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WESTMINSTER IN WAR TIME.

THE presence of some great military camp, with all its bustle and activity, may serve as a perpetual reminder to our contemporaries in the country or sleepy Cathedral towns of the crisis through which England is passing. In many cases matches are arranged between the camp and the School, and the camp supplies the more hopeful side of this war; the darker side is often represented by wounded and convalescent soldiers in the sanatorium, who, however, are themselves as a rule the least depressed or discouraging. There is, of course, everywhere to be noticed the extreme activity of the O.T.C.,

but beyond the points we have mentioned there is little in the country to make one realise the nearness and the greatness of the present war.

And are we more forcibly reminded ourselves? True, we have no great camp close by, no wounded in our Sanatoria, and the O.T.C. here can indulge in no frequent field-days. But there are other signs here in London which make us proud to belong to the greatest of all cities; we live well within range of the War Office, and the Victoria Tower stands like a sentinel over the Abbey and her children. Victoria Street is ever on the alert with khakied forms of all ranks, from the Tommy to the high Staff Officer. From Green throughout the morning, and often

the afternoon too, proceed sounds denoting the inculcation of elementary drill into willing recruits by patient sergeants of the London Scottish, Queen's Westminsters, and other (County of London) Battalions, The London Regiment (we cannot get out of the habit of strict Army List titles!).

Fields, too, bear ample witness of hard wear by Yeomanry and others, and are constantly passing on that hard wear to the football enthusiast, who cheerfully puts up with a ground full of treacherous footholes of mud and nerve-racking patches where bricks seem to have taken the place of soil. The hurried ante-prandial visit to the posters seems more than ever essential to liven up some noted pessimist with a reported German disaster. And if Big Ben, the School clock-tower, seem a trifle gloomy in his silence, yet good comes out of evil, and the erratic Abbey clock affords an excellent excuse for the late arrival in form. Even the sombre cloisters have their awakenings; there was a time when the giants of old would do valiant battle in the milling green, but more fearsome than that is the sight of some grave prebend in the uniform of Chaplain to the Forces.

And the darker side of the war for us is supplied by the daily arrivals at the Westminster Hospital, over which there flutters now, as over St. Thomas's across the water, the flag of the Geneva Cross. The darker side in a lighter sense, as an Irishman might put it, is also forced upon us nightly by the darkened streets, along which, *mirabile dictu*, the traffic seems to fly at unslackened pace. The pitchy black is relieved in the early evening by the searchlights on Vauxhall Bridge and elsewhere, reminding us that if the much-talked-of Zeppelins do reach London, we within the Abbey precincts shall be among the first to suffer.

And finally, if we cannot make a field-day a weekly fixture, the Westminster Contingent O.T.C., as is natural, no doubt, as is right, is working at the highest pressure to fit for active service all whose time is coming to serve their King.

O.T.C.

MANY public school cadets were invited by Capt. P. F. Warner to go and drill with the Inns of Court O.T.C. daily during the Christmas holidays. Some of our members responded to this invitation, and we have heard from Capt. Warner that a great deal of good work was done. He mentions especially the valuable services of our Company-Sergeant-Major and Company-Quartermaster-Sergeant.

There are signs of renewed keenness in the School this term, and it is very gratifying to be able to say that on parade every cadet seems prepared to do his utmost to drill smartly.

The programme of parades is much the same as last term as regards times; but the organisation in house platoons is a new feature. This leaves one house officially off duty each week, and there is much to be said for such spare time, in which polish can be applied by the house commander to whatever part of the work he thinks best.

Although our establishment does not allow the whole school to be in the corps, yet we are having this term an O.C.'s parade for all the physically fit, whether they are members of the corps or not. This parade takes place on Wednesday mornings at 9.30. There is consequently no Abbey and no first school on Wednesdays for the present.

Capt. Wootton is at Norwich at the head of a school of instruction for young officers. Such schools form a new departure in the War Office programme, and as it is not supposed that they are to be permanent, we are hoping to have Capt. Wootton back with us soon. Although he had resigned his commission, he has for some time past conducted courses of lectures for our Certificate A candidates and other senior people. These lectures are being continued by the Officers this term.

We are glad to say that the band has been given another chance. It is thought that instruction in signalling may meet with more support than has been accorded to the band. Classes have been arranged this term.

Shooting goes on as usual on the range in Tufton Street; but at the time of going to press little more than a start has been made for this term, and there is nothing of importance to report.

School Notes.

THERE are seventeen new boys this term.

N. A. Bechman has won an open Exhibition for Classics at Balliol College, Oxford.

R. R. Turner has won an open Scholarship for History at New College, Oxford.

M. A. Thompson has won an open Scholarship for Mathematics at Clare College, Cambridge.

A. S. Macpherson has won an open Scholarship for Classics at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Seniors were won by Grant's, who beat Ashburnham in the first round and Rigaud's in the final with ease.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

	K.SS.	A.HH.	GG.	RR.	H.BB.	
K.SS. . . .	—	W 4-1	W 5-1		W 4-1	6 points
A.HH . . .	L 1-4	—			W 2-0	2 points
GG. . . .	L 1-5		—	L 0-2		0 points
RR. . . .			W 2-0	—		2 points
H.BB. . . .	L 1-4	L 0-2			—	0 points

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v.
WESTMINSTER DRAGOONS.

DECEMBER 5.
(Drawn, 2-2.)

WESTMINSTER started by defending the Hospital End, and for the first half-hour play was in the centre of the field. A goal, however, was then scored by the Visitors' centre half, but almost at once Julian also scored, and half-time was called with the score 1-1. In the second half the game became very fast, and about twenty minutes to time Robinson scored; but after much pressing the Dragoons equalised, and although each side made desperate attempts to get the winning goal, the game ended with the score standing 2-2.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

H. B. Thacker; E. L. Hodgson (Capt.) and R. M. Neill; R. Smith, D. G. Veitch and J. H. Spence; M. A. Robinson, S. L. Holmes, C. R. Julian, K. Brodie and F. R. Oliver.

WESTMINSTER DRAGOONS.

Swanger; Martin and Owen; Taffee, Roll and Beckett; Rushmer, Coppock, Humphries, Williams and Snowden.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. AN XI.
OF THE U.P.S.

DECEMBER 12.
(Lost, 0-1.)

THE Visitors won the toss and chose to defend the Barracks End. From the start the School forwards showed to advantage and made some good rushes. The shooting, however, was poor, and good openings were lost. Soon the opposing team began to get together better and were allowed to dominate the game for a short time, during which they managed to rush the ball through. Half-time arrived with the score still 0-1. At the beginning of the second half the School was playing very weakly, and it was only the efforts of the School backs that prevented more goals being scored. Towards the end of the game the School forwards put more dash into the game, and were often nearly successful, Brodie in particular making some good rushes for goal. Time was called with the School the losers, the score being 0-1. The game was not an inspiring one to watch.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

H. B. Thacker; E. L. Hodgson and M. A. Thompson (Capt.); R. Smith, D. G. Veitch and G. R. D. Gee; M. A. Robinson, S. L. Holmes, C. R. Julian, K. Brodie and F. R. Oliver.

U.P.S.

A. H. Blair; W. M. Gullick and N. F. Furze; H. Thomas, C. G. Cardew and H. A. Catmar; R. C. Cutler, P. W. G. Kann, C. T. Breverton, A. C. Feasey and P. Leighton (sub.).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. MERTON PARK.

JANUARY 16.
(Won, 4-2.)

THE School won the toss and defended the Hospital End. The Visitors' outside left got well away, but was given off-side, and after the School had pressed for some time, Robinson opened the score with a shot from a difficult angle. The Visitors' inside left equalised soon after, but this was followed by a goal from Brodie, who had received a through pass. Half-time, 2-1.

A high dropping shot from one of the Visitors' forwards resulted in a second goal for them, and the score remained 2-2 for most of the second half, till Julian hit the post with a hard shot and Brodie scored off the rebound. Shortly before time Julian scored with a long shot.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

R. C. May; R. M. Neill and J. V. Rathbone; J. H. Spence, A. M. Bennett and G. R. D. Gee; M. A. Robinson, S. L. Holmes, C. R. Julian (Capt.), K. Brodie and F. R. Oliver.

MERTON PARK.

W. Farendon, A. H. Adams, E. Jeffreys, P. H. Watson, F. B. Garner, A. H. Wild, C. E. Green, W. R. Penfold, A. C. Bishop, B. Doon and E. Bedwell.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. *v.*

ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL.

DECEMBER 12.

(*Won, 2-1.*)

THE Visitors did not arrive till very late and were two men short when they did come. Westminster won the toss and the opponents kicked off. At first the Visitors got much the best of the game, but May managed to resist all attacks. Mansbridge and G. B. Gardiner, after good combination, got right in front of the opponents' goal and then the latter sent in a very wild shot. However, Westminster succeeded in getting two goals to their credit before half-time. The second half was very uninteresting, and, the ground being much too small, the ball was fetching the whole time. They managed to get a goal, but one of their men was injured and had to be taken off the field.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

R. C. May; R. M. Neill and M. G. Hewins; E. Davison, A. M. Bennett and E. F. Lutyens; R. Pulvertaft, G. B. Gardiner, P. W. Gardiner, J. Brookman and L. M. Mansbridge.

ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL.

R. K. Fyson, D. M. Rees, J. H. Martin, F. B. Cullen, J. Speak, D. N. Brampton, J. D. Pank, G. M. Hicks and G. White.

RACQUETS.

SINGLES Racquets Ties have been started this term. The first round has been drawn as follows :—

H. W. Watkins	<i>v.</i>	T. Edwardes.
W. E. Gerrish	<i>v.</i>	P. D. T. Powell.
R. Smith	<i>v.</i>	F. R. Oliver.
R. M. Neill	<i>v.</i>	P. L. Leighton.
F. C. M. Forward	<i>v.</i>	J. Brookman.
G. B. Gardiner	<i>v.</i>	K. Boddy.
J. H. Spence	<i>v.</i>	R. S. Browning.
R. J. V. Pulvertaft	<i>v.</i>	A. C. H. Calvert.
S. L. Holmes	<i>v.</i>	H. C. Harcourt-Smith.
A. M. Bennett, a bye.		

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE following are the Officers for this term :—

Visitor : The REV. THE HEADMASTER.

President : S. L. HOLMES.

Vice-President : R. M. HOWE.

Hon. Treasurer : N. A. BECHMAN.

Hon. Secretary : R. S. BROWNING.

The Committee consists of the above, together with H. L. Helsdon and M. A. Robinson (elected by the Society), and G. F. Waley (Co-opted).

A meeting was held on Thursday, January 21. After Messrs. G. B. Gardiner, J. M. Kirkman, and E. F. Lutyens had been elected members of the Society, the motion of the evening was discussed : 'That in the opinion of this House Athletics in time of peace are a good training for War.'

The Proposer (Mr. G. F. WALEY) said that the British troops were superior to those of any other nation engaged in the present War, and that this was to a large extent due to the fact that athletics were far more prevalent in England than elsewhere. He denied that athletics were detrimental to the mind, expressing an opinion that they had a beneficial effect both on the body and the mind. He considered that the British troops undoubtedly owed a great deal to the games which they had played in time of peace. Mr. Waley's speech was interesting, as far as it went, but was lamentably short.

The PRESIDENT, who opposed the motion, said that the greatest athletic clubs had done a great deal of harm by attracting large crowds of onlookers. He went on to deplore the fact that at public schools and universities it was chiefly a desire to win colours that led people to play games with enthusiasm. At Westminster, gymnastics and other sports, for which no colours were given, were poorly supported. He considered that too much importance was given to athletics, and that the good athlete was not, as a rule, proficient in other matters. He also compared athletics and politics, deploring the wrong spirit which is prevalent in both. He ended up by advocating a system of military training which might take the place of athletics.

The President spoke fluently and was convincing.

The Seconder (Mr. M. A. ROBINSON) began with an indignant attack on the President's statements, and a heated argument ensued between him and the President on the derivation of the word 'Athletics.' On being worsted by evidence from Liddell and Scott, Mr. Robinson proceeded to denounce the Lexicon as entirely unreliable. He said that one ought to strive to do well in everything, and should, therefore, make an effort to win colours for games, just as much as prizes for school work. He denied that specialisation did not produce fitness.

Mr. A. GORDON began by stating that France was no longer an unathletic nation, and then made a bitter attack on professional footballers and their supporters, who flocked to see them play. He considered that professional football was not a game, but merely a financial concern which was now acting as a serious hindrance to recruiting.

The TREASURER agreed with the President that sports did not make good citizens, but had a brutalising tendency which was, in his opinion, just what was needed to make a good warrior.

The VICE-PRESIDENT managed to find a pretext for uttering a few eloquent words in defence of the Press.

The SECRETARY said that specialisation in athletics might be a bad thing, but that the ordinary person derived a splendid training for war by indulging in athletics in a mild way.

After a discussion on the respective merits of the British, French, and Belgian troops, in which many members took part, the motion was put to the House and carried by acclamation.

R. S. B.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

WE have this term to mourn the loss of our President, who has been called upon for the service of his country. Mr. Rudwick, however, has kindly consented to try and arrange for some lectures on scientific subjects later on in the term. Meanwhile, the usual Saturday papers will be continued.

On December 5 Mr. C. R. Julian read a paper on the 'Splash of a Drop.' He described, with the aid of many most interesting lantern slides, the apparatus used by Professor Worthington in his investigation into this subject and the results obtained by him. Mr. Julian confined himself entirely to the case of a liquid drop, but hinted that when a solid ball fell into a liquid, the resultant phenomena were even more interesting, and we hope he will soon read us another paper on this branch of the subject. In conclusion, we may express our gratification at the much-improved attendance at this meeting.

On December 12 Mr. Besson gave us a lecture on the 'Theories of Aviation.' He explained the various laws which govern the science of Flight, illustrating his points with experiments on the bench. He thus demonstrated very clearly a thing which many of his hearers perhaps did not know before, namely, why and how a heavier-than-air body like an aeroplane will support itself in a less dense medium.

A. C. T. PERKINS,
Hon. Secretary.

House Notes.

K.S.S.—We have come back this term without S. F. Waterson, M.A. Thompson and R. R. Turner; the two latter have already received, and the former is about to receive, commissions in the Royal Sussex Regiment. All three will be greatly missed. Their departure reminds us that we have not yet congratulated Turner on his Scholarship at New College, Oxford, and Thompson on a similar success at Clare College, Cambridge.

Among the recent promotions, Sergeant's stripes have been given to F. E. D. Hodges; M. A. Robinson and F. T. Birdwood are made Corporals, and T. L. H. Roberts a Lance-Corporal. We have also to congratulate G. R. D. Gee on receiving his Thirds after the match *v.* Merton Park.

The Literary Society has started the term's reading with 'Much Ado About Nothing.'

ASHBURNHAM.—There is this month a great paucity of material with which to pad out the space allotted for our House Notes, but at all events we have a few felicitations to offer. We owe them first to Rathbone, who has become Sergeant-Major of the Corps; secondly, to Tudsbury and G. L. G. Rodger, who have been promoted to the rank of Corporal; and thirdly, to Dobbie, who is now a Lance-Corporal.

We were enchanted to see Rathbone and Neill appear with success for the School team in the first match, and hope that they will continue to represent the House on the footer field, together with Brodie, who now fills the most distinguished office of Vice-Captain. Neill is to be congratulated on obtaining a handsome sable-coloured shag, adorned with a narrow margin of pink silk.

There has been an encouraging increase of entries for the House Fives Ties, and it is to be hoped that time will be found to play them off before the end of the term.

GRANT'S.—Our first duty, as so often happens at the beginning of a term, is to 'bemoan' the departure of several Grantites: H. B. Thacker, D. G. Veitch, E. L. Hodgson, F. J. Hopwood, and E. P. Hewitt. They will be a great loss to the House; H. B. Thacker, D. E. Veitch and E. L. Hodgson being the backbone of our two teams, which, with such ease, brought the shields back to their proper place. They will be succeeded in 'Inner' by G. B. Gardiner and R. Smith.

G. F. Waley scored a marked success last term in getting the Mure Scholarship. We extend our heartiest congratulations to him.

We welcome four new boys this term: Cardale, Mackintosh, Sutton (boarders), and Buckley (half-boarder).

In Seniors, last term, we defeated Ashburnham

(5-0) in the first round, and Rigaud's in the Final (7-0).

We congratulate F. R. Forster, R. M. Blundell, N. P. Andrews and V. Croome on well-deserved House Colours.

In the O.T.C., G. B. Gardiner and A. C. Calvert have been made Sergeants, J. R. Brandon-Thomas a Corporal, and J. H. Spence a Lance-Corporal.

Finally we wish success to all Old Grantites who are serving their King and country.

H.BB.—We must begin our notes this month by congratulating, first, May on being made a School Monitor, and Robertson and Lowe House Monitors; next, Macpherson on gaining a Classical Scholarship at Magdalene College, Cambridge; then, Julian on being Captain of Football. Lastly, in the Corps Howe has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and May and Friedburger to that of Lance-Corporal. The H.BB. platoon is fair, but more keenness must be shown, especially among the younger members.

We wish good luck to all those who left last term, and welcome eight new fellows in their stead.

In conclusion we hope that our three teams will acquit themselves well in the forthcoming matches.

RIGAUD'S.—This term we welcome three new boys among us, Smith and Warden, half-boarders, and Velge, a boarder. Besson and Anderson have, however, left us, the former to take up a commission in the Royal Naval Flying Corps.

We must congratulate Bechman on getting an Exhibition to Balliol, and also on winning the Phillimore Translation Prize. Our congratulations are also due to Davison on his becoming Quarter-master-Sergeant in the O.T.C.

On the football field, as was expected, we succumbed to Grant's in the final of Seniors. In Juniors, however, we still have great hopes of winning the Cup. Scholefield and Moses must be congratulated on getting their House Colours, and Bennett on playing for the School.

In House Leagues, we were beaten by Home Boarders in our first match, but drew with Grant's. The second eleven have, however, won both their matches, beating Home Boarders 4-2, and Grant's 6-0.

Bennett has gone into Upper, and his place in Under has been taken by Boddy.

Last term the Literary Society finished a most successful reading of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' and this term it has decided to start with 'Hamlet.'

Old Westminsters.

SIR FREDERICK LOW, K.C., M.P., has been appointed a Judge of the High Court of Justice.

The Westminsters whom he finds on the Bench are Lord Justice Phillimore and Mr. Justice Lush, whose sons are now at the School. Sir Roland Vaughan Williams and Sir Thomas Bucknill have retired to a well-earned repose.

Mr. D. M. Low, late Scholar of Oriel, is now on the staff of Marlborough College.

Mr. C. M. Close, Mr. A. H. H. Feutrell, and Mr. C. Hurst-Brown have passed out of Sandhurst and been gazetted to the Norfolk Regiment, the Royal Sussex Regiment, and the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, respectively.

Among those recently ordained were Mr. W. H. Aglionby, Mr. W. D. Geare, and Mr. E. G. Vacquet, Priests, and Mr. H. P. Hart, Deacon (to the Cathedral Church of Edmundsbury).

Mr. W. S. Gray has been called to the Bar at the Inner Temple.

Birth.

On January 17, the wife of Edward A. M. Bindloss of a son.

Obituary.

PRO PATRIA.

REGINALD BENJAMIN FEATHERSTONE, Captain in the Devonshire Regiment, RICHARD DE RUPE ROCHE, Queen's Westminsters, and THOMAS STAPLETON, The Rifle Brigade.

Captain FEATHERSTONE went through Sandhurst into the Devonshire Regiment and served with distinction in the Boer War, obtaining the medal and several clasps.

Mr. ROCHE was the son of the late Captain Richard Roche, R.N., and was a Lance-Corporal in his regiment.

Mr. STAPLETON was the third son of the Hon. John Stapleton. He was at one time a farmer in North Queensland, but afterwards went to Natal and served with distinction in the Boer War. On the outbreak of the Great War he returned to England and enlisted. He fell in Flanders on December 19.

By the death of GEORGE FREDERICK SMITH we lose a nonagenarian and one of the few survivors of Dr. Williamson's time. Admitted in 1837 he was in College from 1839 to 1843, and elected to Cambridge in the

latter year. As a Town Boy he rowed in the race against Under-elections from Battersea to Putney in 1839. In 1841 he stroked the School eight. In 1842 he rowed seven in the boat which defeated Eton in the race from Barker's Rails to Putney Bridge. After graduating he was ordained in 1850. He died on November 14.

Less than eight months his junior was JAMES HARVEY SIMPSON, who died on January 20. Admitted in 1837 he became a Q.S. in 1838 and was elected Head to Cambridge in 1842. He took orders and was many years Rector of St. Mark's, Bexhill, and a Prebendary of Chichester.

Sir WILLIAM SHAW WRIGHT, who died in November, was a son of Sir William Wright, of Sigglesborne Hall. Admitted in 1854 he became a Q.S. in 1857 and was elected Head to Cambridge in 1861. He was well known in the North as Chairman of the Hull and Barnsley Railway and of the Humber Conservancy Board. He was present at the last Election Dinner.

To a later generation belonged EDWARD MELFORD MEE, who was admitted in 1866. He went to Christ Church and in 1879 was elected Fellow of Queen's College, and was Tutor there till 1885. At Oxford he was a main prop of the Musical Society. Afterwards he was for some time Rector of Crawley, Hants.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—*The Alleynian, The Beaumont Review, The Blue, The Blundellian, The Bradfeld College Chronicle (2), The Brighton College Magazine, The Cantuarian (2), The Carthusian, The Cheltonian, The Clavinian, The Cliftonian, The Cutler Fortnightly, The Eton College Chronicle (3), The*

Fettesian, The Forest School Magazine, The Haileyburian (2), The Harrovian (2), The Lancing College Magazine, The Malvernian, The Marlburian (2), The Meteor, The Newtonian, The Olavian, The Pauline, The Penn Charter Magazine (2), The Radleian, The Reptonian, The Rossalian, The Salopian (2), The Skylark, The St. Edward's School, Oxford, Chronicle, The Tonbridgian (2), The Trinity University Review (2), The Wellingtonian and The Wykehamist, and lists of Old Boys serving of Dulwich, Harrow and Repton.

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