; plant remains in coal; corals; ancient glass ware; foreign seeds and nuts; woods; fossils of many periods; and very many other things too numerous to describe here. Nothing but a personal inspection can indicate the extent of Mr. Mason's generosity and kindness. We should like to add that we shall be very glad to show our collection at any time to those who are interested in such matters. Further, we will gladly acknowledge any specimens and curios that Old Boys and friends care to contribute.

Library.

WITH the 76 additions mentioned below, the Fiction section has now reached over 500 volumes, and our grateful thanks are due to the donors, especially F. Blucke (o.s.), H. B. Weare, H. E. Light, C. F. Scott, W. F. Willis, and the Mayor (Mr. E. Johnson [o.s.]) In the first term of the year, January to March, 837 works of fiction were issued, and 110 from the non-fiction department. The Library now contains lots of books suitable to the boys in the Lower Forms (III., II., I.), and we should like to see them making a much greater use of their opportunity.

Our best thanks are again tendered to the Assistant Librarians, who have carried out their work in a very able manner.

<i>Title.</i>	<i>Author.</i>	<i>Donor.</i>
"Rewards and Fairies" ...	Rudyard Kipling...	L. G. Pike
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"Fighting in Flanders"	E. A. Powell ...	"

An Echo of Waterloo.

THE following extremely interesting letter has been very kindly lent us for publication by Mr. Beaufoy. It was written by his uncle, who fought in the battle of Waterloo with the Coldstreams, and it gives an excellent account of what took place as far as the writer saw it. The centenary of this great fight gives it an added interest, and we are very grateful for permission to publish it:—

*Peronne, near Binch,
Wednesday, June 21st, 1815.*

My dear Father,

On Friday last, the 16th instant, we received a sudden order to march as the French had entered Belgium, and quitting Enghien about 4 a.m. we reached "Braine le Comte" about six, where we bivouaced for four hours, as no precise intelligence had been received of the enemy. However, a heavy cannonade being heard, we marched to Nivelles, and there took up a clover field for our bivouac. Scarcely had the men taken off their accoutrements when we were ordered to march to "Les Quatre Bras," a position about 24 miles from Enghien. Although this long march had dreadfully fatigued us, yet the men formed line with the greatest alacrity and marched to the French. "Les Quatre Bras" is between Nivelles and Namur, and is so named from four pavies meeting on the top of a gentle hill that commands all the surrounding country. Here some houses were converted into a Redoubt, which swept the four pavies and the surrounding cornfields; and within two hundred yards of our battery, towards the south-west, is a very thick and extensive wood, forming a strong position for Light Infantry.

The action had commenced about 2 o'clock p.m. by an attack upon the Belgians, who were soon reinforced by our 3rd Division, who alone supported the attacks of the French until 7 o'clock in the evening, when we arrived. At this moment we found the Belgians fled, the wood in the possession of the French, and our very guns attacked by the Cuirassiers, who were nearly all killed for their temerity. The 1st Brigade of Guards charged in sections and drove the French about a mile and a half into the Plain, but suffered most dreadfully before they could finally clear the wood of the enemy. We (the 2nd

Brigade) first advanced in line and then formed a column of sections, but were not engaged much, as the despatches will show; we remained up to our knees in mud amongst the wood for two hours, and then bivouaced upon its skirts. I ought to mention that here all June has been dreadfully rainy, and that a bivouac without baggage exposed us to hunger, fatigue, and the heavens.

A smart skirmishing recommenced about 2 a.m. on Saturday, which continued till 8 o'clock a.m., when Lord Wellington was informed that the Prussians, who communicated upon our left at three miles distance towards Namur, had retreated, having lost 15,000 men. Napoleon thus had the power of overwhelming our two Divisions, forming perhaps 12,000 men, with his whole force of 110,000 Infantry and 20,000 Cavalry. This determined the "Beau" to retreat, and I had orders to ride with haste back to Nivelles and order our baggage to retire into the vicinity of Bruxelles. Having accompanied our baggage to within five miles of Bruxelles, I rejoined the army in the evening in front of "Braine la Lende," where they had taken up position in three lines upon some heights. I found the Guards in front, the Coldstreams forming the extreme right of the army; and was fortunate enough to take command of my Company at the very moment they were marching to repel an expected attack of French Cavalry. This attack did not take place, but I am happy to say that Major-General Byng, commanding our Brigade, was kind enough to call me before the Commanding and other Officers of the Coldstreams and highly praise the great alacrity with which, he said, I had rejoined my regiment; saying that the distance I had gone would have excused my absence for 48 hours instead of 10. He represented my conduct to Lieut.-General Cooke; and I hope you will excuse my vanity in relating a circumstance that will, I am sure, afford you as much pleasure as it did me.

We bivouaced upon our position, which was up to our knees in mud owing to the extreme and excessive rain that invariably fell. We were continually alarmed during the night, but nothing occurred. In the morning we had a good opportunity of viewing the state of affairs, as the weather became clearer; and a great part of the French force was concentrating upon some hills in our front. I should estimate the French at 100,000 Infantry and 20,000 Cavalry, and our force at 60,000 Belgic,

British and Brunswick Infantry, and 11,000 Cavalry. The position we occupied was the ridge of a hill gradually sloping towards the hill occupied by the enemy; on the right, in the valley, was a large farm-house having a wood tolerably open in its rear; this was occupied by the Light Companies of the Guards, and the Coldstreams, formed by wings, into two columns of Companies, on the hill above. Seeing a great stir amongst the French, our troops concentrating, and knowing the predilection of the "Beau" for a Sunday fight, we concluded that a general engagement would take place by an attack upon the farm and the turning of our right flank. In fact, at half past eleven a.m., a strong body of French Infantry advanced towards the wood and farm, and the action commenced by our Artillery and Light Infantry. The British formed the first line, Guards on the right; Hanoverians formed the second, and the Belgic and Dutch troops the reserve. Our Cavalry was formed into strong columns behind the flank and centre of our first line. This is as well as I could judge of our position, and I believe is tolerably accurate. The cannonade on both sides was exceedingly heavy by 12 o'clock, and Companies of the Coldstreams and 3rd Guards reinforced the farm and wood as appeared necessary. Shells, shot, grape and musketry rained upon and frequently fell among us; several were thus wounded close to me before we commenced. The 8th Company, which I commanded, was drawn up in sections, ready to charge the instant the enemy appeared through the wood or orchard of the farm; we lay down as close as possible behind a small bank of about 9 inches high, but as the heavy fire could not prevent us from peeping over to see how all was going on, several could not avoid being hit; and I had my cap carried some feet from my head by a ball which passed through my hair without even hurting me. The men thought my head was gone with my hat, and seemed not a little surprised when I picked up the cap and found the ball within side, apparently stopped by my pocket handkerchief. This was the only accident that happened to me, except my tearing my pantaloons by bobbing from shells, and my being obliged to sit naked in a blanket whilst my breeches were being mended. This continued to be the state of affairs until about three o'clock, when the French bombs set fire to the farm, which was quickly enveloped in flames. Our men still defended the garden walls and the hedges, and some Brunswick Artillery came to where we were lying and

endeavoured to silence the French guns. This artillery was so near that I feared my men would be wounded by the wadding; but only two accidents occurred; one of our men not keeping on the ground was blown to atoms by a Brunswick bomb, and immediately afterwards an ammunition wagon of the Brunswickers was blown up by a French shell. The fire in this part was so tremendous that it was scarcely possible to raise your head without being hit, and a round shot killed the horse and wounded our Brigade Major whilst he was speaking to Byng within six feet of me. The smoke from the farm and wood prevented us from seeing what was going on towards our centre and left, but some Cavalry rode up and said they were immediately to charge over the ground we were lying upon. We therefore threw the 8th and another Company of the Coldstreams that was near us into a solid square, and placing our colours in the centre, retreated behind our Cavalry. This was about 4 o'clock p.m., and from our position, a little in the rear, we could see everything that occurred.

An innumerable French Cavalry charged our position, and the Infantry threw themselves, by Brigades, into the most beautiful squares, and as our Cavalry was repulsed, protected their retreat by so steady a fire upon the French Cavalry, that although many squares were charged seven and eight times upon all its faces, yet not a movement was to be seen in the ranks. The French, forced to retreat in confusion, were charged by our Cavalry, and here the Life Guards and Blues behaved imitably well, taking an immense number of prisoners and several Eagles. It was then that we first saw the French Infantry, which had formed behind its Cavalry, advancing at the "Pas de Charge" in most excellent order. In a second our Infantry formed line, charged, shouted, and drove the French, who fought with pertinacity, and yielded foot by foot. Still our Light Infantry defended the burning farm, and a body of Cavalry which attempted to turn our right flank was charged and dispersed by the 12th Dragoons, and completely destroyed by our fire. At this time, half past seven in the evening, we could discern an enormous body of troops moving towards our left; they proved to be 45,000 Prussians advancing to support us. The French then, in despair, made a last dreadful attack upon our left with all their Cavalry, but were repulsed by ours, and, the junction

taking place, the French retreat became a flight, and they were pursued by the Prussians and British.

It is impossible to mention the enormous quantity of Artillery employed on both sides, particularly towards the close of the battle; it was one continual roar along both lines. It so happened that the Imperial Guard was opposed to the British Foot Guards, and their dead lie in heaps too numerous to be counted; three times did the French Cavalry take the Brigade of Artillery attached to our Division, and it was constantly retaken by our Infantry. Thus, at nine o'clock, after the severest engagement almost ever known, and $9\frac{1}{2}$ hours hard fighting, the enemy was obliged to turn to the right about. The Guards, having suffered severely, bivouaced upon the field, but the French were actively pursued by the Prussians and some British. Our loss must be great; the Coldstreams about two men out of five, and eight officers out of 25; the other regiments still worse with regard to officers. As for the French, we have about 10,000 prisoners, 140 pieces of cannon, all the wounded, and perhaps 12,000 killed. Jerome Bonaparte has died of his wounds, and they say Joseph is taken. Napoleon was in person, and the French compare the battle to those of Moscow and Leipsig:

The Prussians who came up at the end of the battle happened to find out where the Guards were lying, and, drawing up, played us "God save the King." The compliment was extremely flattering; and Lord W. says that the Guards were not only the admiration of him, but of the whole Army. On Monday we marched to Nivelles, and the following day to this place (Peronne), ready to cross the French frontiers.

At 3 on Monday morning I walked over that part of the Field of Battle lying near us, and cannot describe the quantity of dead, dying, and horrible wounds that I saw; nothing shocked me more than my inability to relieve the wounded French, farther than giving them a little water. Our own wounded were carried off as soon as possible, but were so numerous that little attention could be paid to the French. The plunder on the field must have been immense, but our soldiers had no time to seek it. I did not like to take anything, having to pick my way for fear of hurting the French wounded who were lying absolutely in ranks. Nothing was, however, so horrible as the sight

of the farm-house where the Guards were fighting; I actually saw the bodies of some of our soldiers who were roasted to death before they could creep from the flames. This is a circumstance not to be avoided in such a dreadful incendiary, the farm-house being the key of the position of the British Army. Lord Wellington caused all our officers to be assembled, and told General Byng to most strongly thank us for our conduct, and to be sure that he would never forget our bravery.

During the engagement a sudden panic struck the Belgic Cavalry and troops in our rear, who galloped towards Bruxelles, swearing that we were defeated and that the French were on their heels. This created a most dreadful confusion at Bruxelles; most of the servants with our baggage threw it away and fled; therefore I have been, with many others, from Friday morning the 16th instant, to Wednesday, 21st, without clothes of any kind, eatables, or washing things. Now we have purchased a clean shirt and stockings, etc., from those who plundered a French Officer, and I have to-day washed myself for the first time after all our wet and dirty bivouacing; before we had not time, and our meals have constantly been: Breakfast, Bread and Gin; Dinner, Gin and Biscuit; Supper, ditto, ditto.

Immediately that General Byng offered the Brigade Majorship to our Adjutant, I was offered the Adjutantcy; and to become permanent our Commanding Officer only waits for letters from England. It is therefore necessary for me to buy two horses, and as my baggage has been lost I hope you will not object to my drawing a draught; never was a poor beggar so much in want, or so much in necessity for money, as I must have horses or resign my situation as Adjutant.

Give my kind love to all and accept it yourself.

Yours very affectionately,

M. BEAUFOY.

War Notes.

Since our last issue we have heard of the following Old Boys who have joined His Majesty's forces, and we have added their names to our Roll of Honour:—

F. T. ATKINSON	...	Queen's Rifles.
F. C. ATKINSON	...	A.S.C., 2nd Canadian Contingent.
R. CHARLTON	...	6th Hants, G Company.
A. WEBB	...	R.A.M.C.
E. C. MOZLEY	...	7th Dorsets.

We deeply regret to hear that F. T. Atkinson was severely wounded in the fighting around Ypres. He was brought to England, and it was found necessary to amputate his left leg. We offer him our deepest sympathy, and are delighted to hear that he is doing well and is very cheerful.

Dr. Tovey has received letters or postcards from Roy Cox, E. R. Barnes, H. L. Taylor, C. E. Pearce and R. B. Minchin; and photographs (in uniform) from C. R. M. Cox, A. R. Cox, A. E. Atkinson and J. Riddey.

Pryce Taylor has obtained a commission in the 10th Service Battalion of the Leicester Regiment. We were delighted to see him and his brother Arnold at the School during their Whitsun leave.

We noticed in the "Times" a few days ago that Mr. J. H. Watts has been gazetted "Captain." We offer him our hearty congratulations on his rapid promotion.

W. Jeffery visited the School on March 31st. Owing to an attack of mumps he was unable to sail with his regiment to the Dardanelles, and is now applying for a commission in the A.S.C.

W. D. Walker has obtained his discharge from the Army, and has now obtained a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve. If he comes to Blandford we shall hope to see him.

The rumour that A. W. Bowden was killed in France, is, fortunately, untrue. He was sent to hospital at Havre, suffering from rheumatic fever, and afterwards came to England. He was recently transferred from the Royal Horse Guards to the Motor Transport Section of the A.S.C., and has now gone to the Dardanelles.

We should like to have a list of Old Boys who have offered their services and have been refused on medical or other grounds. We already have a few names, and shall hope to publish a complete list in our next issue.

News has reached us that A. E. Atkinson (of Ferné) was wounded in the fighting around Le Bassée on May 18th. He was in a regular death-trap; one bullet removed the crown of his cap, another penetrated his pouches and a Testament and entered just below the heart. He is now in hospital at Rouen, and progressing favourably.

Among the Australian officers wounded in Gallipoli we noticed the name of Lieut. C. R. M. Cox. No particulars are yet to hand, and we sincerely hope his wounds may not prove to be serious.



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Gen Mr Cordery

Thank you for your letter of 1st August.

It is most kind of you to write giving information about Mark Beaufoy's uncle. Our records show that we in fact had an officer of the same name at the time of Waterloo. His career in outline was as follows:

12th November 1812 - Ensign (2nd Lieutenant)
15th May 1817 - Lieutenant
25th December 1818 - Placed on half pay
14th October 1819 - Full pay
17th April 1823 - Adjutant
9th February 1825 - Retired

We would be delighted to have a photocopy of his original letter. Although a copy may already exist I have not seen it myself and it would certainly be most fascinating to read.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely
Harry Toler