

RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL



The Old Cranwellian Association
Volume 1 - 1924 to 1939



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Preface

The Old Cranwellian Association (OCA) was formed on 14 July 1926, largely at the instigation of graduates who had recently undergone officer training at the RAF College.

These ambitious young men were pioneers in every sense - military aviators in the making at a time when flight was still very much a perilous occupation; impressive young leaders, each of whom would go on to excel in their chosen profession; the high achievers who would become the very personification of the RAF's core values of *Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence*. Despite the rigorous and strictly disciplined training regime endured for two intensive years, they had developed such an affection for their *alma mater* that they felt highly motivated to sustain their unique camaraderie by forming an "association of officers" unique to the College - *Cranwellians*.

A young Pilot Officer George Beamish - later to become a talented Irish and British Lions rugby international, the College's 11th Commandant and a distinguished Air Marshal - wrote to the College Journal Editor alerting him to the growing consensus of recently graduated cadets advocating the formation of such an association. It seems young Beamish and his fellow alumni were pushing at an open door. Within twelve months the then Commandant, Air Commodore AE Borton, brokered an inaugural meeting which agreed the purpose and constitution of the OCA. Through the medium of the College Journal magazine - very much the social medium of the College and its alumni at that time and in the decades to come - the OCA recorded its progress on maintaining contact with and between College alumni. Though contributions to the Journal waned from the 1970s, as did the Journal itself in later years, the OCA continued to support College alumni and to hold well attended Annual Reunions that maintained the bond between retired and serving Cranwellians, and the cadets undergoing their officer training. In April 2015, reflecting that the College had established itself as the single point of entry for *all* RAF officers, the members adopted a new constitution establishing the Cranwellian Association (CA), as it was to be renamed, as a registered charity.

This album depicts the story of the formation and development of the OCA. It is both chronology and reference manual constructed in three distinct volumes, reflecting the evolving officer training schemes at the College. Taking extracts from successive issues of the RAF College Journal and some OCA Meetings minutes, this album charts the progress of alumni, their careers, their sporting achievements and pastimes, their domestic lives and ultimately their passing. Their personal, unrivalled contributions to historic events (e.g. record breaking flights, air races like the Schneider Trophy, overseas conflicts such as WWII and Korean war, etc) are recognised in Journal extracts - "*Old Cranwellian Notes*" - that appeared in the majority of College Journals till 2016. We have added graduation photographs of the time, to help put faces to names - as spelt in personal records - where first mentioned in the Journal extracts.

Researching the history of the OCA has not been easy. Much of what we have collated draws fundamentally on those "*Old Cranwellian Notes*" published in College Journals between 1925 to 2016 (not inclusive) and from information on alumni held in the College archives. The fact that we have been able to make any attempt at recording the OCA's formative history is down very largely to the generosity of a number of alumni (e.g. AVM HW Heslop, Richard Hamilton, Graham Pitchfork and Mike Allistone) donating their personal copies of College Journals, and the incredible dedication and patience of Cranwellian Mike Smith (91 Entry) to convert these old Journals into FlipBooks available at <http://www.cranwell-college.life/library/journals/libraryjournals-mobile.html>. Watch out also for the embedded underlined hypertext links throughout that offer additional information on Cranwellians from other websites.

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In the main, the College Journal Extracts of “*Old Cranwellian Notes*” contain news on alumni postings, promotions, honours & awards, and marriages and deaths. Particularly in the pre-WWII years, when powered flight was still in its infancy, there were also some interesting references to other notable alumni achievements. To make this album a little easier to read and to assimilate information, we list here some of the headline features and later an index by year of Journal editions and OCA AGM minutes. The underlined slide numbers and Table’s underlined text contain hypertext links that enable access direct to the relevant slides. Each slide offers a link back to this page.

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Introduction - Volume 1 1924-1939

Volume 1 of this album charts the formation and establishment of the OCA within the Pre-WWII flight cadet alumni community. The recently graduated officer embarking on a Permanent Commission, the *Cranwellian*, was encouraged to join the OCA and to subscribe to the College Journal, the Journal being the primary 'institutional' medium for alumni to keep in touch and to share their experiences as their RAF careers developed.

Having proposed the formation of an OCA through the College Journal, it was not surprising, therefore, to see dedicated effort and resource assigned to an OCA section within the Journal. By the mid-1930s, the OCA contributions for inclusion in the College Journal had grown from a couple of pages to an average of 6 pages per Journal. And in addition to the efforts of the College Journal Editor, member subscriptions, Journal subscriptions and alumni correspondence would receive the dedicated attention of Mr JHS 'Harry' Lager, MBE, the Secretary of the OCA and a stalwart member of the College staff since its inception in 1919 until his retirement in 1951.

However, we start by headlining the letter, inaugural minutes and pioneers that constitute the historical formation of the "Association of Officers", as George Beamish proposed it, to be formally named the *Old Cranwellian Association*. Thereafter, we see how communication grew within and between alumni, topics covering promotions, postings and alumni "hatch, match and despatch".

Entirely subjectively, the editor of this album has highlighted (in red bordered text boxes) some of the correspondence unique to the OCA and the contributions from College alumni; obituaries are also highlighted (in black bordered text boxes) as we pay tribute to Cranwellians who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service of the Crown. Elsewhere, we add the remaining *Old Cranwellian Notes* and selected OCA Meetings Minutes that we have been able to recover, reproduced as a definitive record of OCA history.

College Journal Extract - Autumn 1925 (Genesis)

The first mention of the Old Cranwellians (the first College alumni) is in the Autumn 1925 Journal:

The Editor, "R.A.F. Cadet College Magazine."

No. 100 "B" SQUADRON,
ROYAL AIR FORCE,
WESTONZOYLAND,
BRIDGWATER,
SOMERSET.

SIR,

May I be permitted through your columns to draw attention to a matter which has been under quiet discussion amongst Cadets and ex-Cadets for some time. I refer to the question of a formation of an Association of Officers who have passed through the Royal Air Force Cadet College.

Opinions have been expressed strongly in favour of some such organization, and as an enthusiastic supporter of this project I should like to give some reasons for this.

- (a) It would encourage *esprit de corps* and serve as a bond between past and present in the growth of the College.
- (b) It would supply an organization to collect teams of the past for all sports and games against the present
- (c) It would by its organization be able to supply news of all ex-Cadets through the pages of the ROYAL AIR FORCE CADET COLLEGE MAGAZINE.
- (d) It would gradually accumulate small funds which could be used for College and reunion purposes.

These are some of the more obvious advantages of such an organization ; others would undoubtedly be found.

I suggest that the membership of this organization should consist of ex-Cadets and Officers chosen by invitation who have been connected with the College.

Is it asking too much, Sir, to suggest that you enclose in this copy of the magazine, at the end of the magazine, a red slip which can be signed, stamped, and posted to the Secretary Old Cranwellians' Association, c/o The Cadet College Magazine, Cranwell, Lincs, by all who are willing to signify their interest in some such organization.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. BEAMISH, *Pilot Officer.*

[The Editor hopes that ex-Cadets will comply *at once* with this invitation. In future space will be reserved in this Magazine for ex-Cranwellian news. In order that there may be no more delay in forming such an association the writer of this letter has been urged to arrange a reunion dinner before next Christmas ; and to bring up teams to play the College at the end of this term at "Rugger" and "Soccer." The slip will be found opposite.]

The OCA 'Proposer' and his Cohort

The proposer of the Old Cranwellian Association, George Beamish, is shown below with the Sword of Honour he won on January 1923 (J23) Entry. He was to return on 1 January 1949 as the 11th Commandant of the RAF College.



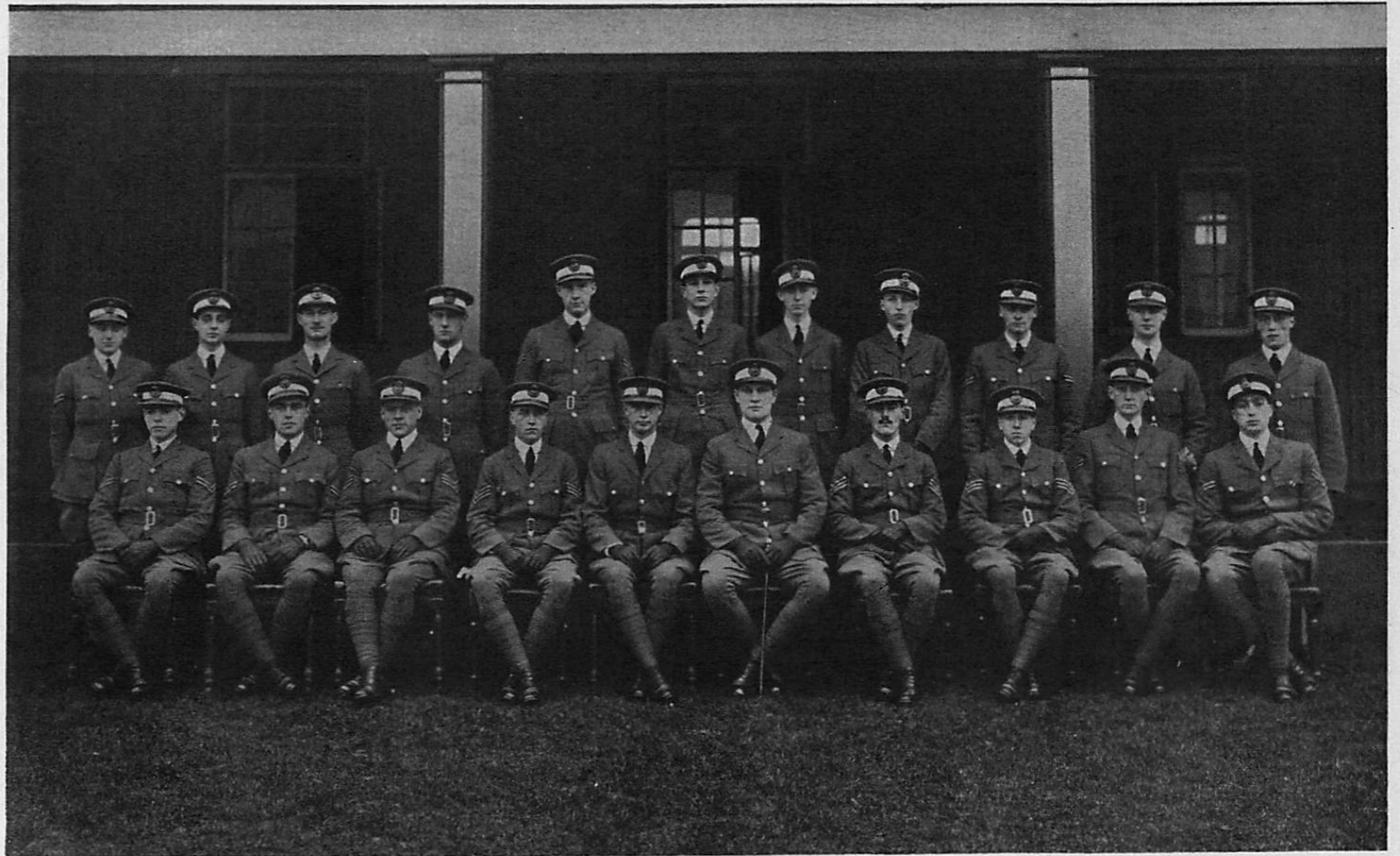
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THE PRIZE WINNERS—DECEMBER, 1924.

F./C. Sergt. A. H. W. J. Cocks (The Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize).

F./C. Under-Officer G. R. Beamish (The Sword of Honour).

F./C. Corpl. S. H. V. Harris (The R. M. Groves Memorial Prize).



[Photo, Gale & Polden, Ltd., Aldershot.]

THE PASSING-OUT TERM—DECEMBER, 1924.

Standing.—Harris, Cox, Selwyn, Hayes, Hardy, Walker, Hayes, Terry, Ford, Willetts, O'Hanlon.

Sitting.—Campbell, Addams, Nowell, Beardsworth, Scott, Beamish, Lord Bandon, Cocks, Allinson, Montgomery.

Absent.—Franks.

College Journal Extract - Spring 1926 (Formation)

The extract below records the formation of the OCA and the announcement to College alumni.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

Such was the response to the letter of Pilot-Officer G. R. Beamish, published in our last issue, that steps towards the formation of an Association of Ex-Cadets have been taken with some definite results. About seventy-five officers who have passed through the College supported the scheme immediately.

As a result, it was possible to arrange a Rugby football match between the Past and Present ; and as many officers who were not playing accepted the invitation of the College to be present, a preliminary meeting was held at which several resolutions were passed and a tentative constitution adopted.

The name " Old Cranwellian Association " was adopted unanimously, and its objects were declared to be much as they appeared in Pilot-Officer Beamish's letter :—

- (a) To establish an organization to keep ex-Cadets in close touch with the College.
- (b) To promote games, sports, and reunions between the past and present.
- (c) To create a fund to be used for the furtherance of College and Service interests.

The annual subscription was fixed at 20s., which will include subscriptions to the magazine, and which will be paid by the customary Banker's Order.

A Dinner is to be held annually.

An ordinary form of constitution was drafted, and it was decided to ask Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., to be first President of the Association.

This he has kindly consented to be, and it is now intended to hold the first general meeting in London, about the first week in May, on the occasion of the Triangular Sports Contest at the Queen's Club with the R.M.A. and R.M.C.

The proposal is supported very warmly by the present generation of Cadets and by all officers in close touch with the College. So it is to be hoped that all ex-Cadets who have not yet sent in their application for membership will hasten to do so, in order that arrangements may be made for a first general meeting.

All those who have signified their wish to join the Association will be notified regarding the agenda, etc., for the meeting and the proposed draft constitution.

Temporarily, Capt. Brachi is acting as organizing secretary, and he will be pleased to receive any suggestions and assistance that can be given to him.

First OCA President and Vice-Presidents

Longcroft, together with Trenchard, Smuts and Churchill, was a Founder of the RAF College whose portrait hangs in Founders' Gallery.

Borton was extremely supportive of Beamish's initiative and brokered the inaugural meeting of the OCA.

Rees is one of five Cranwellians to have been awarded the VC - two in WWI and three in WWII.



Air Vice-Marshal
Charles Alexander Holcombe Longcroft
CMG, DSO, AFC
1st College Commandant
OCA President



Air Commodore
Amyas Eden Borton
CB, CMG, DSO, AFC
2nd College Commandant
OCA Vice-President



Group Captain
Lionel Wilmot Brabazon Rees
VC, OBE, MC, AFC
Assistant Commandant
OCA Vice-President

Old Cranwellian Association - Inaugural Meeting (1)

The extract below was kindly provided by Cranwellian Mike Horton

Old Cranwellian Association

The inaugural meeting of the above was held at the R.A.F. Cadet College, Cranwell, on July 14th 1926 with Air Commodore A.E. Bolton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C. in the chair.

The Chairman after expressing his welcome to the meeting introduced for discussion the purposes of the Association & a general discussion followed.

It was then proposed by F/O. E.S.C. Davis, and seconded by F/O. H.M. Mellor that —

"The primary objects of the Association are

- (a) to organise an annual reunion at the R.A.F. Cadet College & to promote & organise games between Past & present Cadets
- (b) To fund by means of a small Annual Subscription a fund to be used for the furtherance of college interests & charities.

This was passed unanimously, & it was decided that the annual general reunion should be held at Cranwell in the summer, with the kind permission of the Commandant, & that a subsidiary reunion should be held in the winter when possible.

The following constitution was then accepted.

1. The name shall be the Old Cranwellian Association.
2. Anyone who has been admitted to & passed through the R.A.F. Cadet College is eligible for membership, & the Association shall have power to invite to become members or honorary members, officials of the R.A.F.
3. The Annual subscription to the Association shall be 20/- (twenty shillings). This shall include subscription to the R.A.F. Cadet College Magazine.
The subscription shall be paid by Bankers Order Form

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4. The Association shall meet at least once annually. The President of the Association shall have been Commandant or Assistant-Commandant of the R.A.F. Cadet College.
The Annual General Meeting shall elect the Committee and Officers for the ensuing year, & shall fix the date of the next Annual General Meeting.
5. The Committee elected as in Rule 4, shall elect a Chairman from its own number.
6. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee which shall consist of not less than twelve members (five to form a quorum). Members of Committee shall hold office for one year, but provided a member has attended one Annual meeting during his period of office, he shall be eligible for re-election, except that two members will retire each year. On completion of residence at the R.A.F. Cadet College each entry shall be invited to nominate its member of the next committee elected.
The committee shall have power to co-opt members.
7. The first annual meeting of the committee shall be held as soon as possible after the first Annual General Meeting of the Association, & again annually immediately before the Annual General Meeting of the Association; & at such the committee shall meet at such other times as may be deemed necessary.
8. The Committee shall at its first Annual meeting appoint its executive officers to carry on the business of the Association. The executive committee shall consist of at least five members, (three to form a quorum).

Old Cranwellian Association - Inaugural Meeting (2)

The extract below was kindly provided by Cranwellian Mike Horton

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9. A report and financial statement shall be published annually in the R.A.F. Cadet College Magazine with the permission of the Editor.

10. The committee shall have power to alter or vary the rules of the Association, subject to the confirmation of the next Annual General meeting.

11. The committee shall have power to veto any membership, or to suspend any member, of the Association.

12. A reunion guest night shall be held annually on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting & such guest night shall be open to all members of the Association.

Clause 3, above was discussed fully & the subscription as stated was adopted unanimously; but the chairman pointed out that this might be modified later by some form of subscription by which a certain number of payments might create life-membership.

The following officers were then appointed unanimously

President: Air Vice-Marshal C.A.H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C.,

Vice-Pres: Air Commodore A.E. Bolton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C.,
Group Capt: L.N.B. Rice, V.C., O.B.E., M.C., A.F.C.,

Committee: -

P/O G. R. Beamish	F/O C.J. Collingwood
F/O J.G. Hawtrey	F/O D. Macfarlane
F/O North Carter	F/O G.H. Worthington
F/O E.S.C. Davis	F/O R.L.R. Metherley
F/O T.N. McEvoy	F/O H.L. Patch
F/O E. Webb	F/O H.R.D. Waghorn

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Secy: Capt: C.C. Parachi

The following were elected Honorary Members of the Association.

Grp Capt:	A.L. Goldman, C.M.G., D.S.O.	Dist
Wing Com:	A.S. Burrell, C.M.G., M.C.	Dist.
"	L.A. Pattinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C.	Dist.
"	H.B. Callaway, A.F.C.	
Sq. Ldr:	C.G. Burge, O.B.E.	
"	J. Sorsby, A.F.C.	
"	T.H. England, D.S.O., A.F.C.	
"	A.J. Capel, D.S.O., D.F.C.	

A.E. Bolton
Vice Chairman.

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J.H.

Old Cranwellian Association - Inaugural Meeting (3)

NOTES ON THE PARTICIPANTS

Vice-Chairman/Vice-President - Air Cdre AE Borton

The RAF College's second Commandant (15 Aug 23 - 1 Nov 26) convened the Inaugural Meeting of the Old Cranwellian Association on 14 July 1926. A short bio is on the Cranwellian Historical Society website at <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/Commandantsv0.5.pdf> , Slide 4.

President - AVM CRH Longcroft

AVM Longcroft was the RAF College's first Commandant and, together with Churchill, Smuts and Trenchard, cofounded the College. The RAF took over the College from the RN on 1 November 1919 and the first course started on 5 February 1920 (Founders' Day). A short bio is at Slide 3 of <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/Commandantsv0.5.pdf>. Bios of the founders are at Slides 4 and 5 of <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/CHOMCelebsv0.2.pdf>.

Vice-President - Gp Capt LHB Rees

Gp Capt Rees was the Chief Flying Instructor at Cranwell and Assistant Commandant at the RAF College between 26 March 1923 and 29 December 1924. Although the College declares only one flight cadet who won the VC, Rees in fact was one of five 'Cranwellians' who won this honour, another like Rees during WWI and three during WWII. An explanation of Slides 5 to 12 of <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/Gongs.pdf>, including a short bio of Rees.

Proposer - Fg Off ESC Davis

Davis graduated from F22 Entry - the intake of February 1922 - in December 1923. A pilot, he was killed in action flying a Sunderland Mk 1 over Trondheim Fjord, Norway, on 19 March 1941.

Seconder - Fg Off HM Mellor

Mellor graduated from S21 Entry - September 1921 - in July 1923. Also a pilot, he was killed in action on 26 May 1940, failing to return from operations over France, in his Beaufort Mk1 of 22 Sqn, Coastal Command. Possibly due to other operational commitments, he does not appear to have joined the newly formed OCA Committee.

Committee Members

GR Beamish graduated from F23 Entry with the College Sword of Honour in December 1924. A former Ireland and British Lion rugby international, his distinguished career included a tour as the 11th Commandant of the RAF College (1 January 1949 - 31 July 1950). A short bio is at Slide 13 of <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/Commandantsv0.5.pdf> and a more detailed profile at <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Beamish.htm>.

JG Hawtrey graduated from the College's first RAF Entry F20 in December 1921. Awarded the CBE, his distinguished career is summarised at <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Hawtrey.htm>.

N Carter graduated from F21 Entry with the Sword of Honour in December 1922 and went on to be awarded a CB and DFC and to be Mentioned in Despatches during WWII.

TN McEvoy graduated with the Sword of Honour from S23 Entry in July 1925 and went onto a distinguished career recognised by the awards of KCB, CB, CBE OBE and two MiDs. His career profile is at <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/McEvoy.htm>.

EB Webb was another Sword of Honour winner, graduating with J24 Entry - January 1924 - in December 1925. He was killed in action whilst Station Commander at RAF Snaith, when his Wellington crashed on 2 April 1942 over Villacoublay on operations to Poissy. He had received an MiD during WWII.

CJ Collingwood graduated in December 1921 from F20 Entry, having entered as a Naval cadet. He went on to win a DFC and OBE before retiring from the RAF on 28 April 1948.

D MacFadyen graduated in July 1922 from S20 Entry, with the Sword of Honour, the RM Groves Memorial Prize and the accolade as 'Student Scholar of the College'. His talents and potential clearly spotted by the College, he went onto a distinguished career, winning a KCB, CB, CBE and two MiDs. A career summary is at: <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Macfadyen D.htm>.

GL Worthington graduated from S21 Entry in July 1923 with the Sword of Honour, Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Prize and the accolade as 'Student Scholar of the College'. Like MacFadyen before him, he went on to a career recognised by the KCB, CB, CBE and an MiD. A career summary is at: <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Worthington GL.htm>.

RLR Atcherley graduated from S22 Entry in July 1924 with the RM Groves Memorial Prize. He was the first flight cadet to become College Commandant (the 10th 1 October 1946 - 1 January 1949, handing over to George Beamish). He received KCB, CBE, the AFC and Bar and two MiDs in his distinguished career, summarised at: <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/AtcherleyR.htm>. He was also part of the winning 1929 Schneider Trophy team - <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/ewExternalFiles/Pre-WarEvents.pdf>.

HL Patch graduated from S23 Entry in July 1925. Also awarded a KCB, CB and CBE, Patch was one of a few brave pilots to receive no fewer than four MiDs in WWII. His career is summarised at: <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Patch.htm>.

HRD Waghorn graduated with the Sword of Honour from S22 Entry in July 1924. He received an AFC during his short but distinguished career, which included winning the Schneider Trophy in 1929 - see <https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/tag/henry-richard-danvers-waghorn/>. See also Article 13 in <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/ewExternalFiles/Pre-WarEvents.pdf>.

OCA CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RAF COLLEGE

Throughout its history, the OCA (now CA) has supported the RAF College, not least with well attended annual reunions at the College, to retain the family bond between retired and serving officers, and the flight cadets undergoing officer training at the College. There are numerous donations from the OCA on display, not least the most recent, a life size monument of the RAF's and RAF College's founder, Lord Trenchard: <https://www.cranwellianassociation.org.uk/unveiling-of-the-centenary-statue-of-lord-trenchard>.

Ten of the First OCA Committee Members (when cadets)



U/O D MacFadyen



U/O N Carter



U/O GL Worthington



F/C Cpl JM Mellor



F/C Sgt ESC Davis



F/C Sgt RLR Atcherley



U/O HRD Waghorn



U/O TN McEvoy



F/C Cpl HL Patch



U/O EB Webb

College Journal Extract - Autumn 1926 (Membership)

The extract below records the inaugural meeting of the OCA.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE inaugural meeting of the Association, which was postponed from May 8th by the strike, was held at the Cadet College on July 14th, on the occasion of the Past and Present cricket match.

A tennis match also took place.

It was most unfortunate that many who had undertaken to represent the Past were detained by duty at the last minute.

The meeting was held just before Mess, and the attendance numbered thirty-five. Air-Commodore A. E. Borton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., took the chair.

It was decided that the purpose of the Association is—

- (a) To organize an annual reunion at the Cadet College, and to promote and organize games between Past and Present.
- (b) To found a fund, by means of a small annual subscription, to be used for the furtherance of Cadet College interests and charities.

A constitution was then arranged for the Association, of which it is only necessary here to quote the main points.

Membership is open to anyone who has been admitted to and passed through the Cadet College, and the Association has power to invite to become members, or honorary members, officials of the R.A.F.

The annual subscription was fixed at 20s., which includes subscription to the Magazine. This must be paid by banker's order form.

The Association will meet annually in the summer at Cranwell, and a guest night will follow the meeting.

It is hoped to limit the number of subscriptions to cover life membership.

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College Journal Extract - Spring & Autumn 1927

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE annual rugger match was arranged for November 17th, but so bad was the weather that it was impossible to play, although most of the side was present.



F/C AL Holden

OLD CRANWELLIAN NEWS.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of F./Officer Arthur Holden. He was one of the most popular fellows who have ever passed out from this College, which he represented at rugger, cricket and athletics. His commanding officer wrote of him that "his loss is a great blow to the squadron, for he was a most likeable messmate and a very stout fellow." That was exactly our opinion of him here, and we recall, too, his venturesome spirit, his whimsical humour, and his absolute loyalty to his friends.

F./Officer R. Utley has made several appearances this season in the Hampshire XI. On June 18th he took six Essex wickets for 71. On July 9th he turned out for the Gentlemen.

Congratulations to F./Officer Steedman on his recovery. We trust that he will soon recover the complete use of his arm.

Many congratulations to those ex-cadets whose names appeared in the last promotion lists.

Congratulations to F./Officer A. P. Bett on his share in the successful Cairo-Cape Flight under the command of Air-Commodore C. R. Samson.

Congratulations to F./Officer A. H. Montgomery on being awarded Sir Philip Sassoon's Cup for the 100 Miles Race open to single-seater fighters of the Home Defences.



U/O RK Hamblin



F/C J Norwood

A general Committee meeting was held in October, when the following Executive Committee was formed: F./Officer R. L. Atcherley, P./Officer G. R. Beamish, F./Officer J. G. Hawtrey, P./Officer T. N. McEvoy, F./Officer H. R. D. Waghorn. It was decided that names for honorary membership can only be submitted after approval by the Committee.

It is hoped to fix the annual cricket match and general meeting for the first week in June or July.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NEWS.

F./OFFICER B. W. KNOX represented the Air Force in Iraq against the Army at athletics and put up a Service record for putting-the-weight.

F./Officer G. R. Beamish had to go into hospital again last year, in order that his leg might be broken and reset. We are glad to hear that the operation was a complete success.

During a reconnaissance on January 14th, 1926, while co-operating with a column supporting the Jaf migration to Persia, an aeroplane of No. 30 Squadron was compelled to land at Nasum behind a range of hills occupied by the rebels. The pilot, F./Officer Denny, and his passenger, L.A.C. Hirst, were captured by the Sheik Mahmud and taken to Persia. Here the two were for four months prisoners of the Sheik Mahmud at Suleimania. We gathered—with great relief—from Denny's parents and others that he was well treated, that he was allowed the use of a gun, that he wore Kurdish clothes, and that he was allowed letters. At the same time, it was, as we say, with great relief that we heard of his safe return to Kirkuk on or about October 11th. A wireless signal of congratulations was at once sent to him from the instructors of the Cadet College.

We greatly regret to hear of the death at Hinaidi in the autumn of 1926 of F./Officer W. Duport, one of the finest officers who have ever passed out from the College. He was an Under-Officer, a good sportsman and universally popular.

F./Officer N. Young is on H.M.S. *Tamar* serving with the Navy in China. He writes cheerfully and is not oppressed by "the situation."

We were very sorry to hear of the accident at Wittering to F./Officer Steedman. But it is good news that he is already well on his return to health, and we send him our best wishes for his speedy recovery.



F/C JG Hawtrey



F/C Cpl FM Denny



U/O WO du Port



F/C Sgt N Young
AGF Prize S22 Entry



F/C Sgt EB Steedman



F/C Cpl RPH Utley



F/C Cpl AP Bett



F/C Cpl AH Montgomery

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

At the end of the first year of its existence, the Association musters ninety members, though it is evident from the attitude of many Old Cranwellians that they believe they are members because they once filled in a slip asking for an expression of opinion on the desirability of forming the Association. But it must be noted that the only slip which admits to membership is reproduced in each issue of the Magazine.

The Summer Reunion was on July 6th, when the Past played the Present at cricket and tennis. In both, the latter were successful, and it is a matter of regret that the Past could not muster stronger teams.

The Annual General Meeting took place in the evening, when about thirty members were present. Most of the business arose out of the working of the Committee. A balance sheet was not drawn up, as there had been no expenditure by the Association during the year. This was due to the fact that the Magazine Fund temporarily had undertaken the financial responsibility.*

Two new honorary members were elected—Air-Commodore F. C. Halahan, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.V.O., as officiating Vice-President while Commandant, and Sqdn.-Ldr. I. T. Lloyd. F./Officers G. L. Worthington and E. B. Webb resign from the General Committee in favour of P./Officers R. R. Hamblin and J. Norwood, the elected representatives of cadets who went out in 1926.

It was decided to make a donation to the R.A.F. Cadet College Sports Fund.

In order to simplify the collecting of teams for Past and Present games, it was decided to fix the dates for rugger and cricket permanently. The dates accepted respectively by the meeting were November 11th and the first Wednesday after the R.A.F. Display. These dates are subject to revision after a test, but will stand for 1927-28; and a hope was expressed that these dates would become recognized by C.Os.

A guest night dinner followed the meeting, at which about thirty-five were present, and the thanks of the Association are due to the Mess for its excellent fare.

*These liabilities of the past the Magazine has now undertaken to write off, in order to start the Association on a sound basis.—Ed.

Second Annual General Meeting - 6 July 1927

The College Cmdt, Air Cdre FC Halahan as "Official" Vice-President of the OCA during the term of office, in the Chair.

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 The Annual General Meeting of the Old Camwellian Association was held at Camwell on July 6th 1927 at 19.15 hrs. with the Commandant in the Chair.
 The minutes of the Inaugural Meeting were read & accepted.
 The report of the Committee was read & reviewed by points. With reference to Rule 2. para 2. (H 175), it was proposed by F/O D.A. Boyle & seconded by F/O J.G. Hastings, "that the Ruling of the Committee should be accepted with the addition of the following words after Committee in lines 5, 'and that such membership shall only be extended to those who have served at R.A.F. Cadet College'." This was adopted unanimously.
 Proposed by F/O R.L.R. Atcherley & seconded by F/O N.W.F. Mason that "The Commandant of the Cadet College be adopted as Official Vice President of the Association during his term of office." Adopted unanimously.
 Proposed by F/O D.A. Boyle & seconded by F/O R.L.R. Atcherley that "As proposed by Committee The Commandant of the Cadet College & Sgt/ldr I. T. Lloyd be ^{invited to accept} H.M. membership." This was carried unanimously & the former readily accepted the invitation.
 Proposed by F/O M.E. del. Hayes & seconded by F/O J.G. Hastings that "Subscription to the Magazine Fund by at the rate of ^{per ann:} five shillings per member temporarily, but should be subject to review." Adopted.
 Proposed by F/O N.W.F. Mason & seconded by F/O M.E. del. Hayes that "in Rule 11. 'membership' be taken to include H.M. membership." This was adopted.
 The Hon. Sec: then rendered a financial statement showing that no audit had been necessary as the funds received had been untouched, because all expenses hitherto had been borne by R.A.F. Cadet College Magazine Funds.

F/O D.A. Boyle proposed & F/O N.W.F. Mason seconded that "The Hon. Sec: should approach the Magazine authorities with a view to their kindly accepting these liabilities to date permanently, in order to start the Association on a sound basis." Adopted unanimously.
 F/O Atcherley proposed & F/O G.R. Beamish seconded that "a subscription be made to the Cadet College Sports Fund on the basis of 5/- per head of present Membership." Adopted unanimously.
 The Meeting then proceeded to the election of Committee for the ensuing year. In accordance with Rule 6. (p.2) & the suggestion of the Committee (p.7) - F/O R.K. Hamblin & J. Norwood were elected in place of F/O G.H. Worthington & F/O B. Webb, who have gone overseas.
 Proposed by F/O G.R. Beamish & seconded by F/O R.L.R. Atcherley that "A fixed date should be found for Summer Meeting & Cricket Match, & for the Rugger Match, & that these should be recorded in Service Pocket Books if possible." Adopted in the former, the dates suggested varied between the last week in May, & the second week in July, - ignoring June. F/O D.A. Boyle & F/O R.L.R. Atcherley finally proposed the Wednesday following R.A.F. display for the former & this was carried by a small majority. It was agreed that the date should be subject to review. F/O G.R. Beamish & F/O P.W. Lowe-Holmes suggested Nov. 11th for the Ruggie match. This was carried ^{subject to review} with few dissentients. During these discussions it was generally agreed that the Com: should find some means of emphasising to C.Os. the importance of these dates to Cadet College, with a view to release of ex-cadets for matches & meetings.
 The Hon. Executive Committee discussion re Propaganda to Schools was read over ^(p.6) the Meeting but time allowed of no discussion.

OCA Membership qualifications

The Cmdt elected as OCA Vice-President

College Journal subscription

Expenses to date borne by College Journal subscription funds

Subscription to College Sports Fund

OCA Executive Committee members elected

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[Of those Cranwellians mentioned here, Nicholletts, the Beamish brothers, Atcherley and Waghorn would become acknowledged 'high flyers'.

Click on their names where underlined]



F/C Cpl GE Nicholletts

U/O FV Beamish

F/C Sgt CESTJ Beamish

U/O DWR Ryley

F/C FS O'Hanlon

F/C PLA Berthon

F/C HB Maugham

F/C Cpl GIL Saye

OLD CRANWELLIAN NEWS.

We had a visit on October 14th from B. M. Pascoe, who spent the day in the Mess and stayed the night in "A" Squadron lines.

F./Officer G. E. Nicholletts was chosen for the "Southampton's" flight to Singapore, which took off on October 11th, 1927.

F./Officer F. V. Beamish and F./Officer G. R. Beamish have been playing rugger regularly for Leicester this season. By the time this appears in print, another brother—C. E. St. J.—will have been commissioned, and we wish him an equal success in the athletic world.

F./Officer D. Ryley has played for Leicester this year, including the match against the Waratahs.

Congratulations to F./Officer F. S. O'Hanlon on winning the Groues Memorial Prize for Air Navigation.

P./Officer P. L. A. Berthon was up here recently. It is bad news that, owing to a breakdown, he is going on the Reserve.

P./Officer H. B. Maugham had a flying accident recently. He has our best wishes for a speedy return to health.

We were very glad to see so many Old Cranwellians at the Sandhurst match, and at "The Shop" match.

It was very pleasant to see Sqdn.-Ldr. Lloyd and P./Officer Saye here on St. Andrew's Night.

Over forty Old Cranwellians turned up on November 30th, and though there were some disappointments they put a fair team into the field. F./Officer George Beamish, literally and metaphorically a tower of strength, captained the side; the rest of the team were: F./Officers Bruce-Bennett, Watt, Philpott, Stevinson, Ryley, Clarke, Brembridge, Abrams, Mason, David, Atcherley, Waghorn, Roberts and J. R. Jones, who put up a particularly stout show in coming up, as he came a great distance for the game, and had to return at once after it. The game was rather a runaway for the College; White was the most brilliant three-quarter on the field; Llewelyn and Pott played well, too. Of our opponents, Beamish played an international game and Brembridge showed that he has not lost his speed. The kicking of Constantine was one of the most conspicuous features of the game.

In the evening, the Cadets' Mess provided an excellent dinner, which was the more enjoyable as there were no speeches.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of F./Officer R. D. Whelan, and we offer our sympathy to his widow.

F./Officer F. W. Denny is now at Martlesham none the worse for his captivity under Sheikh Mahmoud.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE General Meeting, the cricket match and a tennis match took place at Cranwell on July 4th. All suffered in their attendance owing to the air meeting at Blackpool and various training arrangements which were introduced after the invitations had been issued and accepted; these reduced the numbers of those who wished to be present—over sixty—to those who were able to be present—thirty.

The Past, whose team had to be entirely reorganized on the day of the match, lost the cricket match by a wide margin. At tennis, however, they fared better, and after a long struggle the match was abandoned as a draw with one match to play.

Owing to the absence of the A.O.C., the Assistant Commandant took the chair at the meeting.

The membership has increased to one hundred and sixty, a majority of those who have passed through the College.

The most important items of business were as follows: F./Lieut. L. Game was elected an honorary member and Squadron-Leader D. O. Mulholland provisionally on his leaving Cranwell, as it is rumoured. The balance sheet as below was accepted, showing a bank balance of £88 5s. 1d. The usual grant was made to the R.A.F. Cadet College Sports Fund.

It was decided that in future the Association will not issue invitations to the Reunions to non-members as in the past, but it is hoped that non-members will join the Association.

The Rugger match has been fixed for Wednesday, October 31st, this year, and in future it is hoped to fix it permanently on the third Wednesday in October. Those who wish to play are invited to notify the Hon. Secretary in September, in order that a team may be selected by the Committee.



F/C Cpl G Stevinson



U/O J Clarke



U/O CHG Brembridge



F/C Sgt WG Abrams



F/C Cpl NWF Mason



F/C Cpl JR Jones



F/C Cpl RD Whelan



F/C Cpl V Bruce-Bennett



F/C Cpl PM Watt



F/C Sgt MG Philpott

Third Annual General Meeting - 4 July 1928

Wg Cdr EM Murray in the Chair.

Committee.
 F/lt. C.D. Colingwood, J.G. Hasting, J. Macpherson, F/lt. G.R. Bennett, N. Cuth, R.H.R. Atchley,
 H.C.D. Hougham, T.N. Murray, R.H. Franklin, J. Wood, J.H. Gillan, E.A. Jones.

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Camwellian Association was held at Camwell, on Wedn: July 4th 1928, at 19.00 hrs. with Wing Commander E.M. Murray in the Chair.
 The Chairman expressed the regrets of the A.O.C. at being absent owing to illness & read a wire of good wishes to the Meeting.
 The minutes of the last Meeting were duly passed, after the Hon: Sec. had reported progress in the cases of Sgt/ldr I.T. Boyd, the Magazine authorisation & subscription to Cadet College Sports Fund (see page 12), & in the case of dates for Cricket & Rugger fixtures, & of notice to A.O.C.s re these meetings (p.11.)

- The Committee recommended —
- (a) that 'passed through' in Rule 2. (p.1.) be interpreted in a wide sense, i.e. to admit gentlemen who do not complete the course owing to circumstances that do not reflect on their personal character. This was seconded by F/lt. S.H. Hardy & passed unanimously.
 - (b) that it is no longer expedient to ^{invite} ~~overseas~~ non-members of the Association to the Reunions. The Hon: Sec. reported replies from 28 only. Seconded by F/lt G.H. Hougham, & passed unanimously.
 - (c) the election of F/lt L. Game & Sgt/ldr D.S. Mulholland (provisional on his leaving the R.A.F. Cadet College) to Hon: Membership. These were seconded by F/lt. N. Mason & V. Bruce Bennett, & accepted unanimously.

- (d) that the Balance Sheet presented by the Hon: Sec. & audited by the Accountant Cadet College, showing a balance at Bank of £88..5..1. free of liabilities, be accepted. Seconded by F/lt. J.R. Jones & passed unanimously.
- (e) that the managerial expenses of the S/M. Gorwood Presentation Fund, initiated by ^{officer} ~~the~~ Cadets on Camwell Station, become a charge on the Association. Seconded by F/lt. R.H.R. Atchley & passed unanimously.
- (f) that a donation be made to R.A.F. Cadet College Sports Funds on the same basis as last year for 100 members. Seconded by F/lt. D.A. Boyle & passed unanimously.
- (g) that as it was impossible to carry out the last & Present Rugger Match on Nov: 11th last year, the third Wednesday in October be the fixed date for the match, except for 1928, when Oct. 31st is the only date available. Seconded by F/lt. N. Mason & passed unanimously.
- (h) that in order to comply with Rule 6. (p.2) F/lt. H.H. Pate & F/lt. E.S.C. Davis, who are overseas & unable to attend meetings of Committee, retire in favour of F/lt. J.W. Gillan & E.A. Jones, the representatives of outgoing terms. Seconded by F/lt. H.M. Mellor & passed unanimously.

The question of an Old Camwellian tie was discussed in open meeting & it was proposed by F/lt. R.H.R. Atchley, seconded by F/lt. J.G. Hasting that the present Cadet College tie be the tie of the Old Camwellians. Accepted by 19 votes to six.
 J.L. St/ 12/6/28 J.H. 11/4/28

S/M Gorwood Presentation Fund donation

Subscription to College Sports Fund

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[Of those Cranwellians mentioned here, including previously mentioned 'high flyers', Beisiegel and Boyle also had distinguished RAF careers, the former playing regularly for Leicestershire CCC and the latter becoming the first Cranwellian CAS. Click on their names where underlined>

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

CONGRATULATIONS on their marriages, to F./Officer G. E. F. and Mrs. Lywood; to F./Officer and Mrs. N. S. Allinson; to F./Officer and Mrs. H. R. D. Waghorn; to F./Officer V. Q. and Mrs. Blackden.

F./Officer R. P. H. Utley has retired from the Service, to take orders in the Catholic Church. We hope that this will not mean a complete severance of his relations with the Hampshire cricket side, and with the Old Cranwellian Society.

We have had visits this term from F./Officer G. Beamish, F./Officer Cator, F./Officer Guppy, F./Officer Costa, F./Officer White, F./Officer Hill, F./Officer Thompson, F./Officer Boyle, F./Officer Atcherley, and F./Officer Waghorn.

F./Officer Boyle came over from Wittering to play the cadets at squash racquets on November 22nd last.

There was a large number of Old Cranwellians at the match versus the "Shop," and their support on the touchline was very valuable. I noticed amongst those who have recently left the College Cooke, Gillan, Owen, Bartlett, Berkeley, Sprague, Ryley, and E. V. Moore.

Dr. L. Game is now in the R.A.M.C., and stationed at Shorncliffe.

A record has been set up by P./Officer J. Stephenson, now in No. 16 Squadron at Old Sarum. He passed first out of the Apprentices' Wing in Cranwell; he passed first out of Cranwell; and now he has just obtained first place in the Long Army Co-operation Course with the highest percentage ever obtained on this course.

During the air manoeuvres at the end of the summer, 1928, an Old Cranwellian had an unpleasant experience.

A few hours before the air "war" ended, one of the single-seater defending planes burst into flames over Richmond. The pilot, F./Officer L. C. Bennett, of No. 1 Fighter Squadron, which was operating from Northolt Aerodrome, made a parachute descent on to a roof at Kew. He was unhurt.

F./Officer Beisiegel spent a few days in hospital here, but is now recovered and is playing football for a London club.

We offer our sincere sympathy to F./Officer Whistondale on the sudden death of his father, whose name will always be commemorated at Cranwell by the beautiful trophy he gave in July, 1926, to the College for the Inter-Squadron Revolver Competition.

Congratulations on his engagement to F./Officer R. H. Barlow.

These Old Cranwellians have been playing in club football: Llewelyn for Rosslyn Park; Constantine for the Old Blues; George and Victor Beamish for Leicester; Charles Beamish for the London Irish; White and Owen for the Harlequins.

The Past v. Present cricket match will take place on Wednesday, June 12th, 1929, and not as hitherto after the R.A.F. Display. This is due to the alteration of the date of the latter.

The Past v. Present rugby match will take place on Wednesday, October 16th, 1929.

An Austin Seven saloon has been presented to Sergt.-Major Gorwood as a result of subscriptions received from officers who have passed through the Cadet College, and the Cadets of July, 1928. A deficiency has been made

good by a loan from the Old Cranwellian Association to the extent of about £15. It is hoped that many (particularly those abroad) who have intended to send subscriptions, and have forgotten to do so, will now send their subscriptions to liquidate this loan.

Subscriptions to date are acknowledged from the undermentioned:—

F./Lieuts. D. L. G. Bett, C. J. Collingwood, V. B. Bennett, D. Macfadyen, C. F. Sealy, C. L. Falconer, J. G. Hawtrey, A. P. Revington, A. J. M. Akerman, J. B. Barrett, G. C. Spencer.

F./Officers G. R. M. Clifford, E. A. Healy, H. M. Mellor, Earl of Bandon, G. R. Beamish, D. A. Boyle, C. H. G. Bremridge, A. D. Gillmore, F. M. Denny, T. B. Prickman, C. C. Edwards, J. Warburton, B. W. Knox, G. W. Hayes, G. N. Pilcher, F. W. M. Matthews, H. R. D. Waghorn, G. C. A. Armstrong, C. E. G. Lywood, A. H. Montgomery, J. Jones, C. V. Yonge, L. W. Cannon, C. M. Heard, S. H. Hardy, V. Q. Blackden, G. H. Loughnan, A. R. Leslie-Melville, A. H. W. J. Cocks, H. C. Parker, H. E. Nowell, A. D. Davies, J. E. G. Thomas, W. L. Opie, R. A. P. Roberts, H. M. Groves, H. D. Ommanney, L. R. W. Tillard, J. R. Mutch, G. H. Huxham, J. R. Jones, E. B. Steedman, J. R. Addams, C. J. Coggle, A. W. A. Ricks, J. A. P. Harrison, T. G. Pike, V. O. Eyre, R. K. Hamblin, J. Clarke, T. N. McEvoy, T. J. Arbuthnot, H. H. Brookes, E. V. S. Lacey, N. W. F. Mason, W. M. C. Kennedy, F. V. Beamish.

P./Officers C. H. Turner, F. R. Worthington, J. R. H. Pott, J. W. Gillan, J. E. Allen, C. D. C. Boyce, C. C. O'Grady, G. Francis, E. S. Finch, W. J. H. Lindley, P. L. P. Marett, P. McC. Watt, P. C. I. Elderton, D. J. Waghorn, L. P. Moore, B. Norris, A. W. Sandeman, W. D. Butler, W. H. Hutton, V. B. J. Jackson, E. A. Jones, S. R. Groom, J. E. MacCallum, M. G. Philpott, S. L. Blunt, H. A. Constantine, J. H. W. Dillon-Trenchard, R. Brown, R. C. Field, P. J. H. Halahan, G. H. Procter, and all the Cadets in residence July, 1928.



F/C Sgt DA Boyle



F/C Cpl FG Cator



F/C R Costa



F/C Cpl DL Thomson



F/C Sgt JW Gillan



F/C RH Barlow

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

A COMMITTEE meeting was held at Cranwell on Tuesday, October 16th, to appoint officials for the year. F./Lieut. D. Macfadyen was elected Chairman of Committee. Other executive officers are F./Lieut. J. G. Hawtrey, F./Officers H. R. D. Waghorn, G. R. Beamish and T. N. McEvoy. The Committee deputed F./Officer G. R. Beamish to select the rugby side to play the Present. At the same time, the Committee decided to accept responsibility for a loan for the completion of the fund necessary to purchase the Austin "7" for presentation to Sergt.-Major Gorwood, and they express the hope that many of the past, members of the Association or not, who have not yet subscribed will assist in liquidating the loan.

The rugby match was played on October 31st, and provided some very good football.

Over fifty of the past were guests at Mess in the evening. Some few of these are not yet members of the Association, and it is hoped that, having experienced a reunion of this description, they will now join.

OLD CRANWELLIAN RECORD.

WE publish for the first time a record of every Flight-Cadet who has entered the College, together with a brief catalogue of his prizes and distinctions, including the College activities in which he took part.

It has not been an easy matter to compose this record, and the Editor is aware that, in spite of several checks, it must still contain errors and omissions. He trusts, therefore, that Old Cranwellians will make a point of sending into him corrections which affect themselves and their acquaintances, as it is his intention to make the record the basis of a perpetual record, to be kept in a more elaborate form in the College Library.



F/C C Guppy



F/C EJ Hill



F/C JJ Owen



F/C RA Sprague



F/C CR Ryley



F/C WK Beisiegel

Fourth Annual General Meeting - 12 June 1929

Committee.
 F/lt. C.T. Gillingwood - D. McPalm - F.R. Beamish - N. Carter - R.H. R. Ackerley -
 H.R.D. Hargham - F/lt. T.N. McEory - R.K. Hamlin - J. Newwood - J. W. Gilman -
 P/O. E.C. Huddleston - A. Wall.

Wg Cdr DCS Evill in the Chair.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Old Cranwellian Association was held at Cranwell on Wednesday June 12th 1929, at 19.00 hrs. with Wg Cdr DCS Evill in the Chair. The A.O.C. also attended, & expressed the regret of the President at his inability to attend.

The Hon. Sec: read the minutes of the last Meeting which were duly accepted.

The Hon. Sec: then read the Committee's Report, which showed an increase in membership from 122 to 181: F/lt L. Game & Sq/Lt D.O. Mulholland had accepted the invitation to become Honorary Members with appreciation. - that the Greenwood Presentation Fund had been taken over by and an Austin Car duly presented, the deficiency being met by a loan from the Association up to 20%. - that they had decided that Rugby & Cricket were the only representative games between Past & Present for the time being - that Oct. 16th 1929 had been accepted as the date of the Rugby Match. They suggested that 100% should be invested through the Bank in Govt stock. & that among the F.M. Murray, Sq/Lt O.C. Brown, F/lt A. Ferris (provisional on his leaving the station) be considered for Hon. Membership. Amongst out of this it was proposed by F/lt G. H. Mills, seconded by F/O. H. H. Brooks that the loan suggested towards the Greenwood Presentation Fund be made: this was accepted, nem-con: after the Hon. Sec: had explained that the liability was now only £14-6-6, owing to later subscriptions.

The Comm: proposed & F/O. L. Cannon seconded that 100% be invested as above: this was carried, nem: con.

The Balance Sheet was then produced showing a balance of £165.7.10. at Bank on June 10th 1929.

The Hon. Sec: explained that there were now some small liabilities owing to the decision of Committee to refund certain subscriptions to Greenwood Presentation Fund that had exceeded 20%.

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It was proposed by F/lt North Carter, seconded by F/O. B.H.V. Harris that the Balance sheet be accepted: carried nem-con.

It was proposed by F/lt G.H. Mills, seconded by F/O. V. Jackson that a grant at the usual rate of 5/- per head for subscribing members be made to the College Sports Fund. This was carried Nem: Con.

Election of Officers.
 F/lt J.G. Hawthorn retired from office on going overseas, & F/O. E.A. Jones had resigned.
 To fill their places, it was proposed by P/O. J.E. Ferguson seconded by F/O. A.H.E. Frost that the Committee stand with the addition of the two chosen representatives of Term IV. 1928, P/Os A. Wall & E.C. Huddleston. This was accepted Nem: con.

F/O. J. Clarke, F/O. J.M. Philpott, F/O. B.H.V. Harris, supported the Comm: in their submission of the three officers named above, respectively for Hon: Membership: these were accepted nem: con.

There was no other business.
 The ^{Commandant} ~~Chairman~~ expressed the thanks of R.A.F. College for the grant to Sports Fund in 1928.

R.H. L. Longman

Membership reaches 181

S/M Gorwood Presentation Fund donation

Investment of £100 in Govt stock

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NEWS.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

We are glad to hear of the recovery, after an accident in a Hyderabad bomber at Upper Heyford, of P./Officer W. R. Worstall.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Officer Part, F./Lieut. King Lewis and F./Lieut. David.

The following Old Cranwellians have entered the married state since we last went to press, and we offer them our best wishes:—F./Officer J. McN. Campbell, F./Lieut. Walter Akerman, F./Officer Pearson Rogers, F./Officer G. N. J. Stanley-Turner, F./Lieut. Opie and F./Lieut. E. Ward.

F./Lieut. G. E. Nicholetts, who, along with many other Old Cranwellians, we must congratulate on his promotion, took part in the Far East Flight of Supermarines to Singapore.

We were glad to receive visits this term from R.A.F. teams, and which comprised Old Cranwellians; in fencing from Owen, Jörgensen, and Worsley; in boxing from Beamish, Cannon, Bigg, and Loughnan.

We offer our sympathy to his parents in the death of their son, J. E. Jörgensen. He was last up at Cranwell for the Old Cranwellians' day.

Congratulations to S./Ldr. D. O. Mulholland on his engagement.

F./Officer George Beamish captained the R.A.F. rugger side last season, and had with him F./Officer J. Clarke, F./Officer N. H. White, F./Lieut. F. V. Beamish, P./Officer J. R. Pott, P./Officer J. G. Llewellyn, P./Officer Constantine, and P./Officer Letchworth.

We were very sorry to hear of the death, as the result of a motor accident, of P./Officer H. W. Gibbs. He was sub-editor of this Magazine, and a valued friend of the writer of this note. We offer his parents our sincere sympathy in the loss of their only son.

On March 23rd last F./Officer F. H. Moon died in hospital, Aden, of enteric fever. We offer his parents our sincere sympathy in the loss which all of us—and not least the writer—have sustained.

Yacoub Bashir has rejoined the Military College at Baghdad. He will probably visit us next year.

F./Officer H. R. D. Waghorn, R.A.F., has joined the High Speed Flying Section of the Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment, Felixstowe. Four of the five C.F.S. Instructors who put up that marvellous display on Genet-Moths at the R.A.F. Display of 1927 are now attached to the High Speed Flying Section.

F./Officer R. L. R. Atcherley has looped and rolled the Gloster IV, which is one of the machines in which the Flight is being trained.

F./Lieut. F. V. Beamish has been posted to Camp Borden, Canada, and has taken over an instructional flight of Moths and Lynx Avros. Camp Borden is eighty miles from Toronto, well out in the blue. At present his mess is isolated, except by radio, as the roads and railway are impassable owing to the floods due to the thaw. Life there is very pleasant, and there is plenty of sport. Badminton, soccer, and golf hold sway. There are tennis courts, a swimming bath, and a nine-hole golf course.

This is one of the very few permanent Canadian messes, and it is exactly like the standard Royal Air Force Mess. There is no end of flying, there being a service flight of many different types, as well as the Moth and Lynx.

In addition to training pilots and instructors for the Royal Canadian Air Force, they also have to train instructors for the civil flying clubs. Beamish recently had to make a forced landing on a lake, but, fortunately, escaped, after some anxiety and discomfort.

F./Lieut. Macfadyen and F./Officers White, Huddleston and Beisiegel have been playing regularly for the R.A.F. cricket side.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of F./Officer V. O. Eyre on June 27th. The writer has many pleasant recollections of the days he spent at the College.



F/C Sgt VO Eyre

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual General Meeting was on June 12th. It was, unfortunately, the only afternoon during the session when there was rain, and so the cricket match was stopped after only a few minutes' play. The weather also prevented many members from flying up here, and it is hoped that, in future, members of the Past XI will arrange other transport than air in order to make their arrival certain.

There was no particular business for the meeting. P.Os. A. Wall and E. C. Huddleston were elected members of committee in place of F./Lieut. J. G. Hawtrey, who has gone overseas, and F./Officer E. A. Jones. Hereunder is the balance sheet:—

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance at Bank	88 5 1	31/7/28, Subscription to Cadet College Sports Fund	25 0 0
Subscriptions, July, 1928, to June 10th, 1929... ..	151 1 0	21/11/28, Subscription to Magazine, £18 2s. 6d.; 28/3/29, Subscription to Magazine, £20 7s. 6d.	38 10 0
Subscriptions to Gorwood Presentation	128 8 6	19/11/28, Stationery	0 8 9
		Hon. Secretary, Postage Account	0 18 0
		18/1/29, Austin Car (Gorwood)	137 10 0
		Balance at Bank, 8/6/29	165 7 10
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F./Officer G. R. Beamish is selecting the Past v. Present rugger side for October 16th.

The attention of members is called particularly to the fact that the occasion of the rugger match is not a meeting of the Association in any way; it is an ordinary rugger fixture, and should any officers other than the XV wish to attend Guest Night on that occasion, application must be made formally to P.M.C. before October 12th.

Further subscriptions to the Sergt.-Major Gorwood presentation are acknowledged from F./Lieut. R. N. Waite, F./Officers J. B. M. Wallis, S. H. V. Harris and E. L. S. Ward.

CLICK
Schneider Trophy
Winners



F/C WR Worstall



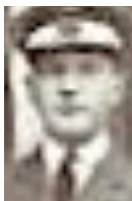
U/O NE White



F/C RN Waite



F/C Cpl JBM Wallis



F/C JE Jorgensen



U/O EC Huddleston



F/C Cpl SHV Harris



F/C Sgt ELS Ward

College Journal Extracts - Spring 1930

This is the first of the four slides, which highlight the exploits of Messrs Waghorn and Atcherley during the 1929 Schneider Trophy win.
A number of Cranwellians made significant contributions to record breaking long range and high speed flights.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

It must be remembered that these notes do not profess to record the activities of all Old Cranwellians, but only record the activities of those which come to the notice of the Editors, who are very glad to hear from all Old Cranwellians at any time.

It is with great regret that the retirement of Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., is noticed. The first Commandant here, he has always been the friend of the College, and taken a keen interest in its activities.

Congratulations to the late O.C. "B" Squadron, Wing-Commander I. T. Lloyd, and the late O.C. "A" Squadron, Squadron-Leader D. O. Mulholland, A.F.C., on their marriages.

We are glad to see the announcement of the marriages of F./Officer Southey and F./Lieut. E. H. M. David.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. G. R. M. Clifford and F./Officer Hunt on their engagements.

It is with deep regret that we announce the fatal illness of J. C. Don, in South Africa, in March of last year. He will be remembered by many as a keen and knowledgeable whipper-in of the College Beagles. To his parents and friends we tender our sympathy.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. H. R. D. Waghorn, A.F.C., on winning the Schneider Trophy Race for Great Britain, and to F./Lieut. R. L. R. Atcherley on putting up the fastest lap and so breaking many world's air-speed records.

Congratulations to A. P. F. M. Berkeley on the award of the Spanish Decoration for his recent activities.

**Schneider Trophy
Winners** [CLICK](#)



F/C Sgt GRM Clifford



F/C AW Hunt



F/C JC Don



F/C Cpl APFM Berkeley



U/O JAH Louden



F/C Sgt JRH Pott



F/C Cpl RW Letchworth



U/O PB Coote



F/C TB Prickman

We are glad to notice the return to the Service of J. A. H. Louden after an absence of about one year.

P. K. Horsfield was invalided out of the College owing to ill-health. He is now with Rhodesian Railways and stationed at Gasuso, Portuguese East Africa, where he will be very glad to see any friends of his cadet days who are flying near Bulawayo.

Congratulations to G. R. Beamish on playing for Ireland and Scotland against England and Wales in the recent Charity International.

N. E. White was selected to play in the recent International Trial at Northampton. He is the first three-quarter from the College who has had a trial cap for England.

It is good to read of many ex-cadets playing for first-class clubs, most prominently G. R. Beamish and J. R. H. Pott for Leicester, N. E. White for Harlequins, R. W. Letchworth for Blackheath, and H. A. Constantine for the Old Blues. One hears, too, that many like J. W. Gillan are playing for the "A's" of the big clubs. May they soon enter into first-class football.

The turn-out of ex-cadets at the Sandhurst match was magnificent. One noticed in particular large numbers of the fourth term passing out in the summer. More ex-cadets than present cadets turned up to this match. It is hoped that this enthusiasm will be maintained.

Heartiest congratulations to F./Cadet Under-Officer P. B. Coote on being selected to play in an Irish trial. This is the first time a cadet while still at the College has had this honour.

All of us were glad to see Squadron-Leader C. G. Burge at some of the recent matches. He is now devoting his boundless energy to the interests of Messrs. Gale & Polden, Ltd., who have printed this magazine to our satisfaction for nine years.

F./Lieut. T. B. Prickman was the navigator on the West African flight made last November by No. 45 Squadron.

Large numbers of ex-cadets are finding their way back here. Last term F./Officers Finch and Gillan, and this term F./Lieut. Boyle and F./Officers Norwood, Constantine and Mutch.



F/C Sgt RLR Atcherley

Spring 1930 - Schneider Trophy (1)



U/O HRD Waghorn

This is the third of the four slides, which highlight the exploits of Messrs Waghorn and Atcherley during the 1929 Schneider Trophy win.

THE SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

A VIEWPOINT BY FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT H. R. D. WAGHORN, A.F.C.

It was with rather mixed feelings that I took my first look at the sea on the morning of the Schneider Trophy race. After a period of training made up of a series of disappointments, I fully expected that the "Weather King" had some card up his sleeve which he would produce on that memorable day. It did not require much to cause a postponement, which would be a source of disappointment to thousands of people. The slightest swell or white horse on the one hand and dead calm on the other were the limits that bounded our capabilities.

The day was unique, a deep blue sky of a type rarely seen in this country, coupled with an amazingly good visibility. At the time, it was blowing ten miles an hour, and all was bustle on the tarmac. Some machines were already on their pontoons, while others were black with mechanics using the last minute for finishing-touches. The machine that I was to fly, the Supermarine N247, was not out yet.

Only eight hours before, one of the Rolls-Royce mechanics noticed a small bit of metal on the electrode of one of the plugs. Uneasy, they removed the block to find a seized piston and a hopelessly scored cylinder. What bad luck! No one considered it possible to be able to change the cylinder block of this particular engine in the time left. Under ordinary conditions, Rolls would not undertake it while in the machine; and it was midnight before the race! The story of how that block was changed, how their specialists (by chance in Southampton) were woken by police, is well known. Suffice it to say that these mechanics did it, and by so doing saved the trophy.

It was about 10.30 on Saturday morning when N247 came out of the hangar and had its final run-up. Soon after this, she was put on her pontoon and joined the queue of shipping which was still emerging in one long stream from Hamble River and Southampton Water. She had about two miles to go to the place that had been decided on for our take-off point. This was between Lee-on-Solent and Calshot, and so chosen because of the wind which was south-east. Here were already anchored the big pontoon and the three Macchis and our other pontoons with Greig's and Atcherley's machines on board. There was also the official starting ship—the *Medea*.

At about seven minutes to two, my engine was started by Lovesay, the Rolls expert, and was run by him for barely two minutes. I then climbed in and made myself as comfortable as possible. At two minutes to two I was lowered into the water and started to take off immediately.

I will here digress slightly and describe in detail the procedure followed up after opening the throttle, as the S6 was in many ways peculiar. Owing to the slow revs. of engine and propeller, coupled with the great power and consequent great torque effect, the first thing that happened on opening up the engine was that the left wing tried to dig itself into the water. This almost submerged the left float, and the drag so produced swung the machine rapidly to the left, making her quite uncontrollable; the more the machine swung to the left of the wind, the more rapid did the swing become until centrifugal force became greater than the drag of the left float, and she would suddenly throw her right wing down rather violently, making it essential to shut off the engine.

With a fairly fresh wind and full load, it is advisable to take off directly into wind, and with that end in view we found it essential to point the machine about 70 degrees to the right of the wind and to have right rudder on from the start.

The machine then runs along with its left wing a few inches from the water across wind, but not swinging. She is clear of the spray, which up to 30 m.p.h. completely envelops the pilot. Having got her, therefore, running across wind at 40 to 50 m.p.h., one is now confronted with what is really the trickiest part of the proceedings, and that is to get her into wind without letting her swing right round, which she will want to do. Once left rudder is applied, the machine will accelerate rapidly and, provided you have not put on too much rudder, should reach her hump speed by the time she is directly into wind. At this point she assumes a new position on the water—very much lower in front—and accelerates rapidly up to taking-off speed. She seems to leave the water at about 100 miles an hour, and I have never been able to take off with full load without two or three bounces.

To return to the race, once off the water I made my way towards Old Castle Point, and then turned left and dived down over the starting-line at about 350 miles an hour. The pylons were mounted on destroyers, and stood out quite well, provided they were not anchored against a background of shipping. We could not get a view directly ahead, and had to pick up the correct line largely while turning the previous pylon. On the long legs, we picked our course mainly by landmarks or shipping which we passed near. As an example, the Seaview turn was anchored, say, half a mile from the shore. By plotting our radius of turn on the chart, and from previous practice, we knew that we should have to have the coast, say, 500 yards on our right. By aiming to do this, we would arrive in approximately the correct position; when about 200 yards off the pylon we could see it, so that the actual turn itself was gauged with the pylon in view.

The first lap was naturally the most difficult, because we were not used to the various groups of shipping which afterwards helped so much to our course-keeping. As an example, while passing the Seaview turn on my first lap, I looked for the Chichester turn-ship and picked out the only isolated vessel in that area. I made for it, and while still some little way from it saw the pylon away on my left. I had been quite unable to see it, as it had had a background of shipping immediately behind it. The ship which I had mistaken for the turn-ship was in fact an oil tanker, and should not have been allowed to stray where it had. Atcherley, indeed, turned round it. My own detour cost me six miles an hour, and that is the reason my first lap speed was only 324. From the Chichester turn I could see the Southsea pylon while still turning and had no difficulty at all in passing it, the esplanade on my right being also a great help. Next I came to what was the most difficult leg of the course—that from Southsea to Cowes—as there was no land and practically no shipping to guide one on approaching the turn. To make matters more interesting for the competitors, someone had conveniently parked a flotilla of destroyers immediately behind the pylon; hence the amazing turns of some of the Italians embracing all the destroyers. I think in any future race (if there is one) the authorities should make quite sure that there be a lane quite clear of ships behind the pylon as viewed from the direction of approaching aircraft; this, of course, is not the same thing as a lane in continuation of the actual course, since the aircraft approach the turn very wide. Once round the Cowes turn the course was plain sailing again, there being plenty of shipping and the shore of the Isle of Wight to help one.

I had completed several laps, everything was going beautifully—never a miss from the engine, and the machine handling perfectly—when I noticed the Italian Macchi diving towards the starting-line just as I was coming up to



F/C Sgt RLR Atcherley

Spring 1930 - Schneider Trophy (2)



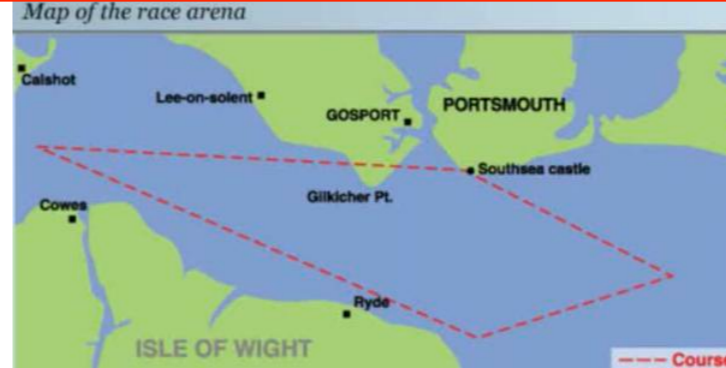
U/O HRD Waghorn

This is the fourth of the four slides, which highlight the exploits of Messrs Waghorn and Atcherley during the 1929 Schneider Trophy win. The title on this and the previous page links you to a YouTube recording of the Schneider Trophy competition in 1929.

Prince of Wales with the British Team



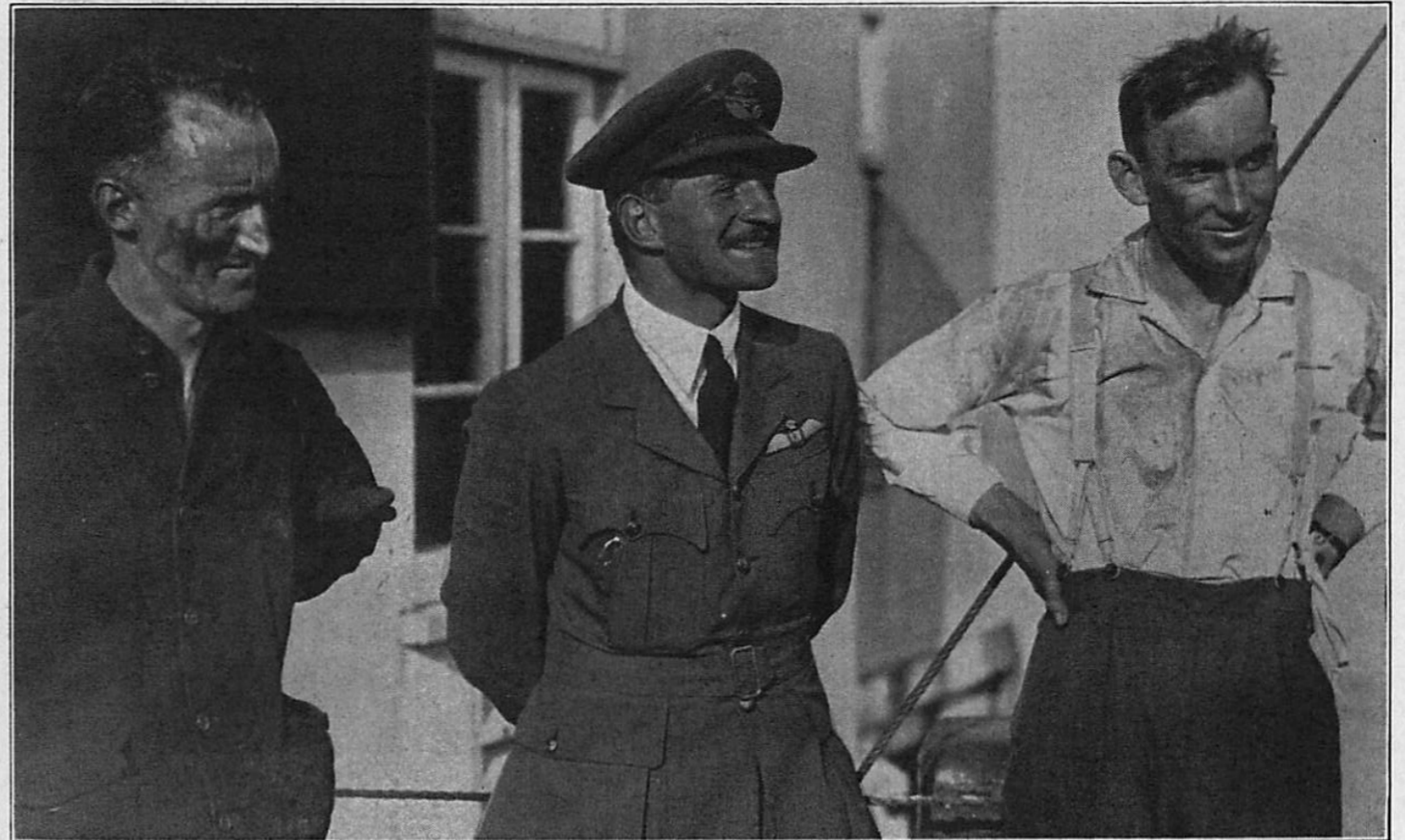
N247/2 Supermarine S.6



the Cowes turn; at the Seaview turn I could not see him at all; at the Chichester turn I saw him a speck in front, and at the Southsea turn I saw him disappearing over Alverstoke—this time much nearer, and as I was obviously overtaking him rapidly, the question was, would I overtake him on the straight before the Cowes turn or just after? I hoped for the latter, for if I should catch him before the turn, I should not be able to see him. However, it planned out as I hoped; for, on rounding the Cowes pylon, I saw him just coming out of his turn a few hundred yards in front. I decided to pass him on the inside, and swung about a hundred yards to the left to clear him. I passed him about half-way down the straight.

By now, I had completed five laps and everything was going just as it should. The air in the cockpit was very hot, but, owing to a stream of fresh air from the ventilating pipe over my face, I was not too uncomfortable. An attempt to rest my knees on the sides of the fuselage was abruptly stopped when I discovered that they were to all intents and purposes red-hot; a slight exaggeration, perhaps, but that is what it felt like, and through my slacks, too! I was flying at about 150 to 200 feet, as I found that at that height I got the best view of the course, and it was sufficiently low to be able to keep level. I had been running all the time somewhat below full throttle, as, owing to the unexpected increase in power and consequent petrol consumption of the engine, she would not last the course with the petrol we were able to carry safely. The rate that petrol can be poured out of a two-gallon tin will give some idea of the rate that the engine was consuming its petrol during that race. I had therefore been told on no account to use full throttle, as I should not finish the course; imagine, then, my feelings when the engine momentarily cut right out and started missing badly just after I had finished what I imagined was my sixth lap! Would the Rolls engineers ever believe that I had not given full throttle? I began to gain height and continued round the course with the engine spluttering and only taking about half throttle. I climbed as much as possible, in the hope that, should she run right out, I could perhaps glide the remaining distance over the line; I was, incidentally, getting a very fine bird's-eye view of the entire course, but under the circumstances was not impressed. I got to the Cowes turn and, while banking, the engine cut out completely, and I was forced to land off Old Castle Point—only a few miles short of the finish. I leave my feelings to your imagination.

It was twenty minutes later that I learnt I had done an extra lap, and I also realized how deadly accurate had been Lovesay's estimation of the petrol consumption.



[By courtesy of "The Aeroplane."]

F./LIEUTS. GREIG, WAGHORN AND ATCHERLEY AFTER THE SCHNEIDER COMPETITION—SUMMER, 1929.

Fifth Annual General Meeting - 2 July 1930

The Cmdt, Air Cdre AM Longmore, in the Chair.

Officers & Committee, - from July 1930.

President, - Air Vice Marshal C.A.H. Longmore CB, CVO, DSO, AFC.

Vice Presidents - Air Vice Marshal H.E. Barton, CB, CVO, DSO, AFC.
 Group Capt. G.H.B. Lees, V.C., CBE, MC, AFC.

Committee - Air Vice Marshal F.C. Halahan, CBE, CBE, DSO, MVO.
 Acting: Commandant R.A.F. College.

Committee - F/pt: D.B.F. Bonham-Carter.
 " : D. Macfarlane.
 " : D.A. Boyle.
 " : G.R. Basmish.
 " : S.H. Hardy.
 F/o : R.K. Hamblin.
 " : J. Norwood.
 " : J.W. Gillan.
 " : J. Mutch.
 " : E.C. Huddleston.
 P/o : J. Haber Percy.
 " : J.J. Southwaite.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
1st July, 1930.			
Balance at Bank	165. 7. 10	Donation F.A.T. College Sports Fund	27. 15. 6
Subscriptions (Annual July 1929 to June 1930)	197. 1. 0	Refunds (Over-subscription Gorwood Fund)	5. 8. 4
Interest on £150 War Loan (Dec. - June)	7. 10. 0	Subscriptions to magazine	29. 11. 3
		Treasure	20. 0. 7
		Postage account	3. 12. 0
		Cheque Book	2. 13. 6
			4. 0. 0
		Balance at Bank	108. 10. 4
		55 War Loan held	152. 15. 0
			260. 25. 4
	369. 18. 10		260. 25. 4

S/M Gorwood Presentation
 Fund donation
 Investment of £150 into War
 Loan

Life membership qualifications
 Permanent record of cadets

28
 The Annual General Meeting of the Old Cranwellian Assoc. held at Cranwell on Wednesday July 2nd 1930 at 18.45 hrs. with The Commandant in the Chair.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read & accepted.

The Chairman expressed the disappointment of the President at his inability to attend the meeting owing to business calls.

The report of the Committee was then read -
 Gorwood Fund - The over-subscriptions referred to at the last meeting had been refunded, & the total commitment of the Association had been limited to £14.6.6. (Balance Sheet)

Investment - In place of the sum of £100 voted for this purpose by the last meeting, the Com. had sanctioned the investment of £150 in War Loan. - This was put to the Meeting and adopted unanimously. (Balance Sheet)

Hon. Membership - This had been accepted with thanks by Group Capt. E.M. Murray, Sph. CC. Bygon, and F/lt A. Ferris.

College Sports Fund - The subscription made to same amounted to £37.15.0. (Balance Sheet)

With reference to the work of the Committee 1929-30 -

Hon. Membership - Air Vice Marshal F.C. Halahan CBE, CBE, DSO, had accepted an invitation to become a Vice President. This was proposed by F/lt Macfarlane & seconded by F/o J. Murray & adopted unanimously.

29.
 Vice President (ex officio) - The Commandant of the College had accepted the Committee's invitation to become ^{acting} Vice-President of the Association ~~while~~ during his period of command.

Life Membership - The question of limitation of annual payments to create life-membership of the Association had been reviewed. Private advice had been sought & it appeared that 12-15 annual payments would be required to cover life-membership. As the longest member-ship at present was 4 years, it has been decided to review the matter later.

Permanent Record - With reference to the suggestion that this should take the form of inscribed panelling in the College Buildings, the Committee had sought certain estimates & drawings from an old-established firm of Oak Panellers. (These were placed before the Meeting for information.) Some such scheme was encouraged by the Commandant, though he suggested that the Committee should take no further action until Air Ministry provided its official drawings of the New College, when it would probably appear that the Committee might have to take responsibility for the carrying. This course had been endorsed by Committee, & the matter was left over till the next meeting.

Balance Sheet - This had been duly audited by the College Accountant & was produced & accepted by the meeting unanimously. The Chairman remarked on the strong financial position & the satisfactory balance. Further movement was left in the hands of the Committee.

30.
 During the survey of the Balance Sheet the item for wreath was discussed & the Hon. Sec. stated that the policy of the Committee was to in the event of a casualty, to send a wreath. This was accepted as a sound explanation.

Officers - The Chairman, referred with appreciation to the work of the Hon. Sec. for the Association which was endorsed by the whole meeting. He then submitted the policy of the Committee that the Hon. Sec. become Hon. Organising Secretary, with a local Hon. Secretary at Cranwell, for which they nominated F/lt D.A. Boyle. Accepted unanimously.

Committee - Submitted that P/Os D.T. Southwaite, & J. Haber Percy be elected to fill the places of F/lt N. Carter & P/O A. Nall, both of whom are overseas.

& that the places of F/lt Collingwood, & H.R.D. Waghorn, T.N. McEory be filled by F/lt D.B.F. Bonham-Carter, D.A. Boyle, S.H. Hardy, & F/o J. Mutch, who were more or less contemporary with those going out.

There were no other suggestions & these were accepted unanimously.

Donation to College Sports Fund - It was proposed by F/lt D.A. Boyle, seconded by F/lt N. Hamblin, that the annual grant at the usual rate be made: accepted unanimously.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the College for the above grant. He also recommended the Committee to give some consideration to future policy in case the number of those who wished to attend the event might become too large for the space at the disposal of the College.

There was no other business.

Subscription to College Sports Fund

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This is the second of the four slides, which highlight the exploits of Messrs Waghorn and Atcherley during the 1929 Schneider Trophy win.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

At Buckingham Palace on March 11th, F./Lieut. H. R. D. Waghorn and P./Officer McKechnie were introduced into the presence of H.M. the King and invested with their respective honours—the Air Force Cross, and Medal of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—for deeds which are well known to all Old Cranwellians.

Empire Gallantry Medal, subsequently changed to a George Cross

"Flight Cadet William Neil McKechnie, Royal Air Force. On the 20th June, 1929, an aeroplane piloted by Flight Cadet C. J. Giles crashed on landing at Cranwell Aerodrome and burst into flames. The pilot was stunned but managed to release his safety belt and fall out of the machine in a dazed condition. Flight Cadet McKechnie, who had landed in another aeroplane about the same time some two hundred yards away, left his machine and ran at full speed towards the scene of the accident. The petrol had spread over an area of about ten yards diameter in full blaze, with Giles lying in it, semi-conscious. McKechnie, without hesitation, ran into the flames and pulled out Giles, who was badly burned about the legs and face, with his Sidcot suit and clothes actually burning. After dragging him clear of the flames, during the process of which he was scorched and superficially burned, McKechnie proceeded to extinguish the flames of Giles' burning clothing. By this time, the machine was in full blaze, with the petrol spreading along the ground so that without McKechnie's assistance, there is no doubt Giles would have been burned to death, as he was quite incapable of moving himself. Ultimately the machine was entirely destroyed by fire and the ground for some distance around was completely burned up by the spread of the ignited petrol."

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Officer and Mrs. R. J. Cooper and to F./Officer and Mrs. F. W. Whittle; and to F./Lieut. G. Combe, F./Lieut. A. D. Gilmore, and F./Officer W. A. Merton on their engagements. Too arduous would be the task of enumerating all Old Cranwellians recently promoted to the rank of Flight-Lieutenant—to all such, our heartiest congratulations.

F./Lieut. G. R. Armstrong has the honour of being the first Old Cranwellian to be selected to undergo the Staff College Course at Andover. Many ex-Cadets witnessed the Triangular Athletic Contest at Woolwich this year. It is pleasing to note, however, that their activities are not confined to watching only—one saw many Old Cranwellians representing station teams in the R.A.F. Championships at Uxbridge this year.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish on his being selected a member of the British rugby team now touring New Zealand.

Several Old Cranwellians are finding their way into first class rugby XV's. F./Lieuts. Beamish and Franks, F./Officers Constantine, Pott, White, and Llewelyn, and P./Officers Elsmie and McKechnie, all played regularly for the R.A.F. this year.

To commemorate the crew of Lancaster JB593 ZN-T shot down by a night fighter on 30th August 1944 in the Königsberg area of Germany.

Captain:	Gp Capt.	WN McKechnie GC
Flt Engineer:	Pit Off.	RB Clarke
Navigator:	Pit Off.	HWT Carter
Bomb Aimer:	Fg Off.	EE Fletcher
Wireless Op:	Sgt.	CC Jeffrey
Air Gunner:	Flt Sgt.	D Forster
Air Gunner:	Flt Sgt.	EL Collins

All KIA

This shrub was planted on 9th July 2014 by James McKechnie, grandson of WN McKechnie and Pauline Dumbrell, daughter of EE Fletcher.

We will remember them Pro Libertate



F/C Sgt WN McKechnie GC



F/C CJ Giles

F./Officers Beisiegel and Lascelles have represented the R.A.F. at hockey throughout the season.

One hears that F./Officer Hudleston is doing well in the R.A.F. cricket XI.

Old Cranwellian Day brought many ex-Cadets to Cranwell. The cricket match resulted in an easy win for the Cadets, as also did the tennis match.

It was with regret and some misgivings that the Old Cranwellians were obliged to accept the resignation of Capt. C. Brachi from the secretaryship of the Association. One is pleased to hear, however, that he is not going far away, and that he has not severed his connections with us entirely.

As we go to press we have to record the death of Major "Daddy" Dawes—a friend of all, he will be greatly missed.

[The Editor would welcome news of ex-Cadets who are now serving overseas.]



U/O GCA Armstrong



F/C GRA Elsmie

College Journal Extracts - Spring 1931

Of the Cranwellians listed in this slide, Henry Eeles, later an Asst Cndt of the College, declined the Battle of Britain medal to which he was entitled. CJ Giles is the Cranwellian who was rescued from an air crash at Cranwell by fellow Cranwellian McKechnie (photos on previous slide).

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

THE Editor has again had to compile these notes, and indeed most of THE JOURNAL, without the assistance of any Old Cranwellian except P./Officer R. Elsmie. He cannot too strongly remind Old Cranwellians of the necessity of supporting their own magazine.

P./Officer H. Eeles has now volunteered to assist, and all notes or articles should be addressed to him.

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The personnel of the Baltic Cruise of four Southamptons included F./Officer R. B. Councill and F./Officer E. J. Lainé.

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The Air Force Cross has been awarded to F./Lieut. G. E. Nicholetts and to F./Lieut. E. S. C. Davis.

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We must thank Mrs. J. G. Groves for her great generosity in granting in perpetuity a grant of money and books to be awarded twice yearly to the best all-round pilot of the fourth term. Some of us will gather where the idea of continuing the memorial to her son took its origin.

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F./Lieut. "Dick" Atcherley has sure made a star hit at the American National Race Meet—so we gather from the many cuttings sent to us.

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We were very sorry to hear of the death of F./Lieut. G. C. A. Armstrong, who was at Cranwell in 1923. He was an Under-Officer and won the Groves Memorial Prize. He was one of the first cadets to pass into the R.A.F. Staff College.

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Congratulations on their promotion to F./Lieuts. T. N. McEvoy, R. Kellett, A. D. Gillmore, R. C. Wilson, G. P. Chamberlain, J. R. Jones, F. M. V. May and C. M. Heard.

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We congratulate on their engagement: F./Lieut. E. A. Healey, F./Lieut. C. F. S. Sealey, F./Officer H. D. Spreckley, F./Lieut. F. S. Fressanges, F./Officer Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton, F./Officer A. Molesworth, F./Officer N. Vincent, F./Lieut. B. W. Knox, and F./Officer W. H. Merton.

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P./Officer J. Grierson had its hat taken off to him by one of the leading illustrated papers for flying back from leave on a Gipsy Moth from Lympne to Risalpur.

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F./Cadet C. J. Giles is at Uxbridge. He was recently flown down to Osborne, where he was known as the "Osborne Express"; and where he had the honour of a visit from Their Majesties.



F/C Sgt FJ Fressanges F/C Sgt Lord Hamilton F/C AO Molesworth F/C Sgt N Vincent

Congratulations on his marriage to Mr. Frederick Green. Green has been senior batman in "B" Squadron since 1921, and will be remembered kindly by all Old Cranwellians.

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A great loss to the Service occurred by the death at Catterick on November 19th, 1930, of John Chance. "Toots" Chance passed from Eton into the College in 1928. At Cranwell he was Captain of Rowing, a Whipper-in to the Beagles, and President of the Debating Society. But he will be remembered most for his kind and sunny nature, which endeared him to his contemporaries and to all his instructors. A fellow of infinite jest and high fancy with no enemies and with many friends, he is commemorated by a prize which his parents are offering at the end of each term to the Cadet who passes out highest at the end of his course in Service subjects.

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There was a great attendance of Old Cranwellians at the "Shop" match. We hope this will become a tradition. Up and down the field they surged, an ardent and a raucous band, giving advice in the danger close to goal and contributing greatly to the verdict of the game. The Editor recollects Shirley, More, Stephenson, Bader, Coote, Elsmie, Wills-Sandford, Field, Selway, McKechnie, Heber-Percy, Dashper, Scarlett, Leech, McFadyen, Boyle, Cleland, as well as many other old friends like Padre MacHardy and Capt. Brachi.

F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish has again been appointed captain of the R.A.F. rugby side; and F./Officer N. A. Constantine vice-captain.

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P./Officer G. R. A. Elsmie played a gallant game in the final of the R.A.F. Squash Racquets Championship. P./Officer J. W. C. More and F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor did very well, too.

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Congratulations on their marriage to F./Lieut. G. Combe and F./Officer E. B. Steedman.

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Old Cranwellians too numerous to mention here defeated the examination promoters and one or two have even broken down the barriers of the Staff College.

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All Old Cranwellians will offer their sympathy to the parents of F./Cadet Goring, who was killed in a motor cycle accident at the beginning of last term.



F/C Cpl BW Knox



F/C Sgt WH Merton



F/C JA Chance



F/C Cpl TUC Shirley

The Editor concludes these notes by thanking Old Cranwellians for their numerous communications to him, particularly about Christmas, 1930. He now begs for their support in the construction of the next magazine.



U/O H Eeles



F/C RB Councill



F/C Sgt ESC Davis



F/C J Grierson



F/C R Kellett



F/C GP Chamberlain



F/C Cpl FMV May



F/C Cpl CM Heard

Sixth Annual General Meeting - 1 July 1931

The Cmdt, Air Cdre AM Longmore, in the Chair.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Cranwell on Wed: July 1st 1931 at 18.45hrs with the Commandant in the Chair.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read & accepted.

The Chairman read letters expressing the disappointment of Air Vice-Marshal Longcroft (President) & Air Vice-Marshal Bolton (Vice-President) at their inability to attend owing to business calls in London.

The report of the Committee for the year was then read, -

- College Sports Donation - had amounted now to £49.5- and had been paid. The Commandant had expressed the opinion that the college would be given satisfaction with a sum of £50.
- A letter of deep regret had been forwarded to Mrs. Dawes, widow of the former Sec. of the Cadets Mess, together with a donation of 50/- as a mark of the appreciation of Mrs. Dawes' services to the College.
- The question of the limitation of Annual Subscriptions had been further reviewed: it appeared that as finances stood at present, with increasing payments to the College Sports Fund, & College Journal, such payments would be the minimum. As no member had in any way approached that number of subscriptions it had been decided to review the matter later if certain recommendations of the Committee were accepted.
- The matter of the Permanent Record of the College had been discussed with the College Authorities. The Committee had stood by the expressed opinion of the last General Meeting. It had now been informed that an illuminated book had been accepted by the authorities as the permanent record. As a result it had been decided to reconsider

the matter of records & to plan some policy for the future, if possible in close liaison with the College authorities: varied suggestions had already been made.

The Committee recommended that -

- The Annual ~~Subscription~~ Donation to the College Sports Fund be limited to 50/-. Proposed by F/Lt Boyle. Seconded by F/O Macdonnell. This was accepted.
- That their action as regards Mrs Dawes be ~~accepted~~ carried unanimously.
- That their investment of 100/- in 5/- War Loan be endorsed. Prop'd by Air Vice-Marshal Haldane. Seconded by F/O Cole. This was accepted.
- That an invitation be extended to King John Cunningham to become an Hon. Member. Prop'd by F/Lt Boyle. Sec'd by F/O Moore. This was accepted.
- That a donation of 50/- be made to the College Sports Fund. Prop'd by F/O A.P.F. Berkeley. Sec'd by F/O R. Reiniegal. This was accepted.
- That the Statement of Accounts, submitted to the Meeting be accepted. Prop'd by F/O Wall. Sec'd by F/O Douthwaite. This was accepted.
- Officers for the Year. - That no place on the Committee has to be found for the chosen representatives of the last two terms passed out: P/Os Cootie & Eeles, - that F/O J. Harwood (whose services have been most regular & valuable) & P/O J. H. Percy, both of whom are liable to be out of the country resign.

This was proposed by F/Lt D.A. Boyle & seconded by F/O. Homer, & accepted.

The Chairman then addressed the Meeting to explain the shape the Permanent Records of the College are taking: that an illuminated book was being made to record the names of all cadets, that photographs are being displayed of all teams etc. covering a period of five years, that these photographs as taken down were to be filed in special record books: that the general panelling scheme had presented an insuperable difficulty in the shape of cost: that some limited form of engraved panels, recording special names, e.g. prize winners etc, might prove desirable later: that he wished to remind members that the new College when opened would call for certain equipment in the shape of silver plate etc: he expressed the hope that it might be possible for a representative of the Association Committee to attend meetings of the New College Committee for purposes of liaison.

F/Lt D.A. Boyle then suggested that Air Ministry might be approached with a view to their provision of a grant for panelling purposes: all agreed with this.

There was no other business.

Wm. L. Longmore
Commandant
R.A.F. College
June 29th 1932

Book of College Roll v Panelling to record cadets permanently

College v OCA views

Subscription to College Sports Fund

Donation to Mrs Dawes

Life membership subscription

Book of College Roll preferred

Subscription to Sports Fund
Subscription to College Journal

THE OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.		Statement of Accounts for the year ending June 1931.	
Receipts.		Expenditure.	
Balance brought forward July 1930.	108. 10. 4.	College Sports Fund.	49. 5. 0.
Subscriptions July 1930 to June 1931.	204. 2. 0.	Subscriptions to College Journal.	35. 7. 3.
Interest on War Loan.	10. 0. 0.	Donation to Mrs. E. Dawes.	50. 0. 0.
		Stock of £100/0/0.	105. 11. 7.
		Postage.	6. 13. 0.
		Postage Account.	1. 19. 4.
		Penalty.	12. 0. 0.
		Bank at Bank.	87. 19. 10.
	352. 12. 4.		352. 12. 4.
BALANCE SHEET		STATEMENT OF FINANCE 30th 1931.	
LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Postage account June 1931.	5. 9. 5.	Bank at face value.	250. 0. 0.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT.	314. 10. 5.	Bank.	87. 19. 10.
	317. 19. 10.		317. 19. 10.

Harwood. Chairman
1/7/31
Committee

Committee, 1931-1932.

X F/Lt. D.W.F. Bonham Carter
" D. Macfarlane
" D.A. Boyle
" G.R. Beamish
" S.H. Hardy
X F/O R.K. Hamblin
X " J.W. Gillan
X " J. Mutch
" E.C. Hudleston
X " D.J. Douthwaite
P/O P.B. Cootie
" H. Eeles

College Journal Extracts - Autumn 1931

ACM Sir Wallace Hart Kyle was a cadet on the January 28 Entry graduating in December 1929 and, after distinguished service during WWII, became Assistant Commandant between February 1951 and July 1952. The Caterpillar Club is an informal association of people who have successfully used a parachute to bail out of a disabled aircraft.

F Whittle was the young Sir Frank Whittle, a graduate of S26 Entry in July 1928, inventor of the Jet Engine and first Cranwellian to be knighted.

Fit Lt DLG Bett was mentioned in Despatches during WWII and retired as an Air Commodore in December 1923.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

GROUP-CAPTAIN W. TYRRELL has gone to India after a short stay in Iraq. Before he left he presented the College Mess with a cigar box.

P./Officer P. B. Coote played for the R.A.F. XV several times last season. We hope to see him obtain this season his Irish cap.

F./Lieut. George Beamish, the Irish international, again captained the R.A.F. XV on the return from his colonial tour.

Among those who played rugger for the R.A.F. were Constantine (who was vice-captain of the team), Elsmie, Bader and Coslett. Llewellyn has been playing regularly for Leicester.

F./Lieut. Victor Beamish has returned after two years' attachment to the Royal Canadian Air Force. During his two years he has completed a thousand hours' flying.

We were very sorry to lose last term H. P. N. Pelly, N. N. Fraser, L. J. Fitzgerald, M. A. Mahmud, M. D. Morrissey, D. W. B. Carnaghan and Tandon. These cadets found, unfortunately, that they were unable to compete with Sir Isaac. Fitzgerald has now gone to Sandhurst. We had a visit from Pelly this term. We hope the others will be equally successful in a new career.

Three memorial pictures have been presented to the Mess; one of Sir Sefton Brancker painted by Mr. Howard Coster, presented by Mr. Fred Sigrist; one of Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and the third of F./Lieut. N. H. Jenkins, both of these pictures being by Mr. Orde.

Congratulations to Lieuts. Ali, Aziz, Jewad and Tai on their successful flight in military Gypsy Moths to Iraq last April.

In the finals of the World's Bobsleighting Championship the English team was represented by an R.A.F. team composed originally of D. B. Field, P. B. Coote, R. L. Wallace, and J. S. Newcombe.

The Milocarian Athletic team prospers with the aid of Field, Fowler, Hogan, More, Gillan and others.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Baxter, who died at Uxbridge of heart failure. He entered the College about 1921, and played in the XV.

"A" Squadron, in particular, will regret the departure to Halton of Sergt-Major E. F. Curtis.

We congratulate on their marriages, F./Lieut. Poyntz Roberts; F./Lieut. C. C. Edwards; F./Officer Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton; F./Lieut. E. A. Healey; F./Lieut. H. E. Nowell; F./Lieut. C. F. Sealey; F./Lieut. F. J. Fressanges; F./Lieut. D. A. Boyle.

The Editor regrets that in these notes he cannot keep pace with all the marriages and giving in marriage of Old Cranwellians, nor with all the promotions in the *Gazette*.

There was a good attendance of Old Cranwellians at the Triangular Contest at Uxbridge. Amongst them I met Huddleston, Constantine, Windsor, Eeles, Baines, Cleland, Walker, Vaughan-Fowler, McKechnie, More, Hogan, Robinson, Sabine, Field, Stephenson, Gillan, Fraser, Elsmie, Moore, Reed, Kyle, Heycock, Macdonald, Lockwood, and some old friends like Air Vice-Marshal Halahan, Capt. Brachi, and the Rev. MacHardy.

F./Lieut. G. R. C. Spencer, one of the first flight-cadets to pass out of the College, is now commanding "D" Flight.

Many Cadets will remember F./Lieut. I. M. Rodney, who was married on May 27th this year.

We congratulate F./Lieut. Bonham-Carter on the birth of a second son; F./Lieut. Stanley Turner on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. Pearson Rogers on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. Pritchett on the birth of a son; and F./Lieut. Whittle on the birth of a son.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Jack Stewart Newcombe. He died in Switzerland of peritonitis. He was one of the jolliest and most sporting fellows that ever passed out from Cranwell.

F./Officer P. W. Dudgeon and F./Officer N. B. Norris passed their examinations in colloquial Arabic; and F./Officers B. M. Cary and A. W. Sandeman in Urdu and F./Officer J. C. Johnson in Pushtu.

Richard Utley flourishes exceedingly in the land during his novitiate at Ampleforth Abbey. Two or three of us had recently the pleasure of his hospitality.

F./Lieut. N. H. d'Aeth played an honourable part in Capt. Ahrenberg's search for Mr. Augustine Courtauld.

T. N. Coslett won his fight in the Middle-weight of the Service Finals.

W. H. Kyle is the latest recruit to the Caterpillar Club.

F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor is now Honorary Secretary of the R.A.F. Squash Racquets Association.

F./Lieut. P. F. M. Berkeley was awarded a medal by the Spanish Government for his share in searching for their missing airmen.

F./Lieut. Macfadyen, F./Officer Huddleston, F./Officer Beisiegel, and P./Officer Bader have played for the R.A.F. at cricket.

All members of the College will regret the recent death of P./Officer D. G. Vaughan-Fowler. He was a great athlete and a good messmate.

F./Lieut. D. L. G. Bett has been selected as the pilot to accompany Squadron-Leader O. R. Gaylor on the next flight of the Fairey-Napier long-range monoplane, which is now at Cranwell.

Mrs. Goring has presented to the Chapel of St. Andrew a cross and two candlesticks in memory of her son.

Air Vice-Marshal Halahan has presented to the College a silver cup for squash racquets; F./Lieut. V. B. Bennett has presented three pictures of the new Government buildings at Delhi; S./Leader McEwen, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, has presented two coloured engravings of Lake Ontario and the Citadel of Kingston; Mr. Snowden Gamble a photograph of H.M. Airship *Mayfly*; and Professor R. de la Bère a composite photograph of the diggings at the Roman Villa, Hacey.



F/C JS Newcombe



U/O F Whittle



F/C Cpl WH Kyle

U/O DRS Bader



F/C Sgt DLG Bett



F/C M bin Ali



F/C MA Jewad



F/C H Aziz

F/C Sgt CM Windsor



F/C NM Taie

F/C CE Littler



F/C HA Constantine



F/C Sgt TN Coslett



F/C Cpl JG Llewelyn



F/C AD Selway



U/O J Heber Percy

The Old Cranwellian Day was on Wednesday, July 1st. The occasion was celebrated by fine weather and a goodly company assembled; among them Air Vice-Marshal Halahan, Wing-Commander Lloyd, Wing-Commander Coningham, Capt. Brachi, Bett, Boyle, Mutch, Windsor, Fairtlough, Robinson, Bader, Pretty, John Mutch, Littler, More, Heycock, Grierson, Cole, Watt, Hogan, Coote, Norwood, Beisiegel, Gillan, Heycock, Wightman, Stephenson, Coote, Corbally, Hobson, Selway, Douthwaite, Keary, Berkeley, Huddleston, Elsmie, MacDonald, Murray, Leech, Heber-Percy, Homer, Hamblin, Constantine, and Moore. There were others, but these were all to whom I had the pleasure of speaking. We had an interesting game of cricket in which the Old Cranwellians were just beaten; and later on Wing-Commander Sayers provided a notable banquet.

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The reference, below, to DRS Bader by the OCA relates to his sporting expertise. As a member of S28 Entry graduating in July 1930, he represented the College at Rugby, Hockey, Cricket and Boxing. He suffered the loss of both legs in the tragic flying accident reported below, but went on to distinguish himself during the Battle of Britain in WWII.



F/C AG Teideman



F/C Cpl DP Lascelles



F/C Cpl FC Cole



F/C WR Wills-Sanford



F/C Sgt GWF Heycock



F/C IB Newbigging



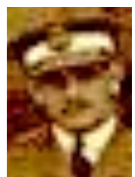
F/C EVS Lacey



F/C Cpl WTF Wightman



U/O CWM Ling



U/O FC Daubney

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

BROTHER PETER UTLEY is now at St. Benet's, Oxford.
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Congratulations to W./Cmdr. I. T. Lloyd on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. C. W. Weedon on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. W. M. Merton on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. W. A. Opie on the birth of a son.
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Congratulations on the marriage on October 3rd of F./Lieut. R. H. S. Spaight; on October 3rd of F./Officer G. L. Worthington; on September 5th of F./Lieut. D. A. Boyle; of F./Officer P. Dudgeon; on December 2nd of F./Lieut. S. H. V. Harris, who won the Groves' Memorial Flying Prize in December, 1924.
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All will be sorry to hear of the death on November 28th, 1931, of P./Officer A. G. Teideman, who was once Captain of the College soccer XI.
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F./Officer D. P. Lascelles and F./Officer A. D. Selway have taken part recently in flying displays.
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F./Lieut. G. R. C. Spencer is Captain of the Cranwell Rugger XV, and has been ably supported by F./Lieut. J. Norwood and F./Officer F. C. Cole.
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F./Lieut. J. Merer has paid one or two visits to Cranwell in connection with his *magnum opus* on drill.
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The Editor regrets that he has not space to record all the new categories and promotions of many Old Cranwellians.
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We are glad to hear that F./Lieut. R. L. R. Atcherley has recovered from his accident at Amman.
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F./Lieut. George Beamish captained the only team which, at the time of writing, had defeated the Springboks. At the end of the match he received an ovation which did honour to him and his opponents. We hope to see him captain Ireland this year.
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P./Officer W. R. Wills-Sanford is performing great feats at golf, and appeared to win most of the prizes at the last R.A.F. Golf Meeting.
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F./Officer N. E. White, F./Officer Marson, P./Officer Bader, and P./Officer Coote have all figured in first-class football this season.
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P./Officer Broad came up to Cranwell recently for a day's hunting with the Blankney.
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Congratulations to P./Officer P. B. Coote on winning the R.A.F. Squash Championship, and to F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor for collecting such a useful R.A.F. side.

F./Officer A. J. Cleland writes an interesting letter from Khartoum.
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Flying-Officer A. Wall and Pilot-Officer Needham are now on a Stores Course at Cranwell.
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Flying-Officer I. B. N. Newbigging writes cheerfully from Singapore.
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We were all very sorry to hear of the death at Kenley of F./Lieut. E. V. S. Lacey.
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Air Vice-Marshal C. Longcroft recently paid us a visit.
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Congratulations on his engagement to F./Lieut. F. M. Denny.
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H. P. N. Pelly writes cheerfully from Sandhurst. He is in No. 3 Company.
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We hope that F./Officer R. Elsmie and F./Officer J. G. Llewelyn will soon make a complete recovery from their leg injuries.
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The Rev. A. R. A. Watson also writes cheerfully, from Malta.
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J. R. Macdonald writes constantly demanding information about Cranwell. He is taking an Engineering Degree at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.
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M. D. Morrissey is at present in London with a firm of solicitors.
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E. A. de Pencier is flying for a firm of fur trappers in Northern Canada.
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There were not quite as many representatives from Cranwell at the Sandhurst match this year as in the past, but amongst them we remember F./Officers Wightman, Wills-Sanford, Ling, Daubney, Heycock, Gillan, Hudleston, Watt; F./Lieuts. Holmes, Merer, Sweeney, Sawyer, Ryde; Squadron-Leaders Scroggs, Bishop, Thornton, Group-Capt. Evill, and Air Vice-Marshal Longmore.
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We were all very sorry to hear of P./Officer D. R. S. Bader's great misfortune, and we offer him our sincere sympathy.
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All will regret the death after a game of rugger of Pilot-Officer A. C. Shearn. He was a man of an unusually fine and charming character, popular alike with officers and men.
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The Editor takes this opportunity of thanking very many old friends for their letters and greetings this Christmas.



F/C A Wall



F/C Sgt AG Cleland



F/C HP Broad



F/C Cpl AC Shearn

Seventh Annual General Meeting - 29 June 1932

The Cmdt, Air Cdre AM Longmore, in the Chair.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Cranwell, on Wednesday June 29th 1932, at 18.45 hrs, with the Commandant in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted.

Letters were received expressing the disappointment of Air Vice-Marshal CSM Longcroft (President) & Air Vice-Marshal AE. Borton (Vice President) at their inability to attend.

The report of the Committee was then read, —

(a) College Sports Fund, — a donation of 50£ had been made.

(b) Wing Cpl. A. Coningham had accepted the invitation to become an honorary member of the Association.

(c) That a Rigger side had been collected by P/O J.W. Cotton, and a cricket side by P/O E.C. Huddleston.

The Committee recommended —

(a) That a donation of 50£ be made to the College Sports Fund, — Proposed by S/Plt A.K. Lewis, seconded by S/Plt S.H. Hardy, — accepted.

(b) That invitations to become honorary members of the Association be sent to Group Capt. E.S. Ewell & S/Plt E.M. Thomas. Proposed by S/Plt S.H.V. Harris, seconded by P/O Harris, — accepted.

(c) That their investment of 1150 in 5% War Loan be endorsed — accepted unanimously.

(d) That the Balance Sheet, presented by the Hon. Sec., and which had been audited regularly at Cranwell, be accepted. After some interesting discussion of details of Income, this was accepted unanimously.

(e) That the committee for 1932-33 be elected, in accordance with the details arranged in Committee on June 27th 1932, (see former page). This was accepted & no other members were proposed.

The Committee also reported that it had been in correspondence with the Commandant of R.A.F. College, on the two following points, — College Records & the Annual Reunion.

College Records.

A letter was read from the Commandant, stating that the panelling scheme as proposed originally by the Association had been definitely abandoned: he also enquired whether the Association would care to present the record Book of the College, value about £60, or the bookcase for same, value about £120, or both.

The Committee had replied, after considering the past opinion of meetings, that it was not prepared to assist financially in the record Book: that it was interested in the bookcase, but rather viewed the two as one presentation. That it was not able either to pledge itself or to make a definite recommendation to General Meeting.

The Committee had asked to be allowed to review the special presentation, required for the College, in the spring of next year, when it hoped to assist.

The Commandant addressed the meeting & pointed out that obviously the Architect must have the final word on panelling & that he had decided against it. He pointed out that he was not trying to force the Association to a decision & agreed that by next spring there should be a more complete conception of the requirements of the new College.

The Meeting decided that there was no need to proceed further at the moment, but it was proposed by P/O S.H. Hardy, seconded by S/Plt J.W. Cotton that the New College Committee be requested to furnish a list when available & that this could be arranged through the prospective local representative at Cranwell.

Annual Reunion.

The Committee had recommended to the Commandant, in view of the large number of acceptances this year that in future a general invitation (to be issued by R.A.F. College) to ex-cadets to an open lunch on the occasion of the Past v Present Cricket Match, as a substitute for the Guest Night, — & that the general Meeting be held after the Match.

The discussion in Committee was detailed to the Meeting.

The Commandant said that as his term of office would probably be completed before the next Meeting he did not feel that he could pledge his successor: but he took the view that it should be possible to provide lunch & tea, as required, & probably a limited number of members, in addition to the Cricket XI, could be invited to Guest Night & could have beds.

This appeared to endorse the views of the Committee & the General Meeting was satisfied as to the position.

The Commandant then suggested that in future an attempt should be made to run a tennis fixture, alongside the cricket match.

He also announced that there was not likely to be an official opening of the New College for at least 18 months, though some of the building might come into occupation.

He also proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary which was accepted unanimously.

W.P. Harris
28/6/32
Commandant
R.A.F. College
Cranwell.

College Sports Fund
War Loan Fund

Committee 1932-33.

F/Lt.	J. Macfarlane
"	J. A. Parry
"	G. R. Beames
"	S. H. Hardy
"	L. H. Cannon
F/O.	J. H. Gillan
"	E. C. Huddleston
"	C. A. Batt
P/O.	P. B. Cople
"	H. Eeles
"	C. H. M. King
"	R. S. Eason
Rev.	F/Lt. J. Mason

OLD CRANWELL ASSOCIATION.

CASH ACCOUNT - 1931-32.		EXPENDITURE.					
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		
Balance at Bank.	60	5	10	W.C. Farmborough	1	11	0
Bank of India	4	0	0	Coll. Sports Fund	50	0	0
War Loan Interest	0	0	0	Postage &c.	1	10	0
Bank of India	182	1	0	W.C. Robinson	20	15	10
War Loan Interest	0	10	0	Coll. Journals	45	1	0
Bank of India	0	0	0	ditto	180	14	0
War Loan Interest	0	0	0	War Loan Purchase	0	0	0
Bank of India	187	0	0	Balance at Bank	51	15	0
War Loan Interest	15	0	0				
Bank of India	0	0	0				
	645	15	10		645	15	10

BALANCE SHEET 31st Dec. 1932.		ASSETS.					
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		
Cash at Bank	450	15	1	Cash at Bank	51	15	0
Postage &c.	0	15	1	War Loan	400	0	0
War Loan Interest	1	10	0	Money Orders (Outward)	3	15	0
War Loan	0	0	0	War Loan	0	0	0
	450	0	0				
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Parselle represented the College at Athletics, Rugby, Hockey and Squash, became the 11th College Commandant and was awarded the CB and CBE.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

THE Editor is glad to announce that the roll of all Flight Cadets *who have passed through the College* has now been completed.

Many Old Cranwellians took the opportunity of inspecting the book at the last meeting of the Association at Cranwell.

It is a large volume, heavily bound in blue morocco and reinforced with bevels of oxydized silver; and it is mounted with the College Arms, also in silver.

After a foreword by Lord Trenchard, and a history of the early days of Cranwell, the record begins with the bearings of the College painted in their full colours by a member of the College of Arms. The body of the book consists of photographs of every term which has passed out from the College together with details of each member of the term giving his full name, his school, his rank at the College, and his achievements in work, flying and games.

It has been a laborious task to recover many of these details. In a year five hundred letters were addressed to Old Cranwellians about this record, many of which remained unanswered. So that the Editor cannot flatter himself that it is quite accurate yet; at the same time, he is prepared to consider emendations and additions if they can be effected without damage to the book.

He would like to draw attention to the assistance he has received from Mr. J. Lyon in the collection of data, and to congratulate Mr. A. Broughton on his beautiful penmanship and illumination. Both of these College servants will be familiar to present and past members of the College.

The book is eventually to be preserved on an elaborate table in the hall of the New College, and will be, it is hoped, a pleasant memento, and an encouragement to those who wish to make their mark at the College.

A sound-film apparatus has been presented to the Star and Garter Home at Richmond by friends of Lawrence Whitfield, who died after a heavy fall at Hurst Park.

A panther skin has been presented to the College Mess by F./Lieut. B. Bennett, who recently was aide-de-camp to the Viceroy. This is the second gift he has made to the Mess, and it is by gifts like this that the spirit of the College is fostered.

The Editor thanks three old members of the Editorial Staff, F./Officers Elsner, Doran and Emson for an encouraging letter about the last issue of the JOURNAL.

Sergt.-Major R. E. Gorwood keeps in touch with us and his many other friends, past and present, in the College. His address is Perry Street, Wendover.

Dom Richard Utley is at Lyons learning French. We had an immigration of 105 masters and boys from his school, Ampleforth College, of whom eighty-five took the air.

One of two such tables in Founders' Gallery



F/C Sgt AC Johnstone



F/C Cpl BT Shelley



F/C CB Hughes



F/C Cpl PJH Halahan



F/C Sgt JGW Weston



U/O GP Charles



F/C Sgt EMF Grundy



F/C Cpl AL Weait

The Drill Competition this year was judged by F./Lieut. J. W. F. Merer, who awarded the Cup to "B" Squadron.

In the current number of the *Trident*, the Journal of the Naval College, Annapolis, there is an account of the activities of Cranwell several years ago.

All will regret the death of P./Officer A. C. Johnstone. Rarely has this College turned out a Flight Cadet of such exemplary character; and still more rarely a Cadet of such a scholarly and logical mind. It goes without saying that he was sub-editor of this JOURNAL and that he was equal first for the Humanistic Prize. The death of such a man is a sad loss to his instructors and his contemporaries, who admired him as a friend, a scholar, and an athlete.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. G. E. Nicholets, A.F.C., and to F./Officer G. I. L. Saye on their escape, with their companions, from their flying boat which came down off Antrim on July 13th.

F./Officers B. T. Shelley, C. B. Hughes, J. G. W. Weston, G. P. Charles and E. M. F. Grundy are on the Wireless Course, Cranwell.

F./Officer I. B. Newbigging writes cheerfully from Singapore, which is a nest of Old Cranwellians.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieut. R. B. Jordan, F./Officer E. M. F. Grundy, F./Officer F. A. J. Pollock-Gore, F./Lieut. D. W. R. Ryley, F./Officer G. P. Charles, F./Lieut. A. King-Lewis, F./Officer C. E. J. Baines, F./Officer L. H. Anness, F./Lieut. H. H. Brookes, F./Officer A. Wall, F./Officer P. J. H. Halahan, F./Lieut. the Earl of Bandon, F./Officer C. H. Turner and F./Lieut. F. M. Denny.

F./Lieut. George Beamish captained the Irish XV this year; and the R.A.F. XV.

F./Officer P. Drew played hockey for the R.A.F. XI.

It is good news that Wing-Commandant D. L. Ingpen is now recovering his health.

F./Officers P. J. H. Halahan, W. K. Beisiegel and A. L. Weait have recently been posted to Cranwell.

F./Officer P. Broad is hunting and playing polo at Peshawar.

John Grierson was second in the *Daily Telegraph* Race.

We were very sorry to read of the death of F./Officer N. E. White, who was an Under-Officer in 1928 at Cranwell, where he won the Sword of Honour and had a distinguished athletic career.

We regret also to announce the death of P./Officer N. H. Jackson, who came here from Rhodesia. By his quiet efficiency he made himself many friends here and in No. 1 Squadron.

We congratulate heartily F./Officer P. M. Terry on the award of the A.F.C.; and F./Officer F. F. Wicks on the award of the D.F.C.; for gallant services respectively in Kurdistan and on the North-West Frontier.

F./Lieut. R. L. Atcherley has been on an interesting East African air cruise.

The Editor regrets that space prevents his recording those ex-Cadets who have passed into the Staff College; who have passed their interpreters' examinations; or have become specialists; or have taken part in aerial displays at home or abroad.

We were all very glad to see F./Officer D. R. S. Bader in the Cranwell Mess again. He has made a good recovery as a result of great courage and stamina.

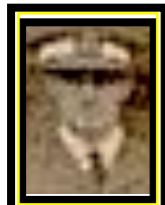
Among those who played for the Service at Rugby this year were F./Officer P. B. Coote, F./Officer H. A. Constantine, F./Lieut. B. L. Patch, F./Officer C. Beamish, P./Officer E. A. Collins and P./Officer T. A. B. Parselle. The last has been running very well in the quarter-mile this season and has been unlucky not to be selected for the Olympic team at Los Angeles.

The Milocarian Club flourishes with the support of Old Cranwellians, and under the wise encouragement of Major Alexander is becoming one of the foremost athletic clubs in the country.

F./Officer A. Wall has been posted to Cranwell and is assisting with the JOURNAL.

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Lieut. W. A. D. Brook, F./Officer D. Prowse and F./Officer H. J. Pringle.

The Editor again asks for assistance from Old Cranwellians in the compilation of these notes.



F/C Cpl NH Jackson



F/C PMcK Terry



F/C FF Wicks



F/C Sgt EA Collins



F/C Sgt TAB Parselle



F/C WAD Brook



F/C LF Prowse



F/C Sgt HJ Pringle

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F/C WES Tanner



F/C Sgt JGD Armour



F/C HH Leech



F/C TH Carr



F/C CW Grannum



F/C NB Norris



F/C Cpl HM Pearson

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

AMONG the recent presentations to the Cadets' Mess are a portrait of the late F./Lieut. H. R. D. Waghorn, A.F.C., presented by Wing-Comdr. A. H. Orlebar, A.F.C., on behalf of the Waghorn Memorial Portrait Fund; two silver cigarette-lighters, presented by the first entry of Indian cadets to pass out of the College; and a silver plate removed from D.H.9a No. 175, commemorating the first award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to an Old Cranwellian (P./Officer N. Vintcent).

F./Lieuts. H. G. Brookman and R. H. S. Spaight are now entitled to write after their names the magic initials, *p.s.a.*

F./Officer W. K. Beisiegel and P./Officer W. E. S. Tanner played for the R.A.F. against the Navy at cricket.

F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish was runner-up in the R.A.F. Golf Championship; he was beaten by Sqdn.-Ldr. C. H. Hayward by 4 and 2.

F./Lieut. J. G. D. Armour was entered as pilot of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester's "Meteor" aircraft in the London-Newcastle race.

In the same race, F./Officer H. H. Leech was entered as pilot of Mr. A. C. Thornton's "Arrow Active."

Our congratulations to F./Lieut. T. H. Carr, F./Lieut. J. B. M. Wallis, and F./Officer C. W. Grannum on their engagements.

We were all glad to see the Rev. A. MacHardy last term on one of his flying trips.

Many Old Cranwellians are at the C.F.S. at the time of writing, and have all visited Cranwell recently. F./Officers H. A. Constantine, H. J. Pringle, D. P. Lascelles, F. C. Cole and A. D. Selway are on the staff of instructors; and F./Officers N. B. Norris, R. B. Councell, R. A. Sprague, and H. M. Pearson were on the course. F./Officers A. L. Franks, R. C. Jonas, E. J. Laine and W. R. Beaman have been posted to Cranwell.

We are glad to have F./Lieut. G. R. Spencer back at Cranwell again. He has made a good recovery from his injuries, and he will be flying again before this appears in print.

A coloured photograph of Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan has been presented to the Cadets' Mess by Miss Patricia Halahan, to replace the original portrait.

Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton is planning air pleasure cruises for next year. We wish him every success. An article written by him on his flying operations in Scotland appears in the JOURNAL.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. P. Chamberlain on the birth of a son; and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. Combe on the birth of a daughter.

F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish and F./Officer P. B. Coote have been playing rugger for Leicester this season. P./Officer R. H. A. Leigh has played rugger for the Portsmouth U.S. this season. F./Officer G. Charles is captain of the Cranwell XV.

F./Lieut. R. L. R. Atcherley gave a crazy-flying show in an American machine at the U.S. National Air Races last summer. We hope he was none the worse for his recent adventure at Amman.

We are sorry to hear of the deaths of P./Officers R. J. Berens, D. E. Forman and A. G. Cleland, and extend our sympathy to their parents in their loss.

We all remember Forman. He was a good fencer and swimmer, but most of all an authority on things aeronautical, and the life and soul of any party on the Broads.

Of Berens a correspondent says: " ' Jimmie ' had the capacity for enjoying life in a degree that falls to few. His kind heart, sympathy and understanding, his sense of humour and his cheerfulness, which was infectious, brought him many friends. We envied his singleness of purpose, and admired his efforts to do his best, and his unaffected dream of a successful career. His career at Cranwell was a success. Flying suited his temperament, and he loved it with a passion that was almost a mania. We remember him, too, as an athlete. Those who played cricket with him will not forget the two seasons when they chased with him the ball over many miles of Cranwell's Heath, or watched the batting on drowsy summer afternoons. He was a natural cricketer and loved the game not only for itself but because of its surroundings and the spirit in which it is played."

Cleland was one of the soundest fellows we have ever turned out from the College. Despite a crooked knee he never lost his ambition to make the most of his life at Cranwell and in the Service.

Many of the competitors in the R.A.F. Squash Championships in November were Old Cranwellians. F./Lieuts. J. Norwood, H. Waring, H. M. Mellor and D. A. Boyle, and F./Officers H. A. Constantine, W. F. C. Hobson, F. C. Sturgiss, W. H. Kyle, H. A. V. Hogan, P. B. Coote, G. R. Elsmie, C. H. Turner, E. C. Hudleston and W. H. Hutton competed in the first round.

Three of the four semi-finalists were Old Cranwellians—Coote, Mellor and Hudleston.

The championship was won by Group-Captain F. L. Robinson, who beat his nephew, F./Officer Coote (the last year's champion).

F./Officer A. Wall is sub-editor of the JOURNAL and is rendering valuable service.

F./Officer G. F. W. Heycock has been posted to Inland Area Headquarters, and F./Officer D. R. S. Bader to Station Headquarters, Duxford, for administrative duties.

Congratulations to F./Lieuts. M. W. Keey and G. L. Worthington on their promotion.

At the Wakefield boxing contests, the Officers' Heavy-weight Championship was won by F./Lieut. Patch. F./Officer T. N. Coslett has done well too in India.

F./Lieut. D. N. Roberts writes from Esthonia, where he is studying the Russian language. F./Lieut. J. Warburton is studying Japanese at Tokyo.

F./Officers A. P. F. M. Berkeley and G. N. E. T. Carill Worsley have represented the R.A.F. in fencing.

F./Officers J. A. C. Stratton and F. L. P. Henzell have come over to Cranwell frequently from Grantham. Henzell is at present on leave in his native Antigua.

F./Officer E. Corbally is hunting with the Blankney this season.

F./Lieut. W. C. Yale, who has been Signals Officer at Cranwell for some time, has been posted to Headquarters, R.A.F., India.

Congratulations on their marriage to F./Lieuts. F. M. Denny, W. A. D. Brooke, H. G. Wheeler, D. W. R. Ryley, The Earl of Bandon, and V. B. J. Jackson, and F./Officers C. H. Turner, H. J. Pringle, P. Heath, and A. Wall.

F./Lieut. F. W. Cannon has been posted to Cranwell, and is taking care of E.R.S.

F./Officers C. E. Beamish and G. R. Elsmie have played rugger for the Harlequins and Richmond respectively this season.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of F./Officer B. H. Gully. We hope it will be some consolation to his parents that this officer was praised publicly for his devotion which caused the preservation of all his crew.

Congratulations on their promotion to F./Lieuts. R. S. Drummond-Drummond, P. L. P. Marett, G. I. L. Saye, J. C. A. Johnson, H. A. Constantine, K. S. Brake, S. L. Blunt and J. E. MacCullum.

The Editor wishes to thank Old Cranwellians for their many letters to him at Christmas, 1932, to all of which he will reply as time permits.

He hopes, too, that they will send him illustrated articles, as in the past, without solicitation.



F/C Cpl AL Franks



F/C Cpl RC Jonas



F/C Cpl EJ Laine



F/C WR Beaman



U/O RHA Leigh



F/C RJ Berens



F/C DE Forman



F/C BH Gully

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F/C Sgt AM Doran



F/C Sgt A Golding



F/C RAT Stowell



F/C EJ Corbally



F/C Sgt MG Phillipott



F/C Sgt WW Stainthorpe



F/C RJO Bartlett

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

AIR Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan has been appointed Captain of the Kolapore Team.

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F./Lieuts. E. Barnes and P. Terry recently received the Air Force Cross at the hands of His Majesty.

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In the R.A.F. Rugger XV were F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish (who is retiring honourably from International Rugger with 25 caps), F./Lieut. Constantine, F./Officer G. R. Elsmie, F./Officer R. H. A. Leigh, P./Officer A. M. Doran, P./Officer A. Golding, and F./Officer P. B. Coote and F./Officer C. Beamish, who gained their Irish caps this year.

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F./Lieut. R. A. T. Stowell and F./Officers R. C. Jonas and H. M. Pearson are in the Cadet Wing. F./Officer E. J. Corbally is going to Iraq.

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We offer our sympathy to F./Lieut. and Mrs. D. A. Boyle on the death of their son.

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Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieut. M. G. Phillipott, F./Officers W. W. Stainthorpe, R. J. O. Bartlett, S. L. Blunt, J. W. Homer and E. Tanner.

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Among those who have played hockey for the Royal Air Force have been F./Officers D. P. Lascelles and W. Butler.

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F./Lieut. A. D. Gillmore was playing for Sealand in the R.A.F. Rugger Cup Final.

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In the R.A.F. Individual Boxing Championships there were fighting P./Officer E. D. M. Nelson, P./Officer A. Golding, and F./Officer W. R. Beaman.

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In a contest at Cranwell F./Lieut. E. L. S. Ward won for Henlow; F./Officer W. R. Beaman and F./Officer P. B. Coote won for Cranwell.

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Air Vice-Marshal A. M. Longmore has presented to the Mess a photograph of himself in a Short Biplane, 50 h.p. Gnome engine. The number of his certificate is 72.

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In the Civilian Race at the Cadets' Sports, "Colonel" Young won, as usual, by two lengths.

Congratulations on his marriage to Mr. C. Smith, our guide, philosopher and referee in Soccer.

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F./Officer W. R. Wills-Sandford, F./Lieut. Beamish and F./Officer G. F. Macpherson have played for the Service at golf, and F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel and P./Officer W. E. S. Tanner at cricket.

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In addition to those whom we have mentioned in the report of the cricket match these Old Cranwellians were also present: F./Lieuts. J. R. H. Pott, F. Denny, W. N. Blain, J. B. M. Wallis, L. W. Cannon, J. G. Hawtrey; F./Officers M. K. D. Porter, W. S. Hebden, W. R. Beaman, R. C. Jonas, C. Beamish, F. F. Wicks, R. L. Phillips, P. J. Halahan, A. Earle, E. J. Lainé, F. A. J. Pollock-Gore, I. Newbigging, G. P. Charles.

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The following have just concluded a long course at Cranwell:— F./Officers C. B. Hughes, E. M. F. Grundy, G. P. Charles, B. T. Shelley, and J. G. W. Weston.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Chance continue to take an interest in the recipients of the prize which they offer twice a year in memory of their son "Toots."

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Richard Utley has been staying with his brother in Rome, but is now on the staff at Ampleforth.

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F./Officer Eric Littler writes of the many Old Cranwellians he meets at Cairo, where recently he organized an Old Cranwellian dinner over which Group-Captain W. Tyrrell presided. He also continues his fistic vendetta with F./Officer Geoffrey Stephenson, who flies for it from Iraq to Egypt.

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F./Officer J. Worrall paid us a visit before he voyaged to the East.

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Cheerful news has been received from two of our strongest supporters, the Rev. and Mrs. Gillan.

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F./Officer W. Hobson made a forced descent at Gallows Corner, Romford, of all places and emerged safely. He recently played a notable round at Belton.

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Group-Captain W. Tyrrell has given a hostage to fortune in a daughter born correctly on a Tuesday. Many congratulations to him and Mrs. Tyrrell.

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The Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada, is decorating its new buildings with a replica of the Cranwell Coat of Arms.

We were very glad to see a stout fight at Cranwell recently between P./Officer A. Golding and Act. P./Officer Thurston; there was another good fight between F./Officer W. R. Beaman and an officer from Grantham. Warrant Officer Bradbury and F./Sergt. Digby gave "an amusing" knock-about turn. Also F./Lieut. Ward was here boxing stoutly despite his matrimonial commitments.

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All will wish F./Lieut. Victor Beamish a speedy recovery of his health. From time to time he sends a cheerful message. Old Cranwellians will find him a good correspondent.

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Congratulations on their marriage to F./Officer and Mrs. P. J. H. Halahan; F./Officer and Mrs. C. W. Grannum; F./Officer and Mrs. Grundy; F./Officer and Mrs. Charles.

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Sqdn./Ldr. H. M. Massey is now at the Staff College, Andover.

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Sqdn./Ldr. V. Rowley spends a lot of time flying up and down the Persian Gulf.

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F./Officer A. D. Selway has the pen of a ready writer and again has contributed an article to this Journal.

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F./Lieut. N. D'Aeth has been presented by His Majesty with the Polar Medal. He recently gave a lecture at Cranwell.

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John Grierson has been granted a commission in the Auxiliary Air Force, and at the time of writing is flying to America via Scapa, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, and the Hudson Bay.

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F./Lieut. J. G. Hawtrey is now the liaison officer with Eton College. He has been posted recently to No. 601 Squadron.

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F./Officer John Peel was seen recently engrossed in the Greek Play at Cambridge.

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A cheerful letter has been received from Wing Commander R. W. Ryan, who has now recovered from the loss of an appendix.

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Wing Commander C. N. Lowe is now better after a brief bout with the medicine men.

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The Editor wishes to thank one of his most helpful sub-editors, P./Officer Donald Evans, for a pleasant message.



F/C Cpl SL Blunt



F/C Cpl JW Homer



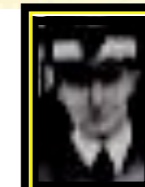
F/C Cpl WD Butler



F/C Cpl AD Gillmore



U/O EDM Nelson



F/C Sgt WN Blain



F/C Cpl LW Cannon

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U/O RV Rolph

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Robert Rolph at the end of February this year. He was a great favourite with his instructors and the writer of these notes in intimate collaboration with him knows what a sterling fellow and what a stout friend he was. He won the Sword of Honour at Cranwell and no one has deserved it more.

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P./Officer G. W. Montagu is enjoying life at Abingdon with F./Officers S. S. Murray and A. F. Powell.

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We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Jack Bradley in a lorry accident at Amman. During his short career he had twice taken to his parachute. He was a man of wide interests and much good nature.

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The Service has lost an efficient officer of great ability in F./Lieut. F. S. O'Hanlon. He was one of the first cadets to come here from the Wings.

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It was very bad luck that R. G. Dickson and E. F. Hope-Jones had to leave last term owing to sickness in the air. We hope that they will not sever their connection with the College.

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F./Lieut. J. G. D. Armour, who came to Cranwell from Malvern in 1923, has just retired from the Service. He is the son of the well-known artist who has often contributed to this JOURNAL.

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We were glad to see at the Display recently, among many friends, M. D. Morrissey who is with Imperial Airways, P. H. Jackson who has a chicken farm, and P. Hurndall who has just taken his "A" licence.



F/C GW Montagu



F/C AG Powell



F/C JT Longman



F/C DH Furze



F/C AR Sarel

F./Officer C. H. L. Needham has been awarded the Diploma of Honour and the Medal of the Carnegie Trust of Switzerland, for the rescue of a drowning man from Lake Lugano last year. Needham, who was on leave at the time, noticed that a swimmer had disappeared in a deep part of the lake. He immediately plunged in, dived several times and saved the swimmer.

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Many Old Cranwellians have received a special mention in the formal announcement of the results of Service examinations.

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All his contemporaries will have heard with regret of the death at Aden of Eric Collyns. He was a valuable messmate with a wealth of humour and friendliness, and he came second to none in his enthusiasm for the College and in particular for his Squadron,

We have lost recently two of the keenest and most amiable of Old Cranwellians, both of whom were frequently in friendly correspondence with us: P./Officer John Longman and P./Officer D. H. Furze. The Service can ill spare such men.

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We announce the engagement of F./Lieut. A. R. S. Sarel, F./Lieut. J. L. F. Fuller-Good, F./Lieut. John Merer, F./Lieut. F. E. Nuttall, F./Lieut. David Waghorn, and F./Officers F. Drew and C. A. Watt.

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Congratulations to F./Lieut. G. I. L. Saye on the award of the Air Force Cross.

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F./Officer Eric Littler organised a successful Old Cranwellian Dinner at Cairo at which were present: F./Officers Dale, Pott, Sabine, Simonds, Barnett, Dashper, Ling, Moorby, Lewis, Stephenson, L'Estrange, O'Grady, Eeles and C. S. Moore.

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F./Officer E. R. Simonds and F./Officer H. R. Dale were in the team which won the Egypt, Palestine and Sudan Shooting Trophy.

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Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton is the manager of the British Flying Boat, Ltd., which flies between the Isle of Man and the mainland.

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F./Officer G. R. A. Elsmie and F./Lieut. E. A. Healey flew in the King's Cup Race.

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Congratulations to F./Officer and Mrs. W. T. F. Wightman on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. S. Allinson on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. Sealey on the birth of a son; and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. E. A. Healey on the birth of a son.



F/C Cpl JLF Fuller-Good



F/C Sgt FE Nutall



F/C FR Drew



F/C CA Watt

The Editor would be grateful for some assistance from the Old Cranwellian Association in the compilation of these notes.

F./Lieut. W. A. D. Brook writes: "I find it very difficult to give an interesting account of the activities of ex-Cranwell Cadets at the Staff College, and I don't think that any of us can lay claim to fame, save, perhaps, H. H. Brookes, who is captain of the Staff College cricket XI, which is to meet the R.N. Staff College XI in mortal combat at the end of this month, so there is very little to report so far as sport is concerned.

"During the earlier part of the year we indulged in hockey, but we were forced to cancel a great number of our matches owing to 'flu and bad weather.



U/O HR Dale



F/C J Bradley



F/C Cpl JS Sabine



F/C Cpl ER Simonds



F/C Cpl RB Dashper



F/C GR Moorby

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F/C Cpl CC O'Grady F/C CS Moore F/C Cpl EA Healey

"I am afraid what little information I have given you in this letter will be quite valueless for publication, and I feel that I should be better qualified to do this later on, when we indulge in combined exercises with the other two Staff Colleges, during which time we take them on at various games."

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F./Lieut. F. G. Cator writes: "I have just returned from a tour of duty in the Aden Command, during the latter part of which I was fortunate enough to become attached to the Anglo-Ethiopian Boundary Commission in British Somaliland. As a result of this, I spent sixteen months with a survey flight from my squadron—No. 8 (B.) Squadron—on the Abyssinian border, during which we photographed about 400 miles of frontier for subsequent mapping purposes. I had one flying officer with me; Weait being with me during the early part of the work in 1932, and subsequently Sales. We lived under canvas all the time and were a completely self-contained and mobile unit, having our own W/T, M/T, and, of course, innumerable camels. I found the life ideal, since the work was very interesting and the opportunities for sport exceptional. We built our own tennis court and golf course (of sorts) and had frenzied encounters at football with some of the more civilized natives. Both I and my junior, and also two selected airmen, did a lot of shooting and secured some quite good antelope and gazelle 'heads,' but no lions or leopards; I encountered one of the only five elephants still in Somaliland. I think everyone in the Air Survey Flight was sorry to leave Somaliland, but we completed the photography last March and had to return to Aden. The Boundary Commission is still there arguing with the Abyssinians, and I wish I were with them."

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F./Officer G. F. MacPherson has been posted to Wittering. He has been one of our most valuable and popular instructors and has set a good standard also in golf and cross-country running.



F/C Cpl NS Allinson F/C SH Hardy F/C RF Smith

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION

THE Annual Reunion was at Cranwell on 28th June this year, on the occasion of the Past v. Present cricket match. The match resulted, as usual, in the triumph of the present, and it is evident that if the match is to continue as a first XI fixture, some real cricketers must reserve the first Wednesday after the R.A.F. Display for this match. If others also can play, then a match can be arranged with the second XI.

The College is anxious also to institute a tennis match.

Above all, those who put their names down for either match must turn up. This is true also of the Guest Night, owing to the limited number of guests.

During the year Group-Capt. E. S. Evill, Sqdn.-Ldr. E. M. Thomas and Capt. C. C. Brachi have become honorary members.

The General Meeting voted the ordinary cricket donation to the College.

The following were elected to the Committee for the year 1933-34:—

F./Lieuts. S. H. Hardy, J. B. M. Wallis and F. M. Denny, F./Officers E. C. Hudleston, C. A. Watt, P. B. Coote, R. C. Jonas, W. R. Beaman and A. M. Doran, and P./Officers G. W. Montagu, J. R. A. Peel and R. T. Smith. F./Lieut. L. W. Cannon has been posted to India.

The resignation of the Hon. Secretary was accepted, and the duties will now be carried out by Dr. O. S. Sinnatt, at Cranwell.

The balance sheet:—

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

CASH ACCOUNT, FROM JUNE 1ST, 1932, TO MAY 31ST, 1933.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at Bank	51	13 8	June Hon. Secretary	2	13 1
May-July Subscriptions	6	0 0	July P.M.C., Stanmore	1	10 0
" War Loan Interest			" College Sports Fund	50	0 0
and Grat.	14	0 0	Dec. Hillier & Son	1	5 0
Aug.-Oct. Subscriptions	136	1 0	" College Journal	45	7 1
" War Loan Interest	10	0 0	Feb. P.M.C., Stanmore	1	10 0
Jan.-May Subscriptions	150	1 0	" Cheque Book		4 0
			Mar. College Journal	47	6 1
			May Wakefield & Co.	1	10 0
			Balance at Bank	216	10 5
	<u>£367</u>	<u>15 8</u>		<u>£367</u>	<u>15 8</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 1ST, 1933.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital Account	610	18 5	Cash at Bank	216	10 5
Postage Account	4	12 0	War Stock	400	0 0
Printing	1	0 0			
	<u>£616</u>	<u>10 5</u>		<u>£616</u>	<u>10 5</u>

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS to F./Lieut. David Bonham-Carter on the birth of a daughter, and to F./Officer W. R. Worstall on the birth of a son.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Bhupindra Singh and Amarjit Singh, whose Wapiti crashed at Padidan, Sind. No one knows what caused the accident; the two were capable pilots. Their loss is particularly regrettable, as they were fine athletes and just the type to be in a squadron destined to be the nucleus of the Indian Air Force.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieut. J. Fuller Good, F./Officer C. D. Welch, F./Lieut. E. F. Finch, F./Lieut. E. S. C. Davis, F./Officer H. H. Hilliar, F./Officer J. Grierson, and F./Officer R. H. A. Leigh.

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Lieut. F. E. Nuttall, F./Officer D. B. D. Field, F./Lieut. M. G. Philpott, F./Officer G. P. Charles, and F./Officer C. A. Watt.

F./Officers R. J. Cooper, J. R. Scarlett and E. R. M. Walker have passed the specialist course in Navigation; F./Lieut. H. V. Tristem the advanced specialist course in Armament; and F./Officer Charles Beamish the specialist course in Armament.

Many congratulations to F./Lieut. G. H. Thomas and to F./Lieut. C. J. Collingwood on winning the Distinguished Flying Cross; to F./Lieut. C. B. Pelly on winning the Military Cross; and to F./Officer E. F. L'Estrange on being mentioned in despatches.

F./Lieut. C. W. Dicken and F./Lieut. A. H. Willetts went on a flying trip to the Baltic last summer; F./Officer H. Y. Humphreys went on a Service trial to Iraq.

Group-Capt. L. W. B. Rees reached the Bahamas safely after a voyage of sixty-four days, sailing alone in his eight-ton yacht. The sword of honour presented to him by the Borough of Carnavon on winning his V.C. can still be seen in the College.

F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor is Air Equerry to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He hopes to play some squash at Cranwell.

F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish has decided to give up international football. He is now in the Sudan. F./Officer J. Worrall is at Heliopolis.

F./Officer W. R. Beaman has boxed for the Services this season, and always puts up a plucky show.

We were glad to see that F./Officer I. G. Mackay made a safe landing recently with his parachute after a minor collision of his machine with another single-seater near Hornchurch.

F./Officer E. Corbally has a special appointment in Iraq.

The following Old Cranwellians have visited the College recently: F./Lieut. Allinson, F./Officers Beamish (C.), Llewelyn, Pratt, Sinclair, Drew (F.), Elsmie, Fraser, Heycock, McKechnie, Coote, Elsner, Leigh, Geoghegan, Peel, Bradford, Parish, Pearson-Rogers, Seymour, Badger, Becker, Carver, Chacksfield, Walker, Coventry, Heber-Percy and Bader.

Fifty letters were sent out to Old Cranwellians in search of news. There were only three responses, and the Editor has fallen back, as in the past, on the assistance of Mr. J. A. Lyon, hall porter at the College.

We were sorry to hear of the retirement from the Service owing to ill-health of F./Lieuts. F. C. T. Rowe, R. F. Part, and F./Officer P. Dudgeon.

F./Lieut. Victor Beamish has retired from the Service and is spending a happy and restful holiday at his home at Larne, near Belfast.

F./Officer A. Wall continues to act as Sub-Editor of the JOURNAL.

We have also had hurried visits from F./Lieut. J. C. Cunningham, P./Officer D. A. Pemberton and F./Officer and Mrs. Henzell.

We are glad to hear that F./Officer B. A. Fraser is now none the worse for his accident.

There was a good company at Swinderby for the pretty country wedding of F./Lieut. J. Merer to Miss Cecily Wray, of Lingmoor.



F/C DWF Bonham-Carter



F/C B Singh



F/C A Singh



F/C Sgt ES Finch



F/C Sgt FE Nuttall



F/C DBD Field



F/C RJ Cooper

F/C Sgt JR Scarlett

F/C Cpl ERM Walker

F/C Cpl HHV Tristem

U/O JEG-H Thomas

F/C Cpl CBR Pelly

F/C CW Dicken

F/C AH Willetts

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F/C HY Humphreys



F/C IG Mackay



F/C Cpl CVJ Pratt



F/C LF Sinclair



F/C LN Elsner



F/C AW Geoghegan



F/C Sgt JRA Peel



F/C RL Bradford



F/C MJO Parish



F/C FCT Rowe



F/C DA Pemberton



F/C Cpl RF Part



F/C Sgt FLP Henzell



F/C AG Dudgeon



F/C BA Fraser



F/C Cpl JC Cunningham



F/C Cpl RAP Roberts



F/C PdeGH Seymour



U/O JVC Badger



F/C Cpl BH Becker



F/C Cpl ACP Carver



F/C Sgt BA Chacksfield



F/C Cpl RE de P O'Kelly



F/C FA Southby



F/C Sgt IHD Walker

Several letters have been received from Lawrence Middleton, who, alas, has left the Service, but still keeps in touch with the College.

These Old Cranwellians are also at Cranwell: F./Lieuts. W. K. Beisiegel, R. A. P. Roberts, J. B. M. Wallis, W. J. M. Akerman (Adjutant of the Wireless School), and F./Officers R. A. T. Stowell, D. J. Douthwaite, R. L. Wallace, R. A. Sprague, H. M. Pearson, W. T. F. Wightman P. Heath, R. V. McIntyre and W. S. Hebden.

F./Officer John Grierson frequently pays a visit to Cranwell. Recently he gave a very good account on the wireless of his flight to Iceland.

The Editor thanks Group-Captain S. Evill and P./Officer B. H. Becker for useful letters about the College JOURNAL.

We have also received several letters from the relatives of the late P./Officer Eric Collins, and the late P./Officer R. Rolph.

The address of Mr. E. J. Beresford is The Eagle Hotel, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. Here he flourishes exceedingly and meets again many of his friends.

E. Hope-Jones is going up to King's, Cambridge, and intends to become a schoolmaster. We feel sure he will get his Blue for running.

All will be glad to hear of the recovery of F./Officer P. B. Coote after an anxious time.

F./Officer J. A. C. Stratton and F./Officer J. G. Llewellyn are often seen on the Belton Course, but their attitude to Colonel Bogey is not menacing. They had a good foursome recently in company with Air Vice-Marshal Halahan.

F./Lieut. P. J. Halahan is captain of the Cranwell XV; F./Officer I. Newbigging and F./Officer F. F. Wicks are often seen in cross-country runs with their men; and sometimes ascend the rostrum to harangue the troops at Debating Society meetings.

F./Officer R. L. Phillips frequently whips-in for the College Beagles.

"W. E. S. T." writes:—

"Your letter was sent on to me from Tangmere, as I am up here on a Conversion Course to Fleet Fighters. There are six of us on the course, and five of the six are ex-Cranwell. They are: R. G. Stone, P. R. Robinson, M. K. D. Porter, E. D. M. Nelson and myself.

"A. M. Doran passed through here the other day—he had flown from Novar and seems to be thoroughly in the Fleet.

"Parish has been over once or twice from Donibristle; he is with 100 Squadron getting ready to go to Singapore."

"R. L. W." writes:—

"I came out here in the autumn of last year as Camp Commandant, which means that I look after the seventy or so clerks, wireless operators and M.T. drivers in the Headquarters.

"I also run messages for the A.O.C. and fly him about the country. Thanks to this, I have done a lot of travelling, and have seen most of the things of interest in this and some of the neighbouring countries; and as you probably remember from your tour out here, there is much of interest to be seen.

"If you are coming out again do let me know, and if you will come to Jerusalem I should be delighted to put you up.

"In August I flew an officer over to Iraq for a week's flying tour of that command. We saw Babylon, Kerbala, the Arch of Ctesiphon and many other wonders, also the Banzan area in the hills north-east of Mosul, which I thought one of the most wonderful bits of 'country' in the world.

"In September I was lent for a period as A.D.C. to the Acting High Commissioner, a most interesting but exacting experience. Batches of officers from the Fleet came and stayed and there was an official banquet and reception for the Emperor of Ethiopia.

"There is a pack of hounds down in the plain with which we chase jackals; unfortunately there are too many of them, and orange groves make good cover. What fences there are are cactus; this, I find, encourages a sure—and sometimes a sore—seat.

"There are no other Cranwellians here; Moorby is at Amman, but I expect he will write to you himself. He built a landing ground in the desert this spring."

F./Lieut. P. W. L. H. writes:—

"I have been a member of the 'gilded staff' since January this year and like the job now that I am more settled and have come into contact with the very nice people one meets in the Auxiliary and Special Reserve Squadrons.

"11th November, 1933.

"25th November, 1933.

"30th November, 1933.

"Stanley-Turner joined No. 1 Air Defence Group in May; Falconer is just finishing a tour as Adjutant of No. 608 Squadron, Thornaby; and Healy is in a similar position in No. 600 Squadron, Hendon.

"Until recently Prickman was Adjutant of No. 500 Squadron, Manston, and Hawtreay has just started in No. 601 Squadron, Hendon."

The Editor acknowledges a helpful letter with promises of assistance in the future from F./Officer R. E. de T. Vintras, who is now stationed at Sealand.

We were glad to see F./Officers D. W. Lane, K. P. Lewis and H. J. Pringle at Cranwell recently. F./Officer H. Eeles is shortly returning from Egypt.

Congratulations on their promotion to F./Lieuts. S. R. Groom, C. E. Beamish and A. W. Hunt.

F./Lieut. G. R. C. Spencer is joining the next course at the Staff College.

The Editor acknowledges with pleasure a large Christmas mail from Old Cranwellians, including Group-Captain Tyrrell and Squadron-Leader Durston.

We are sorry to hear of the death of P./Officer Raymond Edward de Penhenty O'Kelly. He was a keen cricketer and a good fellow.

We were glad to see the announcement of the engagement of Wing Commander A. J. Capel.

IN MEMORIAM.

We are sorry to record the death of Francis Arthur Southby, who was killed in a motor accident on his return to the College this term. He was a sound pilot, a keen cricketer, and had his colours for boxing. But in the limited space at our disposal we prefer to record rather his cheerful and amusing character. He was brimful of original ideas and it was a pleasure to discuss them with him. In his company there was never a dull moment, and often much laughter.

Ninth Annual General Meeting - 4 July 1934

Asst Cmdt, Gp Capt P Babbington, in the Chair.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the R. A. F. College on Wednesday July 4th 1934 at 18.15 hours with Group Captain P. Babbington M.C., A.F.C. in the Chair.
The Chairman expressed the regrets of the A. O. C. at being absent.
The minutes of the last General meeting were read and confirmed.
The report of the Committee on the year's working was then presented to the meeting.
(a) That the usual donation had been made to the College Sports and Journal Funds.
(b) That Hon. Membership had been accepted with appreciation by Group Capt. W. Tyrrell
7/1 A. J. Holmes; 7/1 H. G. Sawyer and Capt. C. C. Brachi.
(c) That the Balance Sheet presented by the Hon. Sec. and the Account, which had been audited regularly at Cranwell, be accepted. That the financial situation was satisfactory.
That the Hon. Sec. be authorised to invest any surplus capital in 7½% War Stock at his discretion.
Proposed by 7/1 G. R. M. Clifford and seconded by 7/1 R. H. Spaight and carried unanimously.
(d) That the demand for Income Tax be met, as it was not in the interests of the Association to form a trust fund which was the only means of obtaining exemption from the tax. The action of the Hon. Sec. in paying the tax of £14-10-0 was endorsed.

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(e) That the Committee be empowered to spend a sum not exceeding £15 (fifteen pounds) without reference to the General meeting. Prop^d by 7/0 W. P. Prethy, Sec^d by 7/0 R. C. Keary and carried unanimously.
(f) That the Association should contribute the last £150 towards the cost of the new Squash Courts at the R. A. F. College. Prop^d by 7/1 Spaight, Sec^d by 7/0 D. J. Kayres and carried unanimously.
(g) That the advice of the General meeting be sought on the question of providing an old Cranwellian Prize to the value of £5 twice a year for the Cadet passing out first in marks. No decision was arrived at in this matter.
(h) That, on the suggestion of the President our Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, a presentation be made to the retiring Hon. Sec. Capt. Brachi. This was accepted unanimously, the form the presentation should take being left to the Committee.
(i) That a presentation of a suitably inscribed Smoker's Cabinet (value five guineas) be made to W/C E. Huntley on the occasion of his retirement in August next. Prop^d by 7/0 Kayres, Sec^d by 7/0 Keary and carried unanimously.
(j) That our Vice-Marshal W. G. S. Mitchell and S/1 H. S. Scroggs be invited to become President & Hon. Members of the Association, respectively. Prop^d by 7/0 Prethy, Sec^d by 7/1 Clifford and carried unanimously.
(k) That a Rugby XV had been collected by 7/0 P. Coole in October as the Cricket XI by the late 7/0 D. J. Drummond & 7/0 Sprague.

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(k, contd) 7/0 Burke had arranged the Tennis Four.
It was proposed that 7/0 Coole be asked to collect a Rugby XV for Oct. 17th 34 and 7/0 Sprague the Cricket XI for July 3rd 35 and 7/0 Burke to arrange a Tennis Six for the Reunion on July 3rd 1935.
(l) The following were re-elected on the Committee 7/1s Hardy & Wallis, 7/0s Coole, Beaman, Watt and Jonas.
7/1 Clifford proposed and 7/1 Spaight seconded that Six should be chosen by the Hon. Sec. from Officers stationed at Cranwell.
(m) That the usual donation be made to the College Sports and Journal Funds proposed by 7/1 Spaight, Sec^d by 7/1 Clifford and accepted.
H. M. Coote.
Hon. Sec. Market.
3rd July 1935.

College Sports & Journal Funds

War stock investment

Income Tax

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION - Statement of receipts and expenditure during period 1/6/33 to 31/5/34.

Receipts		Expenditure	
£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.
Balance brought forward	216. 10. 5	Watford Press - printing	1. 0. 8
Interest on War Stock	15. 15. 0	Wakeford & Co - wreath	1. 10. 0
Subscriptions received	327. 2. 0	Toms & Son - wreath	1. 0. 0
		Hon Secretary - postage	4. 12. 0
		Purchase of War Stock	99. 9. 3
		College Sports Fund - donation	50. 0. 0
		College Journal - issues to members	94. 1. 0
		Hon Secretary - postage	18. 2. 0
		Mrs Bailey - wreath	1. 0. 0
		Mess Prod. Tangmere - wreaths	3. 0. 0
		Balance carried forward	292. 17. 0
549. 7. 5		549. 7. 5	

Balance Sheet at June 1st 1934		Assets	
£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.
Postage Account	2. 6. 0	Cash at Bank	292. 17. 0
Capital Account	790. 11. 0	Invested Funds (War Stock)	500. 0. 0
792. 17. 0		792. 17. 0	

Audited and found correct
H. Hager
Accountant, R. A. F. College
Date..... 3/7.....1934

H. O. S. Lunnatt
Hon Secretary
Old Cranwellian Association
3/7/34

Donation of £150 for squash courts Two OCA Prizes a year Retirement Gifts

Committee for 1934-5
7/1 Hardy (deputy 7/0 Geoghegan) 7/1 Wallis, 7/0 Coole, 7/0 Beaman
7/0 Watt; 7/0 Jonas.
on the station 7/1s Bruce Bennett, Beisiegel, Halahan, Stowell
& 7/0s Sprague & Burke. Supp. (Coole)

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U/O HC Sawyer



F/C RTP Clarkson



F/C Cpl JH Hutchinson



F/C WVL Spendlove



F/C JAC Stratton



F/C RHS Speight



F/C Sgt HWA Chesterman



F/C C Broughton

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

E. HOPE-JONES is at King's College, Cambridge, where he has met F./Lieut. B. T. Shelley, at Downing. He has won his colours for running.

We were glad to see F./Lieut. H. Sawyer and his wife on a hurried visit from Felixstowe; and F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. M. Knocker back from Singapore.

All his friends, especially those who knew him as a Flight Cadet, were sorry to hear of the death, in a motor accident, of F./Officer R. T. P. Clarkson. At Cranwell he was popular for his enthusiasm in work and games; and particularly for the plucky way he survived a bad accident at Cranwell which knocked him about but did not in any way affect his honest pleasant character.

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Officer F. Drew, F./Lieut. V. B. Bennett, F./Lieut. J. B. M. Wallis, P./Officer J. Grierson, F./Lieut. J. H. Hutchinson, F./Lieut. D. J. Waghorn, Wing-Commander A. J. Capel, F./Lieut. S. H. Hardy, F./Officer W. V. L. Spendlove, and F./Officer R. H. A. Leigh.

F./Lieut. J. A. E. Stratton and F./Officer Heber-Percy are often to be seen on the golf course at Belton, and sometimes issue loud challenges to the Educational Staff at the College.

The Editor begs to acknowledge helpful letters from F./Lieut. R. H. S. Spaight, Sqdn.-Ldr. H. V. Rowley, F./Officer H. Chesterman, F./Officer E. Corbally, F./Lieut. Lowe Holmes, and F./Lieut. D. L. S. Ward.

Graham Dickson, who unfortunately had to leave us owing to his inability to fly, has now gone to Sandhurst, where we shall look out for him at our next visit. F. Norton is also hoping to get into Sandhurst.

F./Officer C. Broughton writes advising fellows who are posted to India to bring as little uniform as possible from home, as it all can be bought better and more cheaply in India.

F./Lieut. Geoffrey Francis, like F./Officers P. Broad and J. Sabine, has been getting some hunting, and meditates joining the Cranwell Hunt Club, to which F./Officer A. F. McKenna is a recruit.

Several friendly messages have been received from Provost and Mrs. Kenneth Warner, who were at first surprised by the caricature of the padre in our last issue. They visited the College last July.

An interesting letter has been received from F./Lieut. J. Cottle, who is seconded to the Egyptian Army. He is now a proud father.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of F./Officer D. J. Douthwaite. He was one of the most important members of the College Mess; always ready to enter into sport, and always full of good humour. Yet he took a remarkably just view of things and persons. We remember him recently in the Cranwell Play, when he played his double part most convincingly; and also for his plucky effort in the Cranwell Boxing Team. He was to have captained the Old Cranwellian Cricket side this summer.

F./Lieut. and Mrs. Sweeney came over with Mrs. and Miss Longmore to see "Journey's End" at the College recently.

F./Officer John Peel is in the Fleet Air Arm, and is thinking regretfully of cricket.

Lawrence Middleton is busy helping to farm the large estates in which his home, Belsay Castle, is situated. He is very well.

F./Officer T. Doran made the most of his stay in Gibraltar, exploring Andalusia in company with E. T. Edwards.

The following have visited the College this term: F./Lieuts. S. H. Hardy, C. B. R. Pelly, G. C. Dickins, H. M. Mellor, B. Yarde, J. G. Hawtrey and A. E. Dark; F./Officers R. Elsmie, V. Sawyer, D. B. D. Field, B. Becker, B. A. Chacksfield, C. J. Giles, H. Andrews, D. Lane, P. B. Coote, A. W. Geoghegan, Du Boulay, M. A. Aylmer, R. C. Jonas, R. B. Councill, L. Williams, H. A. V. Hogan, D. R. Evans, J. W. C. More, H. Eeles, M. W. S. Robinson, N. E. Morrison, C. S. Moore, R. L. Wilkinson, H. P. Broad, G. J. L. Read, and S. J. Marchbank; and P./Officer A. H. Jarand.

The following have graduated from the R.A.F. Staff College: F./Lieuts. D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, H. A. D. Brook and H. H. Brookes. The following are at the R.A.F. Staff College: F./Lieuts. C. K. Barnet, R. H. Carter, C. J. Collingwood, A. D. Davies, E. A. Healy, C. E. Nicholetts, R. A. P. Pritchett and G. R. Spencer.

The following have played for the R.A.F. at Rugger: F./Officers D. Finlay, R. Elsmie and F./Lieut. J. G. Llewelyn. F./Lieut. C. E. J. Beamish was captain of the team as well as captain of the Irish XV; F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish captained the R.A.F. Rugger team against the Army, in Egypt.

In hockey the following played for the R.A.F.: F./Officers S. J. Marchbank and D. Lascelles, and F./Lieut. W. D. Butler.

F./Officer R. Elsmie, playing for the "Escorts" against the American Ladies, beat Miss Anne Page.

We have had visits this term from the Rev. McHardy, flown up to Cranwell by F./Lieuts. H. M. Groves and C. E. Chilton, and F./Officers R. R. Fairweather and W. V. L. Spendlove; F./Officer H. A. V. Hogan came for the Milocarian Contest; P./Officers C. R. J. Pink and P. Seymour looked in for lunch one day, and F./Officer A. O. Molesworth was here for three days on an exercise.

We are sorry to read of the death of F./Lieut. R. Brown. He had only been at Cranwell a few days before his death. Many will recollect his cheery good nature and his good humour.

We are also sorry to report the death of F./Officer W. E. S. Tanner. A pleasanter young fellow it would be hard to find. I remember well sitting with him in the pavilion when he was waiting to go in last. He never made any runs, except on a notable occasion against "the Shop." But he was waiting with great excitement for his first over.

The following is a section of a letter to the Editor in regard to him:—
"He never missed a mail, and each weekly letter brought a copy of his diary for each day. In this way we were in touch with all his doings and inner thoughts. If he had nothing good to say of anyone he said nothing. We have wonderful memories of him, as he was never afraid of the truth. Cricket was a great joy to him and we were very proud of the interest and help you fine sportsmen extended to him; he was always grateful to you all."

F./Lieut. G. F. MacPherson is Adjutant at No. 603 Squadron, Turnhouse, and in his spare time plays golf and edits their record.

We were sorry to lose, last term, K. F. Comyn, through his inability to fly, and we hope that those friends who are working on his behalf will be able to get him a job.

We have also lost, for the same reason, J. W. Weston. One is so sorry to lose a man whose whole heart was in this place; who took a full part in all its activities, and was an example by his attainments and by his excellence. We hope he will keep in touch with the College.

P./Officer J. Grierson, R.A.F.O., has written a book on flying, entitled "Through Russia by Air." It is very interesting. A copy is in the Library.

John Anderson's name will also be familiar to some Old Cranwellians. He is now at the Metropolitan Police College.



F/C G Francis



F/C DJ Douthwaite



U/O BC Yarde



F/C Sgt AE Dark



F/C HAV Hogan



F/C Cpl JWC More



F/C NE Morrison



F/C GJL Read



F/C AH Jarand



F/C Cpl RH Carter



F/C Sgt AD Davies



F/C Sgt HM Groves



F/C Cpl CE Chilton



F/C MA Aylmer



F/C Sgt DR Evans



F/C MWS Robinson



F/C RL Wilkinson



F/C Sgt SJ Marchbank



F/C Cpl HH Brookes



F/C Cpl EA Healy



F/C Cpl RR Fairweather

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U/O CJP Flood



U/O LG Levis



F/C Narendra



F/C RH Dajit Singh



F/C Sgt CN Stanley-Turner



F/C HB Wrigley



F/C Cpl ES Dru Drury



F/C Cpl CJK Coggle

Old Cranwellians will be interested to hear that Mr. Pobgee and Mr. Panton of the College Household Staff have now been posted to the Metropolitan Police College. They will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. T. Hawley, who was a good all-round sportsman and a respected servant.

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The following also have visited the College this term: F./Lieuts. A. P. F. M. Berkeley, H. M. Groves and S. L. Blunt; F./Officers W. R. Worstall, C. J. Giles, J. A. C. Stratton and D. Lane; P./Officers A. P. Gray, C. Flood, Daljit Singh and Narendra.

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The following attended His Majesty's Levee on 27th March: P./Officers C. H. Brandon, C. J. P. Flood and L. G. Levis; F./Lieuts. G. Nicholets and Stanley Turner; F./Officer J. Weston.

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F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel captained Leicestershire in their victorious match over Yorkshire.

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F./Officer E. D. M. Nelson was in the Lightweights of the Imperial Service Boxing Championships.

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Congratulations to: F./Lieut. W. A. D. Brook on the birth of a son; F./Officer J. A. H. Loudon on the birth of a son; Wing-Commander A. Coningham on the birth of a daughter; F./Lieut. John Homer on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. C. W. Weedon on the birth of a daughter.

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Congratulations on their engagements to: F./Officer H. B. Wrigley, F./Lieut. A. D. Davies, F./Lieut. N. D. D'Aeth, and F./Officer P. B. Coote.

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E. J. B. Bunting had to leave the College recently owing to ill-health. We are hoping that he will get a job at an engineering firm.

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On 6th June, P./Officer John Parish, we regret to hear, was killed in an accident at Johore Strait, Singapore. He was educated at Uppingham, and was skilled in the theory and practice of flying.

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In the Headquarters' Race at the Display this year Sqdn.-Ldr. S. P. Simpson represented Cranwell in a Hart; F./Officer G. F. Heycock, inland Area, in an Audax; and F./Officer E. S. Dru Drury, No. 1 Air Defence Group, in a Bulldog. Other O.Cs. who took part in the show were F./Lieuts. J. L. F. Fullergood, G. J. K. Coggle, T. N. McEvoy, E. A. Healy, S. L. Blunt, D. P. Waghorn and H. J. Pringle; F./Officers W. V. L. Spendlove, R. R. Fairweather and R. B. Jordan.

F./Officer A. D. Messenger captained the winning R.A.F. Soccer XI in the Mediterranean Command Inter-Services Cup.

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F./Officer A. L. Franks is now Chief Instructor to the Royal Iraq Air Force. Musa Ali is now commanding the Training School at Baghdad.

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Congratulations on their plucky recovery of health to F./Officer W. T. F. Wightman, F./Lieut. L. R. W. Tillard and P./Officer W. D. Disbrey.

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F./Lieut. F. E. Chilton is now Navigation Officer at the Central Flying School.

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F./Lieut. F. W. Hudleston writes from Kohat of many reunions with Old Cranwellians on the North-West Frontier.

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F./Lieut. S. H. Hardy is a valued member of the Old Cranwellian Association.

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The Rugby Match will be played in future on the third Wednesday in October. This year the team manager is F./Officer P. B. Coote, and the match will be on Wednesday, 17th October.

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Very often Old Cranwellians, despite their elaborate training in all sports at the College, lose their form when they leave. It is good to note that a few not only keep up their form, but also improve. F./Officer W. V. L. Spendlove did well in the long jump at the R.A.F. Championships at Uxbridge, jumping 22 ft., and in the hurdles. F./Lieut. F. E. Nuttall is still able to clear nearly 6 ft., and F./Officer S. J. Marchbank is keeping up his form in the quarter. In the Championships many Old Cranwellians turned out for their units, and did well.

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F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel and F./Officer R. A. Sprague ran the Command Cricket Team at Cranwell this summer.

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These Old Cranwellians are stationed at Cranwell or have been stationed here recently:—

In College: F./Lieuts. V. B. Bennett, R. A. P. Roberts, R. A. T. Stowell, W. K. Beisiegel, P. J. H. Halahan and H. M. Pearson; F./Officers R. A. Sprague, G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, W. T. F. Wightman, W. I. H. Burke, P. Heath, R. V. McIntyre and D. B. D. Field.

In the Electrical and Wireless School: F./Lieut. W. J. M. Akerman (the Adjutant); F./Officers R. L. Phillips, W. S. Hebden, F. F. Wicks, D.F.C., T. U. C. Shirley, H. B. Wrigley, W. P. G. Pretty, I. Newbigging and W. T. H. Nichols.

In the School of Storekeeping: F./Officer A. Wall and F./Officer R. D. Williams.

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F./Lieut. P. J. H. Halahan is now adjutant of the College.

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Many officers and senior ex-cadets of the College will recollect the kindness of "Mum" Dawes, and will be glad to hear that she is in good health.

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M. Morrissey I last saw in: Cologne. He is employed by Imperial Airways and has been posted to Egypt.

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F./Officer J. Grierson, R.A.F.O., has been unfortunate in his third effort to fly to America by the Arctic route with the aid of wireless "homing" apparatus. In the first attempt last summer his seaplane was seriously damaged in taking off from Reykjavik, in Iceland, for Greenland, and the flight was abandoned. He left Rochester on 20th July this year in a new seaplane and flew to Reykjavik, but was again unlucky in taking off for the crossing to Greenland, his machine colliding with a boat in the harbour. Mr. Grierson brought the broken metal float of the seaplane back to England by steamer. After getting it repaired he returned to Iceland and resumed his flight from Reykjavik.

On his next attempt to fly to Angmagssalik he was forced to land in a fiord twenty miles east of it, from which he sent a message asking for help and stating that he had food for ten days. In a message to *The Times* he said:—

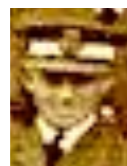
"The weather was excellent until ninety miles from Iceland, where a thick cloud bank covered the sea. I decided to fly above the cloud, and saw no sea for three hours. Consequently it was not possible to judge the wind. The cloud ended fifty miles short of Greenland.

"The coast stood out in black and white with many icebergs. Knowing the map to be unreliable, I tried to find Angmagssalik by dead-reckoning. This failed, the homing apparatus again being jammed by trawlers. I continued flying along the coast for an hour without seeing any signs of human habitation, though I had actually flown straight over Angmagssalik. Turning back to where dead-reckoning had first indicated a settlement, I landed with ten gallons of petrol in the only moderately ice-free fiord visible, having before doing so sent a message asking that a search be made. My trailing aerial was torn away by an iceberg. Taxiing through the ice to the end of the fiord, I beached my aeroplane, *Robert Bruce*, among the boulders in the glacial stream. The tide left the machine dry, and I prepared to wait at least three days for searchers. I tried taking pemmican without much joy. Having removed the battery box from the cabin, it was possible to huddle between the main petrol tank and the wireless set. The temperature was below freezing-point during the night.

"When filling the window gaps with adhesive tape this morning suddenly I heard a noise like wild birds screaming. To my very great joy I saw



F/C Sgt RB Jordan



F/C A/Sgt AD Messenger



F/C Cpl LRW Tillard



F/C Sgt WD Disbrey



F/C Cpl GNE Tindal-Carill-Worsley



F/C Cpl WIH Burke



F/C P Heath



F/C Cpl RV McIntyre

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F/C Sgt WJM Akerman



F/C RL Phillips



F/C WS Hebden



F/C WPG Pretty



F/C WTH Nichols



F/C RD Williams



F/C Sgt JOW Oliver

Eskimos running over the rocks towards me. I was scarcely able to believe that I had been found so soon, and grasped each Eskimo firmly by the hand, the only way of showing my great gratitude and relief. Behind came the pastor who had brought the expedition. He gave me tea and bread, while one Eskimo shot a salmon.

"At high tide I unbeached the *Bruce* and took off between the icefloes, landing here safely a quarter of an hour later. All the population, Eskimos and Danes, turned out to welcome me, and the Governor rowed out to moor up the seaplane. I am the first visitor here for nearly a year. They had seen me fly directly over the settlement yesterday. I shall continue my flight to Godthaab to-morrow, after repairing the aerial, if the weather is fine."

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A letter has been received by the Editor, from Iraq, and reads:—

"Dear Editor,

"Many thanks for your letter, which I am afraid I have been a long time answering. Also I wish to thank you for an excellent and very welcome copy of the Magazine, which was a joy to me—even more so, I think, than to many Old Cranwellians, because most of my short term in the Service has been spent at Cranwell, and I have seen it from the point of view of the slave and the slave-driver. I sincerely hope that one day I shall be posted back there to some duty in connection with the College.

"I was looking through the Air Force List and noticed that I have been at Cranwell with quite a lot of people, starting with Constantine's and Beisiegel's term, which came to Cranwell in January, 1926, and ending with the present second term (Piers Kelly's term), which will leave in July, 1935.

"I am afraid I cannot give you much Old Cranwellian news because I am not living at Hinaidi, but in a house near Baghdad, but those I have seen round and about are Brian Yarde, who has just gone home on completion of his tour out here; John Marson, who is at the Depot at Hinaidi; and Franks, who is attached to the Iraq Air Force. Franks lives close to me and was most kind to me when I first arrived; I see quite a lot of him. Also I have seen John Owen, who has just come out and is in 70 Squadron.

"It is rather difficult to remember whom I have seen or not seen, but as I am sure it is what you want, here are some more names. Oliver is in 55 Squadron, and whips-in to the Exodus Hunt. Whitworth is in 70 Squadron, and is often to be seen out hunting; he is keeping fit and likes being here a lot. Bradford, who has just come out, is in the Armoured Cars, and a newly-appointed whipper-in to the Exodus; also, of course, Geoffrey Stephenson, who is Personal Assistant to Air Vice-Marshal Burnett, having a good time playing polo and flying all over the place with the A.O.C. B. R. Fraser and myself are living together with a third flying officer (not Cranwell, but from C.U.A.S.) in this house, and studying this infernal language. Among people I have seen (not Old Cranwellians, but who have been here with me) are Wing-Commander Wiseman, from

Accounts); Frank Inglis, who is in G.H.Q.; Brister, whom one used to see at Cranwell a lot in connection with Trade Test Boards; and finally, last but by no means least, F./Lieut. Fagan, who flew over here about a fortnight ago to ferry an aeroplane over to Egypt. It was a very pleasant surprise seeing him again (I saw him for a brief second on the way out while we were passing through the Suez Canal).

"I am afraid that finishes me with regard to Old Cranwellians, and now I will give you a little about myself. I am liking it quite a lot out here and am enjoying my job, which has good prospects afterwards, and I must say from that point of view I am content.

"The language study interests me and I am able to do a certain amount in that direction. Of course, like everybody else, I go through waves of depression and wonder why the devil I ever set myself in for it, but then I recover and find that I am happy and like the work. I miss my uniform and aeroplane sometimes, but that is merely a childish sense of one's own importance, and, anyway, I shall appreciate them so much more when I go back to a flying job. As for the actual country; at the moment I am having the life, but as you know the country is just about the most unattractive thing there is to look at in the world. But I am keeping fit, playing a lot of squash and tennis, and have a useful pony. I enclose a picture, and I am hunting a great deal with the Exodus Hunt, which gives good sport and so have many useful runs, notably one particularly long one recently when the Master, Whitworth, Bradford and myself were the only ones who saw the remaining hound kill.

"I am afraid there is a lack of subjects, and my literary talent is such that you won't be getting anything which might be of interest for the Magazine. But if I do, or see anything that might be of general interest, I will try to record it on paper. This letter will have to do instead; and on your part, if you have a moment, don't forget I am intensely interested in Cranwell, the Blankney Hounds, and England in general.

"Remember me to my friends."

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Another letter to the Editor runs:—

"It is an unfortunate fact that many officers hate India from the moment the news of their posting arrives. Much of the antipathy is due, of course, to the fact that India is 6,000 miles away and that the postings there are normally for the long period of five years. But much is due also, I am sure, to the idea at the back of people's minds that India is all heat and general beastliness. I have tried to show in my article that this is not the case. If it would convert a few officers who are posted there to the idea that the country is not so bad after all, it would serve a very useful purpose. In the interests of historical accuracy (and let it be added, personal pride!) I should be honoured if you would cause a small addition to be made opposite my name in the historical roll in the College Entrance Hall, i.e., that I was a Flight Cadet 'Corporal' while at Cranwell."

Another letter runs:—

"I returned to the inner fold on 12th March this year, but although intended for 'A' Squadron I have finished up as something to do with the Armament Training Corps, in company with several ex-Cranwellians. Bartlett (newly promoted) is at Catfoss; Patch and Cary (the latter also newly promoted) are at North Coates Fitties; and Beamish and Blackden are two of the shining lights at Sutton Bridge.

"On the Staff of the Air Armament School there are F./Lieut. Homer and F./Officer Loudon, whilst F./Officers MacDonald and Reed are in the Flights of 'B' Squadron. Dashper, Eeles and Hobson are just doing the 'A' Course, and Spreckley is well on the way to his astral qualification.

"F./Lieut. Desmond came here originally as Station Adjutant, but he is now Acting Chief Instructor owing to a reshuffle of jobs due to the posting of the Commandant without an immediate relief.

"You will have noticed that at last an Air Armament Group has been formed. I take it that the striking arm of our Service will now receive more and more consideration."

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Another letter runs:—

"We set out from Calcutta and called at Rangoon, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and so to Japan. It took us a month to get there as the ship's top speed was twelve knots, and we were delayed by fog in the China Sea. We spent two days in Japan (and a great deal of money) and decided to go by P. & O. as far as Singapore on the return journey. This ship is supposed to be one of the company's latest, but it is really only a glorified boarding-house, and the food is not good. I expect you know this part of the world fairly well. I confess that this trip has revealed to me how fortunate we are to be stationed in India. The life led by the English in Japan, under the control of the Chauvinist Japanese Government, is a dog's life, and I don't think that the English in Shanghai, Hong Kong, or Singapore, are very much better off, as living is expensive."

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BY THE EDITOR.

Pylot ys y-cumen in :
Al seye cucu.
Shrewde nocke and lhude shocke :
Spryngethe the playne nu.
Seye cucu.

Serjante bleteth of his crafte :
Cryethe ayрманne clumsie cu.
Rygger stertethe : fyttter blertethe :
Al wyl seye cucu,
Syllie cucu.

Was naver swych a gert cucu,
Nor naver swych a fule as thu,
Thu cucu nu, yea fonde cucu :
Thu cucu thu.



F/C Cpl GD Stephenson



F/C Cpl JNH Whitworth



F/C BM Cary



F/C Cpl VQ Blackden



F/C JC MacDonald



F/C Cpl WS Reed



F/C Sgt/UO WFC Hobson



F/C TJ Desmond

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F/C Cpl KR Coates



F/C WE Oulton



F/C NG Goodman



F/C JA Powell



F/C Cpl CT Weir



F/C Cpl M Dawnay

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE General Meeting of the Association will take place at the R.A.F. College on 3rd July, 1935—the day of the Annual Reunion and cricket match between Past and Present.

The Editor thanks all those Old Cranwellians who have written useful letters to him about the "Short History of Cranwell."

We were sorry to hear of the death at Aston Clinton, Bucks, on 22nd September, 1934, of C. H. G. Brembridge.

Brembridge entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in 1923, where he became a Cadet Under-Officer and played Rugby football for the College. He was posted to No. 207 (Bomber) Squadron on passing out, and in March, 1928, he was appointed to No. 2 Flying Training School for air-pilotage duties, and in 1929 he went to No. 4 Flying Training School, Egypt. He resigned his commission in September, 1929, and went to Canada, where he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. On his return to this country in 1933 he joined National Aviation Day, Ltd., and flew in Sir Alan Cobham's Circus last summer. In the autumn he went to India, and while he was home on leave was acting as a temporary pilot for Sir Alan Cobham.

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Lieut. R. S. Darbishire, F./Lieut. S. L. Blunt, F./Lieut. G. H. Wheeler, F./Officer C. Baines and F./Officer W. V. L. Spendlove.



F/C RS Darbishire



F/C Cpl HG Wheeler



U/O RC Gaskell



U/O AF Hards



U/O PJA Riddell



U/O PW Ashton

F./Officer J. Grierson, R.A.F.O., completed his Arctic flight and was greeted by the Royal Canadian Air Force on his arrival at Ottawa after his flight in a Fox Moth seaplane across the Atlantic. He is now busy on technical reports for Cambridge, America and Japan, and is reading papers to several aeronautical societies.

F./Lieut. E. B. Steedman took a third class in the Mechanical Science Tripos at Cambridge, 1934.

Many Old Cranwellians have passed their language tests, notably, F./Lieut. J. R. Mutch, F./Officer E. J. Corbally, F./Officer B. A. Fraser, F./Officer K. R. Coates, F./Lieut. J. C. Cunningham, F./Officer W. E. Oulton, F./Officer N. G. Goodman and F./Lieut. Y. Harris.

We are also very sorry to record the death of F./Officer L. N. Elsner, who was killed when his aeroplane, after alighting on the deck, plunged over the bows of the aircraft carrier *Courageous* in the Firth of Forth on 5th October, 1934. One of the drag wires slung across the deck broke and the machine careered over the side.

Elsner was born in Pretoria, and was a son of O. W. A. Elsner, C.B.E., D.S.O., of Richmond, Yorkshire. He was educated at the Imperial Service College, Windsor, and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in January, 1930. He played Rugby football for the College and was Sub-Editor of the College JOURNAL. He became an Under-Officer before he passed out in December, 1931. He was posted to No. 18 (Bomber) Squadron at Upper Heyford, and in May, 1933, to No. 810 Squadron in H.M.S. *Courageous*.

Many will recall him as a charming, constructive youth with high ambition, of which he sometimes spoke to his friends. He was a graceful athlete. Indeed *Nihil Tetigit Quod Non Ornavit*.

Among those who have visited the College this term are: F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor, F./Lieut. G. R. Elmsie, F./Officer J. A. Powell, F./Officer C. S. Moore, F./Officer L. G. Levis, F./Officer C. T. Weir, F./Officer A. W. Geoghegan, F./Officer H. L. Andrews, F./Officer M. Dawnay, F./Officer G. F. W. Heycock, F./Officer F. Wicks, F./Officer R. L. Phillips, F./Lieut. C. Beamish, F./Officer Gaskell, P./Officer Hards, F./Officer Charles, P./Officer Riddell and P./Officer P. Ashton.

Congratulations on the birth of a son to F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. P. Chamberlain; on the birth of a son to F./Officer and Mrs. P. Heath; and on the birth of a son to F./Lieut. and Mrs. F. Whittle.

Congratulations on their engagements to: F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor, who still keeps up his high standard at squash rackets; to F./Officer R. H. E. Emson, who won the Sword of Honour at the College in 1931:

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U/O RHE Emson

and to F./Officer John Mutch, F./Lieut. Charles Ryley, F./Officer C. M. Windsor; F./Lieut. R. B. Councell; F./Lieut. R. A. R. Mangles.

F./Lieut. J. L. F. Fuller-Good is in charge of the first course of University graduates at Cranwell.



F/C Sgt RAR Mangles

In future all officers who are appointed to permanent commissions in the R.A.F. from the Universities will be trained at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, instead of at one of the Flying Training Schools. The first entries under this scheme were posted to Cranwell on 29th September, 1934.

The University candidates for permanent commissions must be under 25 years of age, have taken a degree after three years' residence, and have been recommended by the governing body of a recognized University. After passing the Medical Board at the Air Ministry they are attached to a flying unit during their long vacation. If the Commanding Officer's report is favourable they are granted a commission and posted to Cranwell and given twelve months' seniority.

The University entries normally will have five months' training instead of the ten months given to those appointed to short-service commissions.

The following are at the College: P./Officers F. G. Frow, A. E. Trail, J. G. MacIntyre, B. Ball, J. O. Hinks and B. K. Burnett.



F/C NC Walker

Everyone was sorry to hear of the death, through a motor accident, of P./Officer F. A. Edelsten, after so short a stay at the College. He had his own private plane, and already had 400 hours to his credit. He held the promise of a successful career in the Service.



F/C A/Sgt D Finlay

These Old Cranwellians are here: F./Lieuts. W. K. Beisiegel and V. B. Bennett; F./Officer W. T. F. Wightman is a Professor of Navigation at the College; F./Lieut. J. L. F. Fuller-Good, who is in charge of the Cambridge graduates; F./Lieut. R. A. T. Stowell, who hunts regularly with the Blankney and the Belvoir; F./Lieut. P. J. H. Halahan, who is Adjutant to the College and has done much for the 2nd Rugger XV; F./Lieut. G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, who is in charge of Armament, but manages to get in some hunting; F./Officer R. A. Sprague; F./Officer W. I. H. Burke, who keeps up his fencing; F./Officer P. Heath; F./Officer R. V. MacIntyre, who plays rugger for the College; F./Officer Denys B. D. Field, who is playing down to a low handicap at Rauceby, when he is not treading the boards; F./Lieut. Walter J. M. Akerman, who is Adjutant of the Electrical and Wireless School.



F/C Sgt H Molyneux

F./Officer T. U. C. Shirley, playing rugger; F./Officer H. B. Wrigley, playing soccer; F./Officer W. P. G. Pretty, devoted to the Thespian art; F./Officer W. T. H. Nichols, a physician to old cars, are all on the wireless course.



F/C Sgt ATD Sanders



F/C Sgt CRJ Pink



F/C HR Tidd



F/C KA Stewart



F/C GAV Knyvett



F/C Sgt RG Yaxley

The Old Cranwellian rugger team of 17th October, 1934, was composed as follows: F./Lieut. J. L. F. Fuller-Good; F./Lieut. H. M. Pearson, F./Officer T. U. C. Shirley, F./Officer M. W. S. Robinson and F./Officer N. C. Walker; F./Officer W. S. Reed and F./Officer T. N. Coslett; F./Officer P. Heath, F./Officer G. R. A. Elsmie, F./Officer R. V. MacIntyre, P./Officer D. Finlay, P./Officer M. A. Aylmer, P./Officer H. Molyneux, P./Officer A. T. D. Sanders and P./Officer R. G. Yaxley. It was raised by F./Officer P. B. Coote.

Among the visitors at this match were: F./Officers R. L. Wilkinson, R. L. Wallace, W. R. Wills-Sandford, C. E. Littler, P. B. Coote, R. C. Jonas, H. P. Broad, L. G. Belchem, J. A. Powell and H. A. V. Hogan, and P./Officer E. E. Vielle.



F/C Sgt RL Wallace

J. Weston is now on the staff of the Power Petroleum Company (of 77, Strand, London, W.C.2), and the Editor thanks him for a kind letter.

Three replicas of pictures, of which the originals are the property of the Electrical and Wireless School, have been painted by Captain E. Verpilleux, and are now to be found in the Senior Cadets' Ante-Room. These pictures represent (a) The Dawn Patrol at Drogland; (b) Scene on the Western Front; (c) The Battery Commander's Dug-out during an Aeroplane Shoot.



F/C LG Belchem

The Editor acknowledges kind letters from: Wing-Commanders C. N. Lowe and G. E. Livock; Squadron-Leaders I. M. Rodney, G. E. Gibbs, H. M. Massey and C. G. Burge; F./Lieuts. R. L. Sweeny, G. M. Knocker, D. L. S. Ward, R. B. Councell, S. H. V. Harris, E. M. Grundy, J. G. Llewelyn, R. C. Preston and G. F. Macpherson; F./Officers A. M. Doran, D. Lane, J. Thompson, J. Pink, J. W. Weston and J. Grierson, R.A.F.O.; Captain W. E. Cragg; Squadron-Leader F. L. N. Hollinghurst; Lieut. H. M. Mellor, and R. Utley.



F/C Sgt EE Vielle

F./Officer J. V. C. B. writes:—

"It was gratifying to receive your request for information regarding Old Cranwellians, although it is amazing how few one meets in the home squadrons. Carver and I spent a happy year in No. 43 Squadron and were very sorry to leave.

"He sailed for Aden in the *Lancashire* on 8th October with about ten others of our term, including Walker, Owens, Spencer, Jarand, Tidd and Hancock.

"In March, Carver was placed second in the essay which is written annually for the A.D.G.B. Individual Training Scheme in Fighting Area.

"I left Tangmere in July to join Weir, Disbrey, Stewart, Levis, Knyvett and Gray at Leuchars to undergo the Fleet Air Arm conversion course. We spent seven very pleasant weeks there, which culminated in our successful deck-landings on H.M.S. *Courageous*.



F/C J Thompson

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F/C GE Peacock

" Subsequently we spent a short time in the F.A.A. Pool at Gosport before being posted to various units. Disbrey and Peacock went to No. 823 Squadron at Donibristle; Stewart went to No. 801 Squadron in the *Courageous*; Weir, Knyvett and Gray sailed in the *Hermes* last week for China; I have been posted to the S. of N.C. at Lee; and Levis still remains in the Pool at Gosport.

" Here there are only two other Old Cranwellians: F./Lieut. Philpott, who is doing well in the R.A.F. Squash Championships at the moment and is also in the R.A.F. XV to play Notts on Wednesday. F./Officer Pearce, a brother of the one in my term, is just leaving us to do the long N. Course at Calshot.

" I am afraid that exhausts my meagre store of information, but I hope it will be of service to you and the JOURNAL.

" We were very sorry to see that the College lost both rugger matches again this year, but hope to see the R.A.F. side give a good account of itself. On paper it gives rise to great hopes.

" Permit me to tender my congratulations on the publication of your History of Cranwell. I only wish greater efforts were made to place the traditions of Cranwell on a par with the "Shop" and R.M.C., because very few people in the Service who are not Old Cranwellians know anything about the College.

" I had a typical illustration of this last night when my C.O. asked me to have a talk with his wife *re* Cranwell, as they hope to send their son into the R.A.F. and are in doubt about sending him to the College or a 'varsity first. So you see a C.O. may appreciate the value of a Cranwell officer, but he does not know *why*.

" Well, sir, I will close, wishing you a very happy Christmas."

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The Cranwell Hunt Club flourishes; it has one Flight-Cadet, G. Wallace, hunting; and among other regular members are F./Lieut. T. C. Worsley, F./Officer A. F. McKenna, Squadron-Leader and Mrs. E. H. Martingell, F./Officer P. Broad, F./Officer M. W. Robinson and F./Officer E. Morrison. F./Lieut. R. A. Poyntz-Roberts (lately the commander of a flight here) is out regularly from Grantham.

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The R.A.F. Squash contest was closely fought in 1934, and this is *The Times'* account of the final:—

" By beating Flying Officer J. W. C. More by three games to one (9—6, 9—0, 8—10, 9—4) in the final round Flying Officer G. R. A. Elsmie managed to retain the R.A.F. Championship at Queen's Club on Saturday, but he had to play as well as he knew how before he subdued the indomitable More in a match which lasted for over 40 minutes.

" More is really a remarkable player. He ran so much that it was almost surprising that Elsmie did not lose both his patience and, with it, the match. The first game was a fair sample of what was going to happen.

After a nervous start, during which he presented Elsmie with three aces, More started to run. There were 14 blank hands before More won an ace with a side-wall nick, and scarcely was this a thing of the past before there were eight more at 4—1.

" Things improved a little after this, as there were only four blank hands at 5—1, but the length of the rallies was no less astounding. Needless to say Elsmie was playing some delightful strokes well; otherwise More would not have had to run so much, and he took the long first game at length with a forehand drop.

" The second game was very different. More had not yet his second wind, and Elsmie was masking and placing his shots very well. Nevertheless, although Elsmie reached 6—0 in his first hand, he could not win one ace outright. After More had been in and out without scoring Elsmie suddenly switched his attack from drops to kills and length strokes, and after one more blank hand at game-ball he took a close game with a volley down the side wall.

" The third game was the hardest-fought of all. Elsmie led 3—0 and 5—3, but it really seemed impossible to score a winning shot against More, and it was weary work waiting for him to make a mistake. If More had had any real scoring strokes he might have won even after losing the first two games, but he indicated both the nature and the direction of his drops, and he was rarely in a position in the forecourt to score with his favourite forehand kill. Yet he managed to lead at 6—5, going ahead with a service that died in the backhand corner. Then Elsmie steadied himself and made a great little run of three to reach match point with a forehand drop. One of the longest rallies in the whole match followed, until Elsmie, who was looking far from happy, miss-hit the ball on the forehand. Then it was More's turn to reach game-ball after Elsmie had set two. More at length won the game with a backhand drop.

" More took the lead at 4—1 in the fourth game, but although Elsmie was still rather worried, it was really only a gallant effort on More's part. The crisis of the game came at 4—3 in More's favour. He held on grimly, but after five blank hands and a rally of 31 strokes he suddenly cracked and Elsmie went to 6—4. More put him out once again with a forehand kill that nicked, but he could not score, and Elsmie made another run of three for the match, during which for the second time in the game More was too exhausted to move out of the way of his own shot."

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Professor O. S. Sinnatt has been ordered a rest by the doctors. We all regret his absence and wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

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The Editor thanks the great company of Old Cranwellians who have written to him at Christmas, 1934. He would be grateful to them at all times with help in the compilation of these notes.



F/C CF Pearce



F/C K Gray



F/C GE Wallace

Tenth Annual General Meeting - 3 July 1935

Asst Cmdt, Gp Capt P Babbington, in the Chair for Item 1.

Cmdt, Air Cdre HM Cave-Brown-Cave, in the Chair thereafter.

Annual General Meeting held at the R.A.F. College on Wednesday July 3rd 1935 at 6-30 P.M.

There were 26 Members present. F/Lt Bennett stated that before asking the A.O.C. to take the Chair and to avoid causing any embarrassment to the A.O.C. or to the Members themselves, it would be necessary to discuss Item No 1 on the Agenda, which reads "Proposed to make eligible for membership of the O.C.A. the Commandant, Assistant Commandant and Officers of the Cadet Wing". F/Lt Bennett explained to the Meeting that whilst this proposal was being discussed it would be necessary to appoint a temporary Chairman and for this purpose he proposed that F/Lt Macfadyen take the chair. This was seconded by F/O Menks and carried. The Chairman stated that the first business of the meeting was to endorse the action of the Committee in discussing this proposal before the A.O.C. took the chair. The endorsement of the Meeting was unanimous.

F/Lt Bennett in introducing the proposal stated that it was not only a matter of courtesy to make eligible for membership the A.O.C., Assistant Commandant and Officers of the Cadet Wing, as without the help of the College Authorities the O.C.A. could not put its proposals into practice. There must be close liaison between the College Authorities and the O.C.A., he therefore had great pleasure in proposing that the Air Officer Commanding the Assistant Commandant and Officers of the Cadet Wing be made eligible for membership of the O.C.A. This was seconded by F/Lt Akerman. F/Lt Hawtry dissented from the proposition and stated he opposed anyone being made eligible for membership other than cadets who had served two years at the College, or, in the case of naval cadets, one year. F/Lt Gillan supported F/Lt Hawtry. After discussion the proposition was put to the Meeting 18 voting for and 5 against. The proposition was carried.

The A.O.C. then took the chair.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The audited balance sheet of the funds of the Association for the year ended 30th April 1935 was placed before the Meeting by the acting Hon Secretary and passed. The state of the finances was considered a very satisfactory.

The following propositions were then put to the Meeting.

- To pass annual grant of £50 to R.A.F. College Sports Fund. Prep by F/O Hegan, seconded by F/O Heycock and carried nem con.
- To pass expenditure of £41/3/0 on copies of History of Cranwell circulated to all Members. Prep by F/Lt Burke, sec F/Lt Beaman and carried nem con.
- That Lord Trenchard be invited to become Patron of the Association. Prep by F/Lt Bennett, sec F/Lt Macfadyen and carried nem con.
- To hold an annual re-union dinner in London on the night of the Rugby Match against R.M.A. or R.M.C. whichever is the away fixture for the year; the cost of the dinner to be borne by the Assoc. Prep by F/Lt Halahan, sec F/Lt Beaman and carried nem con.
- That University Candidate Officers undergoing their initial training at Cranwell the College be eligible for membership of the O.C.A. Prep by F/Lt Charles and seconded by F/Lt Halahan. F/Lt Hawtry proposed an amendment that no Officer should be made a member of the O.C.A. other than an ex-cadet. This was seconded by F/O Heycock. The A.O.C. stated that these officers will be eligible in future to play in cadets representative teams. After discussion the question was put to the meeting, 20 voting for the original proposition and 6 against. Carried.

That a tie representative of the Association be adopted. Prep by F/O Hegan and seconded by F/Lt Burke.

F/Lt Hawtry opposed the proposition and considered the College tie served this purpose. F/Lt Gillan supported F/Lt Hawtry in this contention. F/Lt Bennett explained that all ex-cadets were not members of the O.C.A. and therefore the College tie did not serve the purpose of a representative tie of the Association. The proposition was put to the meeting, 14 voting for the adoption of a representative tie and 6 against. Carried.

The tie chosen is one of dark blue material with cranes volanté in silver grey or light blue.

That two pictures, one of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Trenchard and one of Air Vice Marshal G.A.H. Longcroft be presented to the College. Cost 100 gns each or less according to type. The Asst Commandant (G/O P. Babbington) read to the meeting correspondence he had had with the artist, Capt Verpillieux, which stated the style of picture and the prices for the different sizes. Prep by F/Lt Stowell, sec by F/Lt Burke that two pictures be given costing 100 gns each. Carried nem con.

F/Lt Macfadyen stated that the artist had mentioned painting the portraits in the most resplendent uniform to which they were entitled. His view was that they should be painted in ordinary Service Dress. It was left to the Committee to decide the size and style of pictures.

That the Committee should consist of the following:-
The Commandant, The Assistant Commandant, six ex-cadet officers stationed at Cranwell; six ex-cadet officers from Stations on the Home Establishment; the Chairman of the Committee to be an ex-cadet.

22 Members for the proposal, 1 against. Carried.

That the amendment to the rules which forbids Officers of the Station from being invited to become members be removed. Prep by F/Lt Burke, sec by F/Lt Beaman.

F/Lt Hawtry disagreed and said membership should be confined to ex-cadets. On being put to the meeting there were 5 in favour and 12 against. The proposition was therefore lost.

It was then proposed by F/Lt Carill Wersley that Officers stationed at Cranwell should be invited to become Hon Members whilst at Cranwell, such invitations to be issued by the Committee. There were 19 for the amendment and 3 against. Carried.

That W/Cmdr Sayer (Mess Secretary) be invited to become an Hon Member of the Association. Prep by F/Lt Bennett, sec by F/Lt Carill Wersley. Carried nem con.

That the date of the annual cricket match be altered so that it will not clash with the R.A.F. Display. Prep by F/Lt Kyle who explained the reasons for the alteration and suggested the first Wednesday in June for the match. This was seconded by F/O Hegan who said that the match should preferably be on the same date each year. After discussion it was left that a fixed date in June be decided upon and notified to all members.

That Mr Lager be Hon Secretary on the resignation vice Dr Sinnatt resigned. Carried unanimously.

Committee for ensuing year. At Cranwell. A.O.C., Asst Commandant, F/Lt Stowell, F/O Messenger, F/Lt Halahan, F/Lt Kyle, F/Lt V.B. Bennett, F/Lt Sprague. Home Stations. F/Lt Macfadyen, F/O Elsmie, F/Lt Gillan, F/Lt J.B. Wallis, F/Lt Beaman, F/Lt J.R. Wallace.

It was decided that officers detailed to collect teams be chosen by the Committee.

Air Vice Marshal Cave Brown-Cave thanked the members for inviting him to become a Vice President and wished the Association every success.

J.H.C.
Chairman.

College Sports & Journal Funds

Free Copy of History of RAFC to all alumni

Trenchard elected as OCA Patron

OCA Membership qualification

Proposal for OCA to fund Trenchard & Longcroft Pictures in Founders' Gallery

Harry Lager reinstated as Hon Sec

Cmdt elected OCA Vice-President

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F/C Cpl JKL Carstairs



F/C AD Ferguson



F/C Cpl EA McKinley Hay



F/C AE Spurrier



F/C AN Combe

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

F./OFFICER H. K. RAYNHAM has been reluctantly compelled by private affairs to resign his commission.

The Editor acknowledges letters from F./Officer N. G. Goodman, Squadron-Leader A. G. Bishop, who has communicated an article, Wing-Commander W. Farrington, Air Commodore Sidney Smith, and P./O. J. L. Carstairs.

E. J. Bunting's address is 73, Gloucester Road, Malmesbury. He is working hard to qualify himself for civil life.

A. D. Ferguson is now working in London with a firm which manufactures typewriter ribbons and carbon paper. His address is 138, Tulse Hill, London, S.W.2.

E. A. McKinley Hay has retired from the Service. His address is Richmond Road, Putney, S.W.15.

E. Hope-Jones writes cheerfully from King's College, Cambridge.

One of the members of the Lincoln Wellington Club was J. W. Anderson, who was once a flight-cadet, but unfortunately was unable to fly. He is now a police inspector at a London terminus. It was pleasant to see him on the track again doing the quarter in 50 and the half-mile in 1.58.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of A. M. Doran. "Tom" Doran was a man of many friends and no enemies. His outlook on life was simple and honest; he took an interest in every aspect of life. He loved rugger—he was captain of the XV—and hunting the fox. He was a frequent contributor to this JOURNAL. The loss of such a good man and good friend is a tragedy; and not least to the writer.

Everyone will be glad to hear of the restoration to health of F./Lieut. Victor Beamish, who, after being Civilian Assistant and Adjutant at Digby, has taken up farming.

The Editor has to record with great regret the death of F./Officer P. I. Pearson Rogers on 12th February this year. He lost his life through a collision between two Nimrod machines of No. 800 (FF) Squadron off Malta. He came to this College in January, 1931. He took a keen interest

in all its activities, work and games. He was an all-round scholar. He was a good performer at cricket and hockey. He took a humorous view of life and was popular.

The Editor also acknowledges letters from F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor, Lieut.-Comdr. G. W. Whittaker, Sir Alan Cobham, Father Richard Utley, F./Officer Narendra, F./Lieut. G. M. Knocker, Wing-Commander P. Shepherd, and Lieut.-Col. R. Kingsley Pillers.

The following have visited the College this year: P./Officer A. F. Spurrier, F./Officer R. C. Gaskell, Squadron-Leader J. Merer, F./Lieut. D. Waghorn and F./Lieut. C. E. Chilton.

P./Officer P. W. Ashton has visited Cranwell several times in connection with boxing and has often won owing to his skill and general fitness. In his last match he fought F./Officer T. N. Coslett, who retains his aggressive spirit and his cool and sound defence.

At the same contest we were glad to see F./Officer Eric Littler, who took on a man twice as large as himself and, despite his defeat, administered some shrewd punches.

An Old Cranwellian writes:—

"I have been here for two years and am lucky to be in a first-class squadron. I don't think much of Egypt. For the most part it is hot, glaring and smelly, and, apart from sunsets at certain times of the year, ugly. There are none of the advantages in the way of sport that one associates with foreign service. Both shooting and riding are very expensive, and probably more difficult to get than at home.

"We are twenty miles down the Nile in the desert. The old spa of Helouan-les-Bains has gone down and down ever since the war. Cairo, of course, brings one back to civilization and is a complete change from camp life. The winter climate is very pleasant and I get any amount of rugger, hockey, squash and golf. George Beamish is now in '45' and does our rugger a lot of good. He captained the R.A.F. team that beat the Army in Egypt this winter and played his usual sterling game. This match is very popular and is watched by a colossal crowd.

"'45' has no operational area as nearly every other general-purpose squadron abroad has, so we get about a great deal, being the reserve squadron for Iraq and the Sudan. I got a week's trip to Iraq in a flight last year, and this year the whole squadron of fifteen aircraft went over there for three weeks. It was a good experience and I now feel I know a great deal about the country, especially having studied 'the operations against Sheikh Mahmud in '30 and '31' since we got back.

"I wonder how long you were out there? I remember the sketch maps of the Rowanduz and Sul Passes and pictures of Mongol hordes coming through them. The hospitality from 30, 55, 70 and 84, the cars and Depot was overwhelming, and I met a great many friends.

"I lunched and went to the races with Corbally one day; he is now S.S.O., Basra Area, I believe, and Fraser has gone to the same job in Aden. Good experience, I suppose, but I'm afraid I would not enjoy living alone.

"I also met Inglis, who seems in very good form. Bradford is now p.a. in Baghdad to the A.O.C.

"Charlie Whitworth is doing an extra year and seems to spend his life steering Vics and horses, which is a pleasant life. Constantine was over here at the time of the display. Williams was my host at Shaibah.

"Andrew Combe, of 203, I missed, as he was at Melbourne on the cruise. In Egypt there are numerous Old Cranwellians, especially in 208. In the display an Old Cranwellian flight of five did the message picking-up and others took part in a bombing attack on a tent.

"Last spring I went on the South African cruise, which was of course a grand experience and grand fun. The scenery, big game and native types I'll never forget, and it was most interesting hearing the different ideas of the people one meets in the various countries. I came back for three months' leave, which was just about perfect."

Another Old Cranwellian writes:—

"The most ancient of Cranwellians out here are Beazley and Riccard. The former, after leaving the College, found his way to the Straits Settlements Police, and is now A.D.C. to H.E. The Governor.

"Riccard is in 205 Squadron, also Mitchell is Squadron Adjutant. Golding is in 100 Squadron doing many things in the athletic world, particularly boxing and rugger.

"He played regularly for the United Services team, and played for the South of Malaya and the North, which is the peak of Rugby football out here. Gillan, More, McIlwaine and Burwood have been here at odd times in the *Eagle*, and Addenbrooke and Brotherhood came from India with 11 Squadron and stayed a week.

"Baker and Rhys came through from India on leave to Japan, and one of our people who has just returned from leave in Australia met Baker in Brisbane. I think that is all I can tell you about Old Cranwellians.

"Singapore is a dull place, although the R.A.F. Base is very pleasant. It has an advantage—it is in the centre of a very interesting part of the world, and travel is cheap. I have recently come back from a leave to Australia, going down the east coast via Batavia and East Australia, across the continent by train, and back from Sydney by way of Manila and Hong Kong—which was very enjoyable and interesting.

"One thing I have done which may interest you, was to start an R.A.F. Base Magazine here (at least, it is a Tory magazine), and I am going to send you some copies by ship mail. I received a copy of the History of



F/C CS Riccard



F/C Cpl FGS Mitchell



F/C A McIlwaine



F/C HP Burwood



F/C D Addenbrooke



U/O WR Brotherhood



F/C MWL'ILaV Baker



F/C Sgt MH Rhys

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F/C Sgt RAC Barclay



F/C Cpl EA Jones



F/C WH Hutton



F/C J Marson



U/O KW Niblett



F/C NA Tait



F/C HG Wisher



F/C Cpl FFW Hall

Cranwell, which I thought was most interesting, and have also had all copies of the JOURNAL.

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Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieut. F. G. Cator, F./Lieut. C. V. Pratt, F./Officer A. V. Sawyer, F./Lieut. T. N. McEvoy, F./Officer R. A. C. Barclay and F./Lieut. C. J. Collingwood.

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Congratulations on their marriages to F./Lieut. Harry M. Mellor, F./Lieut. R. B. Councell, F./Lieut. E. A. Jones, F./Officer W. E. Oulton, F./Lieut. Beisiegel, F./Officer H. B. Wrigley, F./Officer T. U. C. Shirley, F./Lieut. W. H. Hutton, F./Lieut. F. G. Cator, F./Lieut. J. Marson, F./Lieut. W. B. Norris, F./Lieut. R. A. T. Stowell, F./Lieut. R. V. McIntyre, F./Lieut. K. W. Niblett and F./Lieut. F. F. Wicks.

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Congratulations to F./Lieut. T. H. Carr on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. W. A. Tait on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. V. B. Bennett on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. H. G. Wisher on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. H. J. Pringle on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. J. F. C. Fuller-Good on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. J. B. M. Wallis on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. B. C. Yarde on the birth of a daughter.

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We regret to record the death, on 15th February, 1935, at San Filippo, Sicily, as the result of a flying accident, of F./Lieut. Henry Longfield Beatty. F./Lieut. Beatty entered the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, from the Navy, and passed out in December, 1920. He was one of the first cadets at the College. He was posted to No. 205 (Flying Boat) Squadron; then to Leuchars; and when the Squadron went to Singapore he remained at the base at Leuchars. In 1926 he was posted to Calshot for a course of instruction; and thence went to No. 202 (Flying Boat) Squadron at Malta, then equipped with seaplanes. He was promoted to Flight-Lieutenant in July, 1928, and in July, 1929, returned to Calshot. In March, 1930, he was appointed Adjutant to the Headquarter Unit in H.M.S. *Glorious* with the Mediterranean Fleet. In April, 1933, he was posted to No. 23 (Fighter) Squadron, and in September, 1934, to No. 210 (Flying Boat) Squadron at Pembroke Dock.

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These Old Cranwellians have visited Cranwell: F./Lieut. F. F. W. Hall, F./Lieut. C. H. A. Stevens, F./Lieut. D. J. Waghorn, P./Officer G. J. Wright, P./Officer R. D. A. Wills, P./Officer D. H. Lee, P./Officer L. C. Bicknell, P./Officer J. E. Kirk, H. Runganadhan, P./Officer P. W. Ashton, P./Officer H. Molyneux, F./Lieut. W. H. Hebden and F./Officer A. T. D. Sanders.

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Several Old Cranwellians have received the category of "A.I." at the Central Flying School recently.

F./Lieuts. G. R. C. Spencer, R. N. Waite, G. Combe, W. L. Dawson, S. H. V. Harris and G. L. Worthington have completed the Staff Course and are entitled to have after their names the letters *p.s.a.* It will be noticed that most of the new entry at the Staff College are Old Cranwellians.

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In the rugby match versus the Navy F./Lieut. C. E. Beamish led the R.A.F. forwards in the best family tradition, doing two men's work in the tight scrums, and always on the ball in the loose. Once he was seen to emerge from a mix-up holding in each hand a Navy forward by the scruff of the neck.

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The Royal Air Force in Egypt played their annual Rugby football match against the Army in Egypt at Gezira, Cairo, on 26th January, and won by a dropped goal (4 points) to a try (3 points). The Air Force was the superior team and pressed for three-quarters of the match. They crossed the Army lines three or four times. Although the standard of rugby was not very high, there was plenty of good, hard tackling.

F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish, the captain, played a magnificent game himself and showed that he is still a great leader. There was not much to choose between the two packs, but the Air Force got the ball more often from the scrum because the Army were inclined to pack too high. Behind the scrum the Air Force were slightly the superior. After the game both sides had a great reunion.

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F./Officer W. S. Reed entered gallantly (but with some reluctance) for the heavy-weight boxing championship of the Services.

F./Officer T. N. Coslett engaged P./Officer P. W. Ashton, and F./Officer Eric Littler pluckily took on F./Officer R. M. Noblston, who of course is in a class by himself. We trust that Littler is no worse for his plucky endurance of a number of sledge-hammer blows.

F./Officer C. Charlton-Jones has visited Cranwell to box in our local match; so have P./Officer P. W. Ashton, F./Officer E. Littler and F./Officer T. N. Coslett.

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Congratulations to F./Lieut. J. A. T. Ryde on being awarded the A.F.C. in the King's Birthday Honours.

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We are sorry to record the death of P./Officer N. D. Ashton, who lost his life in a flying accident near Selsey Bill whilst flying a Fury of No. 43 Squadron. He had a hard time at Cranwell, where he recovered pluckily from a bad flying accident. He was in the rugby XV and the boxing team.

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We were also sorry to hear of the death of F./Officer R. Talbot Smith, whom the writer well recalls as a good scholar and a good friend.

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At the Display this year F./Lieut. J. A. T. Ryde took part in the refuelling event; F./Lieut. T. N. McEvoy in an air combat; F./Lieuts.

A. H. Montgomery and E. S. Finch in tactical training; F./Officers P. de G. Seymour and C. R. J. Pink in Army co-operation; F./Officer W. R. Wills-Sandford flew a Rotor, and F./Lieut. R. C. Jordan a Virginia. Perhaps the best event of the day was the inverted flying, in which F./Lieut. D. J. Waghorn and F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie took part.

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The following is an extract from the *Straitsman*, the Journal of the Royal Air Force Base at Singapore, Vol. Four:—

"F./O. N. G. Goodman.—This ex-Adjutant, with his harassed air and intellectual brow, was educated at the City of London School, which he left in 1929 in order to become a Cadet at the R.A.F. College. His first posting was to 100 (B) Squadron, then at Donibristle, and in March, 1933, he arrived in this Far East Command of ours on posting to 36 (T.B.) Squadron. During 1933 he played regularly for the 1st XV and in 1933 and 1934 he represented the station in Athletics—in 1933 he also represented the Malaya Command in Athletics during the Malayan Games at Kuala Lumpur. It is of interest to note that F./Officer Goodman won the first race ever held by the R.A.F. Singapore Yacht Club, this was in (or on) Moths of course, for a tankard presented by Flight-Lieutenant Allen. F./O. Goodman was a fair teacher of the Calculus, a good editor of the *Straitsman*, and a brilliant vendor of pantaloons and boot-brushes. For some months he has held the appointment of Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor. He is now leaving the Station for a Signals course at the E. & W.S., Cranwell, and we know that all our readers will join in wishing him the best of luck at ohm."

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The Editor begs to acknowledge letters from G. R. Sharma, who is taking up camera work and is going to the U.S.A. on an apprenticeship.

From F./Officer J. Grierson, who has been lecturing in Denmark on his Arctic experiences and is imparting information which will lead to the development of the Northern Air Route to Canada.

From R. N. Batra, who is taking up civil aviation in India, as he was unable to get a commission in the Indian Air Force.

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Congratulations to the following on their promotion to Flight-Lieutenant: E. J. Corbally, D. C. Cooke, S. S. Murray, J. Mutch, A. D. Selway, J. A. H. Loudon, J. Powell, R. L. Phillips, E. R. Simonds, R. E. de T. Vintras, M. L. Heath, W. S. Hebden, W. L. Spendlove, I. B. Newbigging, T. W. Stannard, H. R. L. Hood, A. O. Molesworth, R. C. Mead, D. W. Lane, G. G. Barrett, R. C. Keary, K. W. Niblett, K. P. Lewis, L. Crocker, F. R. Drew, W. T. F. Wightman, W. I. H. Burke, C. A. Watt, W. H. Kyle and R. V. McIntyre.

Congratulations to the following on their promotion to Flying-Officer: M. F. B. Read, C. T. Weir, G. A. V. Knivett, K. Gray, B. H. Becker, B. A. Chacksfield, A. F. R. Bennett, W. B. Murray, R. G. Watson, N. C. Jones, T. L. Moseley, G. N. Hancock, K. A. Stewart, A. H. Jarrand, H. R. Lidd, P. L. Dowlin, A. C. P. Carver, J. A. P. Owen, D. H.



F/C Cpl CHA Stevens



F/C GJ Wright



F/C Cpl RDA Wills



F/C Cpl DH Lee



F/C LC Bicknell



F/C JE Kirk



F/C H Runganadhan



F/C G Combe



F/C WL Dawson



F/C C Charlton-Jones



F/C Cpl JAT Ryde

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F/C R Talbot-Smith



F/C Sgt ND Ashton



F/C GR Sharma



F/C RN Batra



F/C HRL Hood



F/C RC Mead



F/C Sgt GG Barrett



F/C RC Keary



F/C KP Lewis



F/C GN Hancock



F/C JAP Owen



F/C DH Spencer



F/C Sgt PW Bale



F/C Sgt TL Moseley

Spencer, P. W. Bale, M. A. Almer, P. V. C. Badger, R. R. Fairweather, D. Finlay, W. D. Disbrey, L. G. Lewis and G. E. Peacock.

An Old Cranwellian writes, on 10th July, 1935, from the Air Ministry: "I'm afraid my doings of late, while interesting enough to me, have not been such as to be of much value to the JOURNAL. The last time I wrote to you, I believe, I was Fleet-Air-Arming in Hong Kong; since then I have returned home, had a short spell in a fighter squadron, and put in another three and a half years with the Fleet, this time in the Mediterranean. The F.A.A. still seems to be unpopular with junior officers—I cannot think why. I've had the best part of nine years in it, and had the time of my life, including visits to France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Egypt, Aden, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Borneo and China—and all at King George's expense.

"When I returned home the last time I really thought my connection with the sea had come to an end (in fact, a little bird at the Ministry said so), but I found myself recalled, before my leave was up, to go and be trained as a Naval Observer at Lee, after which I was posted to Leuchars, to teach the young idea to shoot—or to navigate, to be more precise. I suggested to the Air Council (through the usual Service channels, of course) that if I was really competent to instruct in navigation it would be a kindly act of grace on their part to allot me the appropriate symbol in the Air Force List, and, what was more important, the appropriate ante-date, but after some months' deliberation they regretted that they couldn't see matters in that light, so that was that. After a year of schoolmastering, I was suddenly hooked out of Leuchars and sent here, to the German Intelligence section. The work, as you can imagine, has been intensely interesting—but I could wish that the Powers would find a different name for it. People are continually asking me what department of the Ministry I am in, and when I say 'Intelligence' they laugh. I can't think why.

"Please remember me to such old friends as remain at Cranwell."

F./Officer P. B. Coote, who recently married the sister of F./Lieut. R. G. A. Elsmie, writes of the *Secura Quies* and *Otia Ruris* of Abingdon. F./Officer J. W. C. More writes that all is quiet on the Tangmere Front.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from F./Officer J. Pink, the Rev. R. A. Watson and G. R. Sharma.

We were sorry to hear of the death of F./Officer G. R. Moorby, by a flying accident.

P./Officer W. G. Bannister ran first in the 400 Yards Individual Championship at Uxbridge. P./Officer P. B. B. Ogilvie reached the finals of the A.A.A. Pole Jumping Championship.

F./Lieut. A. J. Holmes has captained Sussex County in some of their matches. F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel has been playing for Leicester County.

F./Lieut. J. H. Lager has been elected Secretary of the Old Cranwellian Association.

The Editor wishes to thank all those Old Cranwellians who have written to him this term.

The date of the Annual Reunion Dinner of the Old Cranwellian Association is 23rd November.

IN THE PERSIAN GULF

BY P. B. CLAYTON.

THE Gulf's alive,
With Abadan oil-wagons.
G.R.25
Gives drink to his sea-dragons.

Salaam, King's ship,
The size of our bow-anchors!
To you we dip.
We are the British Tankers.

God bless King G.,
The Gulf, and British shipping.
I'll swear that he
Saw our red duster dipping.

Toggle and bight,
The poop all piping hot is.
Red dips to white,
Apprentices to Snotties.

Off Khor Fakkan
The Fowey—a Cornish jewel—
Lay spick and span,
And said, "I like your fuel."

Behind Hanjam,
No place to keep a sloop in,
One said: "I am
His Majesty's own Lupin."



F/C FR Drew



F/C MFB Read



F/C Cpl AFR Bennett



F/C WB Murray



F/C RG Watson



F/C NC Jones

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F/C JR Stephenson



F/C RH Winter



F/C Sgt AHWJ Cocks



F/C EC Lewis



F/C TGL Gale



F/C Cpl ARG Bax



F/C HH Hilliar



F/C Cpl KFT Pickles

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

WE regret to record the death on 1st October, 1935, at Stokes Bay, of P./Officer J. R. Stephenson, as the result of a flying accident. He was educated at Blundell's School and entered the College in January, 1933. He represented the College at boxing and Rugby football, and was a keen all-round athlete, a member of the Debating Society and a good sportsman. On passing out of the College he was posted to No. 7 (Bomber) Squadron, and on 1st September, 1935, he was attached to the R.A.F. Base, Gosport.

We were all very sorry at the death of F./Cadet R. H. Winter, on 22nd October last year. He was a King's Cadet, a quiet, steady fellow with not a little sense of humour. He took an interest in many College activities, as is recorded in this JOURNAL. We offer our deep sympathy to his mother and his sister.

We are also sorry to record the death of P./Officer Neville Fisher, son of Admiral Sir William Fisher, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. He entered the College in October, 1935, with a permanent commission from Cambridge University, where he had taken a degree in Honours. This was a very sad loss, too.

An Old Cranwellian writes: "I often think of Cranwell and the good old days—Byards Leap—Temple Bruer and all the country round—the wonderful teas and the afterglow of an afternoon with the Beagles—Ben Capel and his wonderful cross-plough stride. Oh, I could go on like this for hours, but I must mention one thing—I once, as referee, gave Burge offside in his own "25" by mistake! Hockey, of course. I intend to visit Cranwell again and see you all. There are still a few of the old originals there—but they tell me it is much improved and hardly recognizable nowadays."

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. H. W. J. Cocks on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. C. A. Watt on the birth of a daughter; and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. D. W. Ryley on the birth of a son; to F./Officer and Mrs. C. M. Windsor on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Officers F. G. L. Gale, A. R. G. Bax and H. H. Hilliar, and F./Lieuts. T. N. McEvoy, F. F. Wicks, R. L. Phillips, J. A. Powell, J. C. Cunningham, A. L. Franks, C. J. Collingwood and A. Pratt.

F./Lieut. L. W. Cannon was one of the handicappers in the Viceroy's Trophy Race last year.

F./Lieuts. L. Crocker, D. W. Lane and K. P. Lewis are now entitled to put the magic "E" after their names.

Old Cranwellians will be interested to hear that Mr. L. E. Fisk, our Library Clerk, has been promoted to an Air Service Clerk: a rank which bears certain privileges of security and pension.

Extract at the time of the King's Cup Race last year: "John G. D. Armour (B.A.M. Co. Cupid III, 130 h.p. Gipsy Major, G-ADLR, Racing number 25, flying in Class 'A,' entered by Charles Best). Commonly called Jack. Son of the famous G. D. Armour, whose huntin' and shootin' pictures in *Punch* are an international joy. Jack Armour learned to fly at Cranwell, and soon became a competent single-seater pilot. But he can fly anything. He was first Air Equerry to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, and was for years his private pilot. Resigned from the R.A.F. a year or so ago, owing to ill-health. Invented a non-incendiary smoke-bomb to be dropped when landing in strange country, which has been found to be a life-saving device by many air tourists. Not used nearly as much as it should be, because of high price. Apart from all that, Jack Armour is one of the best pilots in the country."

In the squadron which set out in Singapores from Mount Batten to Basrah were F./Lieut. F. T. Pickles and F./Officers N. W. Combe, C. H. Brandon and D. E. B. Wheeler.

The following have visited the College this term: Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Squadron-Leader C. E. V. Porter, F./Lieuts. H. M. Groves, J. W. Gillan, G. R. A. Elsmie, C. St. J. Beamish, B. E. Lowe, T. N. McEvoy, F. D. Biggs, G. F. Whistondale, H. R. Dale and J. G. Llewelyn, F./Officers C. S. Moore, C. W. M. Ling, M. Dawnay, R. H. Stainforth, A. T. D. Sanders and M. F. B. Read, P./Officers E. W. Thornewill, A. W. D. Miller, P. W. Townsend, D. W. Balden, H. E. C. Boxer, J. H. Slater and L. R. Stewart.

F./Lieut. W. J. M. Akerman has been selected to go to the Staff College, Andover. He and his wife will be missed greatly, owing to the interest they have both taken in all sides of the Station life.

We are very sorry indeed to record as we go to press the deaths of F./Officer P. H. Agard-Butler and F./Officer C. C. Francis, both most valuable members of our Society.

The following have qualified in foreign languages: F./Officer A. C. P. Carver (Arabic), F./Officer H. Y. Humphreys (French), F./Lieut. I. B. Newbigging (German), and F./Lieut. J. C. Cunningham and F./Officer W. R. Brotherhood.

"Colonel" Young accompanied our team to Ampleforth where he reports that an Old Cranwellian looked after him very well indeed and that

F./Lieut. J. L. F. Fuller-Good—lately in charge of the Graduates' Course here—has been posted to No. 12 (B) Squadron.

Congratulations on their promotion to Squadron-Leaders G. W. Birkinshaw and G. M. Knocker.

F./Lieut. R. A. Poyntz Roberts has retired to take up life in the country. A few years ago he ran a most efficient flight in the College. F./Lieut. R. H. Barlow has also retired. Both will be missed by their many friends in the Service.

F./Lieut. L. W. Dickens has been posted to the College as a flying instructor, and F./Officer D. R. Evans has been posted for administrative duties to the Electrical and Wireless School. Both intend to play hockey here. F./Officer Evans, once a cadet sub-editor, has helped in the production of this JOURNAL.

F./Officer P. J. Polglase has been posted to Wittering. He has taken an interest in every College activity.

Squadron-Leader J. A. Gray, D.F.C., still holds the arduous and important post of President of the College Mess, and has a good partner in Wing Commander E. J. Sayer, M.C. Squadron-Leader Gray also has had to devise a new syllabus to meet the latest demands on flight-cadets for practical training in bombing, air gunnery and photography.

Squadron-Leader R. L. Crofton, M.B.E., A.F.C., is Chief Instructor of Navigation at the College, and in his spare time acts as Master of the Beagles.

All will hear with a shock that the Beagles are soon to be abolished. It has always been a great distinction to the Station to possess a pack of its own, and in the old days the Beagles were well supported by officers and flight-cadets. But nowadays there are so many activities of work and games that no one can find time to go out beagling, and so the subscribers have decided with regret, but almost unanimously, to spend their money on a Riding School for officers and senior flight-cadets.

F./Lieut. V. B. Bennett has been nominated for the Staff Course at Camberley. He has done much to organize our games, and he and F./Lieut. P. J. H. Halahan have been the prime movers in the renaissance of the Old Cranwellian Association. The College, and particularly "C" Squadron, will wish him success.

The thanks of the College are also due to F./Lieut. P. J. H. Halahan for building up from very limited material a useful rigger side.



F/C Cpl DEB Wheeler



F/C G Whistondale



F/C Sgt AWD Miller



U/O HEC Boxer



F/C LR Stewart



F/C Cpl JH Slater



F/C Sgt CH Brandon



F/C FD Biggs



F/C Cpl EW Thornewill



U/O DW Balden



U/O PW Townsend



U/O PH Agard Butler

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F/C Cpl CC Francis



F/C LW Dickens



F/C Sgt DF Dixon



U/O HM Styles

The soccer XI owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. C. Smith for his constant presence as a referee and adviser.

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A letter has been received from F./Lieut. J. R. Scarlett, who was on the Donibristle Course with P./Officers G. D. F. Dixon and H. M. Styles; and from P./Officer D. P. Kelly, who was at Sutton Bridge.

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Squadron-Leaders J. W. Merer and H. M. Sawyer are now two earnest scribblers seated side by side helping the Air Ministry to navigate the troublous water of modern politics.

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F./Officer J. W. C. More scored a pleasant surprise in the final of the Royal Air Force squash rackets championship at the Kensington Country Club recently, by defeating the holder, F./Lieut G. R. A. Elsmie, by 9-5, 4-9, 9-6, 9-1. More, who was runner-up last year, thoroughly deserved his victory. For, apart from his tireless retrieving, he produced more effective shots than his opponent; in particular, some pretty drops, and on the whole he kept a better length.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge kind letters from Squadron-Leader L. F. Pendred, F./Officers E. Corbally and M. Dawnay, and Wing-Commanders P. Shepherd, D. I. Ingpen and W. S. Woodiwis.

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F./Lieut. Austin Sandeman is now a novice at Ampleforth Abbey, from which Richard Utley sends a cheerful note.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge kind letters from Wing-Commander G. E. Livock, Mrs. McAleery of the *Aeroplane*, P./Officers D. P. D. G. Kelly, P. P. W. Townsend and C. W. Hackett, Dr. Robbs and F./Lieut. B. B. Dashper.

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The Editor writes to acknowledge a letter from F./Officer G. N. Hancock, enclosing photographs of Babylon. It is very kind of Old Cranwellians to remember him in this appropriate manner. All the photographs went the round of the College.

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An Old Cranwellian writes from Iraq:—

“There are about seven Old Cranwellians in this Command at the present time who were at Cranwell with me. In 30 Squadron there is Tidd, whom I occasionally see either here or at Mosul. Jarrand and Walker, who are in 70, and whom I see regularly at the cinema and Gymkhana Club; Owen and Prier who are in 30 Squadron, and Wheeler who is in 203; I rarely see him except at Command Sports meetings.”

The Editor was very glad to hear, after an interval of many years, from F./Lieut. C. J. Stone, who is an instructor at the Indian Military Academy in Dehra Dun.

We shall exchange our JOURNAL with them in the future.

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In the Library will be found the second number of the *Police College Journal*. It is impressive both for the number of serious and professional articles, and for the spectacle of the complicated knowledge which is now demanded of a police officer. In connection with it the Editor has received a very kind letter from Colonel G. H. R. Halland, the Commandant of the College.

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Amongst those who have visited the College this term was F./Officer E. Corbally, who stopped here on his way to his old school (Stonyhurst) and afterwards came to the Old Cranwellian match.

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On 23rd November, after the great match at Sandhurst, when our team went down gallantly against a side which was superior to them in weight and speed, the first Reunion Dinner of the Old Cranwellians in London was held at the Mayfair Hotel. It was a great success, for which we must pay tribute of thanks to F./Lieuts. V. B. Bennett and P. J. H. Halahan, Mr. J. H. S. Lager and others interested in the renaissance of the Association, and it was generally felt that it was a festival which must be repeated annually.

The dinner was at 8.30, but long before that the members had begun to assemble and compare notes. Everyone was allowed to sit where he wished and there was an informal air which was encouraged by a quiet obligato from the College Band.

After the Loyal Toast the President read telegrams regretting the absence of Air Vice-Marshal Halahan and F./Lieut. Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton.

After a few words on the motives of the Association he called on Air Vice-Marshal Cave-Browne-Cave to narrate the current affairs at the College.

In reply to the toast of the guests the Chief of the Air Staff described in a most impressive manner the inside history of modern events which had led to the expansion of the Air Force.

After that the people adjourned to the ante-room, where some remained until after the witching hour of midnight, while others went on to different clubs.

Among those present to the best of my memory were Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edward Ellington, Sir Philip Sassoon, M.P., Air Vice-Marshal H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave, Air Commodore A. S. Barratt, Air Commodore W. Tyrrell, Group Captain P. Babington, Professor R. de la Bère, Wing Commander O. Bryson, Captain C. W. Pollock, Squadron-Leader J. A. Gray, Wing Commander E. J. Sayer and Mr. J. H. Lager (hon. secretary).



F/C Sgt AW Sandeman



F/C Sgt CD Hackett



F/C RG Prier



F/C CJ Stone



F/C LWC Bower



F/C Sgt WMC Kennedy



F/C WA Opie



F/C RG Coventry



F/C DPDG Kelly



F/C LV Andrews



F/C Cpl CEJ Baines



F/C LF Brown

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F/C Sgt PT Philpott



F/C Cpl WHN Turner



F/C FH Tyson



F/C Sgt J Whitehead



F/C Sgt JW Bayley



F/C CS Cooper



F/C FO Dickson



F/C WAA de Freitas



F/C MEW Scott-MacKirdy



F/C Sgt RT Cazalet



F/C EC Ingham



F/C GHO Mills



F/C JN Knowles



F/C Sgt JD Nelson



F/C LBB King



F/C Cpl GFL Scott



F/C EC Harding



F/C Cpl AE Cairnes



F/C Sgt EF Porter



F/C Cpl MKD Porter



F/C HFG Southey



F/C Cpl A Earle



U/O GC Eveleigh

F./Lieuts. W. J. M. Akerman, N. S. Allinson, W. I. H. Burke, W. K. Beisiegel, L. W. C. Bower, W. N. Blain, V. B. Bennett, W. R. Beaman, L. W. Dickens, H. R. Dale, G. R. A. Elsmie, A. Ferris, C. J. Giles, J. W. Gillan, J. G. Hawtry, J. Heber Percy, A. W. Hunt, P. J. H. Halahan, F. F. W. Hall, R. C. Jonas, J. G. Llewellyn, W.M.C. Kennedy, E. J. Laine, K. P. Lewis, D. Macfadyen, R. V. McIntyre, I. B. Newbigging, W. A. Opie, H. J. Pringle, C. B. R. Pelly, R. L. Phillips, J. A. Powell, B. T. Shelley, L. F. Sinclair, R. A. T. Stowell, R. A. Sprague, J. B. M. Wallis, R. L. Wallace and W. T. F. Wightman.

F./Officers D. Addenbrooke, L. V. Andrews, C. E. J. Baines, D. R. S. Bader, L. F. Brown, R. G. Coventry, R. T. Cazalet, T. N. Coslett, M. Dawnay, R. H. E. Emson, H. Eeles, D. B. D. Field, J. Grierson, R. C. Gaskell, H. A. V. Hogan, P. Heath, W. F. C. Hobson, E. C. Ingham, C. W. M. Ling, C. E. Littler, G. H. O. Mills, C. S. Moore, J. O. W. Oliver, E. F. Porter, J. R. A. Peel, T. A. B. Parselle, M. K. D. Porter, W. P. G. Pretty, P. T. Philpott, W. S. Reed, W. W. Stainthorpe, G. D. Stephenson, W. H. N. Turner, F. H. Tyson, J. Whitehead, R. L. Wilkinson, N. C. Walker and H. R. Wills Sandford.

P./Officers J. W. Bayley, D. W. Balden, H. E. C. Boxer, C. S. Cooper, F. O. Dickson, W. A. de Freitas, J. O. Hinks, D. P. Kelly, M. E. W. Scott-Mackirdy and E. W. Thornewill.

An Old Cranwellian writes:—

"There are three Old Cranwellians at Duxford. F./Lieut. C. B. R. Pelly, who commands a flight of 19 (F) Squadron, and who hopes to go to the R.A.F. Staff College next year; F./Officer R. L. Wilkinson, who is an instructor to the C.U. Air Squadron; and P./Officer D. W. Balden, who has recently joined No. 19 (F) squadron and is playing rugger for the Station."

Another Old Cranwellian writes:—

"F./Lieut. Hutton is the senior of the four Old Cranwellians here. He juggles with compasses and things in his efforts to ensure that we always arrive at "B" after departure from "A." He is the only one of us who has taken the vow—or is it the veil?

"P./Officer Hughes controls our Orderly Room. He stamps and seals everything most efficiently and as a sideline runs the Station rugger team. P./Officer Wright has just taken over the Squadron gardens, which consist of many stones. After sticking wooden pegs and lines of string around our temporary huts and providing barrows, picks and shovels he has gone off for a fourteen-day cruise in H.M.S. *Renown*. Surely the makings of a Staff Officer! His motto will no doubt be 'Per ardua ad aspidistra.'"

The following Old Cranwellians are now in residence at Cranwell: F./Lieuts. V. B. Bennett ("C" Squadron), R. A. T. Stowell ("B" Flight),

P. J. H. Halahan (Adjutant), H. J. Pringle ("A" Flight), G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley (Armoury), R. A. Sprague ("C" Flight), W. S. Hebden (Signals), W. I. H. Burke ("E" Flight), R. V. McIntyre ("D" Flight); F./Officers G. D. Stephenson ("B" Flight), C. E. J. Baines ("A" Flight), D. B. D. Field ("C" Flight), L. V. Andrews ("C" Flight).

E. and W. School: F./Lieuts. W. J. M. Akerman (Adjutant E. and W.S.), and H. F. G. Southey (Signals), and F./Officer D. R. Evans (Adjutant, No. 1 Squadron).

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Lieut. and Mrs. R. V. McIntyre, and F./Lieut. and Mrs. R. A. T. Stowell.

There are two Old Cranwellians at Catterick: F./Officer J. Pink, who has been out of action with an injured cartilage, and F./Officer P. Seymour.

Congratulations on their promotions to Flight-Lieutenant: F. F. Wicks, D.F.C., E. S. D. Drury, W. H. Kyle, G. F. W. Haycock, R. V. McIntyre, G. R. A. Elsmie, R. L. Wallace, W. N. McKechnie, L. W. C. Bower, P. Heath, R. S. Darbishire, A. Earle and J. Heber-Percy. To Flying-Officer: M. Dawnay, A. T. D. Sanders, G. C. Eveleigh, J. N. Knowles, C. J. P. Flood, A. V. Sawyer, J. D. Nelson, L. B. B. King, G. F. L. Scott, E. C. Harding, P. H. Agard-Butler, A. E. Cairnes, D. P. Barclay, C. R. J. Pink, D. E. B. Wheeler, R. G. Prier, C. C. Francis, G. Thripp, J. Thompson, A. O. D. Cox, H. M. T. Eversfield, G. A. Mills, D. P. Hanafin and J. B. Ussher.

Congratulations to Air Vice-Marshal A. S. Barratt, Air Commodore D. C. S. Evill, and Wing Commander H. S. Scroggs on their promotion.

Ravindar Singh gave a farewell dinner in London on 17th December, 1935, to his friends, on the eve of his departure to join the Indian Air Force.

The Editor is grateful for Old Cranwellian news. He has received three answers to fifty letters sent out in search of Old Cranwellian news.

The Association Tie may be obtained of the Secretary for 6s. The design is of dark blue material with the College cranes in light blue.

A book of rules of the Association has now been posted to all members. Will those who have not yet received a copy please communicate with the Secretary? The rules are provisional and are subject to the approval of the next General Meeting.

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F/C Sgt G Thripp



F/C Sgt AM Watts-Read



F/C Sgt T B de la P Beresford



F/C HMT Eversfield

It is hoped that all ex-cadets who are not already members of the Association will complete the bankers' order in the JOURNAL and let the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Lager, have it without delay.

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We are very glad that Lord Trenchard has consented to become Patron of the Association and that the President and Vice-Presidents now include all the ex-Commandants of the College.

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We are also glad to see the award to Lord Trenchard of a Viscounty and of the G.C.V.O., given at the close of his connection with the Metropolitan Police as a testimony to his valuable service.

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The paintings of our Patron and our President, which the Association is presenting to the College, are not yet completed. Our readers will be informed of the date of the unveiling ceremony.

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F./Officers T. N. Coslett and C. E. Littler were members of the Henlow Boxing Team which beat Cranwell in the semi-finals of the R.A.F. Boxing Championship; they both had a walk-over. F./Officer W. S. Reed, Henlow, was beaten on points by F./Officer S. G. Walker, Cranwell, in the same contest.

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An Old Cranwellian writes:—

"The Old Cranwellians at Old Sarum include R. C. Field, Watts-Read, Wills-Sandford, Edwards, Shirley and Nichols, and, of more recent terms, Beresford, Philpott and Hackett.

"Field is in charge of the rugger team, which has not been beaten this season. Beresford is playing regularly in the Wiltshire County team.

"Wills-Sandford plays golf as well as ever.

"Nichols has made a personal record by retaining possession of the same car for nearly four months; and, further, since I saw him some weeks ago taking an essential part to the cookhouse for boiling, the car has remained complete and serviceable."

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F./Lieut. F. R. Drew writes urging Old Cranwellians to join the R.A.F. Yacht Club, of which we hope to publish details later.

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We offer our sympathy to Air Commodore L. A. Pattinson, who had a flying accident near Horncastle owing to fog. It is a pleasure to report that he and his passenger, L.A.C. Holland, have been restored to good health. They have been well cared for in the Cranwell Hospital.

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Wing-Commander D. L. Ingpen's address is Cook's Hill, Mundesley, Norfolk, where he keeps in touch with many of his old friends, like F./Lieut. R. C. F. Preston.

F./Officer J. Peel, F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie and F./Officer J. W. C. More were due to play squash rackets for the Old Cranwellians, but were held up by the bad weather. F./Officer John Peel is now Assistant Adjutant to No. 601 Squadron.

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F./Lieut. Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton has written an article on Hong Kong for this JOURNAL. He writes that he finds teaching flying in this country a simple matter after teaching in China.

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The promotions made with effect from 1st December included the first to the rank of Squadron-Leader from among cadets trained at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell. Squadron-Leader C. W. Weedon has the distinction of being the first Cranwell-trained officer to reach that rank.

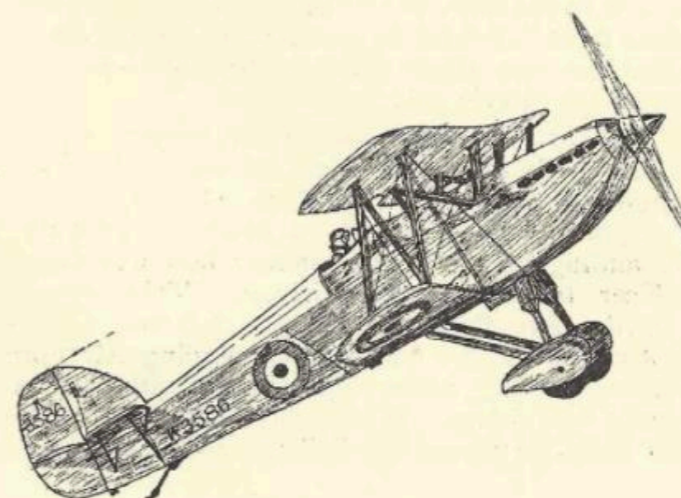
He entered with the first term on 5th February, 1920, when the College was opened by Lord Trenchard; and Air Commodore C. A. H. Longcroft (now Air Vice-Marshal, retired) as the first Commandant. Passing out in December, 1920, he went to the School of Army Co-operation at Old Sarum, and in 1923, having been promoted Flying-Officer, joined No. 20 (Army Co-operation) Squadron in India, where he served until 1928. While there he was promoted to Flight-Lieutenant in July, 1927. On his return he was selected to specialize in engineering at Henlow, and afterwards to take an advanced engineering course at Cambridge University. He has since served at Halton and with No. 111 (Fighter) Squadron at Northolt.

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The address of J. W. Weston is Castlereagh, Richmond Road, Kingston-on-Thames; the address of L. Middleton is Belsay Castle, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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The Editor wishes to thank all those Old Cranwellians who have written to him during the past half-year, and particularly last Christmas. He intends gradually to reply to them all.



F/C AOD Cox



F/C JB Ussher



F/C DP Hanafin



F/C MB Edwards

Eleventh Annual General Meeting - 10 June 1936

Cmdt, Air Cdre HM Cave-Brown-Cave, in the Chair.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Wednesday June 10th 1936.
 There were about 30 Members present. Air Vice Marshal Cave-Browne-Cave was in the Chair.
 The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were read and confirmed.
 The Hon Secretary presented the audited accounts of the Association for the period 1st May 1935 to 18th May 1936 and on the proposition of F/Lt Dickens, seconded by F/Lt Messenger these were passed.

ANNUAL GRANT R.A.F. COLLEGE ENTERTAINMENT FUND.
 F/Lt Dickens suggested that the annual grant of £50 made to the R.A.F. College Funds might be increased to assist in covering the cost of providing professional coaches for cadets games.
 F/Lt Beaman suggested that W/Omr Parkin be asked to find a suitable boxing instructor with a view to efforts being made for his being posted to Cranwell. After further discussion it was proposed by F/Lt Dickens that the annual grant to College Funds be increased to £100, the extra £50 to be spent in helping to provide coaches for cadets games, preferably for boxing, the Committee to control the expenditure of this extra sum. This was seconded by F/Lt Halahan and carried. F/Lt More requested that the provision of a professional to coach cadets in tennis and squash be borne in mind for discussion in the future.

PAINTINGS OF PATRON AND PRESIDENT.
 F/Lt Halahan stated that he had arranged for the collection of the paintings of Lord Trenchard and Air Vice Marshal Longcroft and these would be hung in the College in time for the unveiling ceremony at the end of the present term. The A.O.C. informed the meeting that he had arranged for the unveiling to be performed by Lady Trenchard, which would take place at the dance on the night preceding end of Term. The A.O.C. thought the best time for the ceremony to take place would be at the end of the dance immediately before supper.

RIDING SCHOOL.
 This General Meeting was asked to confirm the action of the Committee in committing the Association to purchase a fifth horse for the Riding School and providing money for its upkeep for one year. F/Lt Stephenson explained the position and suggested that the sum of £70 be voted for this purpose. F/Lt Gillan stated that it was not only his view, but the views of several other Members, that this suggested sum was much too high. A horse could be bought for £10 and upkeep for one year should not cost £60. He then proposed that the sum of £35 be voted for this purpose. This was seconded by S/Ldr Macfadyen. F/Lt Stephenson proposed that the sum voted be £40 and on being put to the vote, 12 were for £35 and 12 for £40. The Chairman exercised his prerogative to a casting vote and the sum of £40 was passed. The A.O.C. explained the necessity of the provision of a covered riding school, as under present conditions cadets would get 24 riding hours instruction in the summer and only 12 in the winter when light was bad. The A.O.C. estimated the cost of a covered school at £450 and asked if the Association would care to give any financial assistance. After discussion F/Lt Dickens proposed that a grant of £50 be made.

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 F/Lt Stowell proposed that a grant of £30 be made and F/Lt Field proposed that no grant be given. On being put to the Meeting the proposal of F/Lt Field that no grant be made was carried.
 F/Lt Beaman then proposed that the Committee be empowered to spend £30 in addition to the £50 allowed under the Rules of the Assoc'n, during the next twelve months to assist the Cadets Sports Fund, this extra sum to be spent at the discretion of the Committee; this was seconded by F/Lt Sprague and carried.

Re-UNION DINNER.
 F/Lt Halahan informed the Meeting that he had made arrangements for the annual re-union dinner to be held in the Spanish Rooms at the Dorchester Hotel on Saturday November 21st at 8-30 p.m. The dinner arrangements would be similar to last year with the exception that members would have to provide for their own entertainment after dinner. The Meeting concurred in the arrangements made by F/Lt Halahan. The estimated cost of the dinner for this year is £150.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.
 The Rules of the Association were confirmed by the Meeting.
ANNUAL BULLETIN.
 Proposed by Mr Lager and seconded by F/Lt Beaman that instead of the annual bulletin giving a summary of work done during the previous year, copies of the minutes of the annual meeting and all committee meetings be circulated to members. These would be printed on loose leaf and enclosed in only those Journals sent to Members. This was carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR ENSUING YEAR.
 The following nominations were made for ex-cadet Members to serve on the Committee during the ensuing year:-
At Cranwell. F/Lt Stowell, F/Lt Halahan, F/Lt Dickens, F/Lt Williams, F/Lt Stephenson, F/Lt Pringle, F/Lt Baines, and F/O D.R. Evans.
At Home Stations. S/Ldr Macfadyen, F/Lts Elsmie, F/Lt Gillan, F/Lt Beaman, F/Lt J.R. Wallace, F/Lt Bennett, F/Lt Sprague, F/O Ling.
 On being put to the vote the following were elected to the Committee.
At CRANWELL. A.O.C., Asst Commandant, F/Lt Stowell, F/Lt Halahan, F/Lt Dickens, F/Lt Williams, F/Lt Field, F/Lt Stephenson.
HOME STATIONS S/Ldr Macfadyen, F/Lt G?R Elsmie, F/Lt Gillan, F/Lt Sprague, F/Lt Bennett, F/O Ling. In case F/Lt Bennett is unable to serve F/Lt Beaman to be a member in his stead.

It was proposed by F/Lt Gillan that under no circumstances should the Committee realise any invested funds without the authority of a General Meeting. This was seconded by S/Ldr Macfadyen who said he had in mind that at some future date there should be sufficient invested funds to provide some kind of scholarship for the son of an ex-cadet who wished to enter the College. This was carried unanimously.
 There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.
 Chairman.

OCA to find £50 pa for professional Sports coaches (e.g. boxing instructor).

Proposal for OCA to fund Trenchard & Longcroft Pictures in Founders' Gallery

OCA to fund purchase and upkeep for one year of fifth horse in College Riding school.

OLD GRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION - Receipts and Expenditure Account for the period 1st May 1935 - 18th May 1936.

Receipts	£. s. d.	Expenditure	£. s. d.
Interest on Invested Funds	17. 10. 0	Paintings of Lord Trenchard & A.W.M. Longcroft	350. 0. 0
Subscriptions	402. 15. 0	Postages	5. 15. 0
Godfrey Paine Trust - Grant in aid paintings Lord Trenchard & A.W.M. Longcroft	30. 14. 11	Annual Grant Cadets Sports Fund	50. 0. 0
Dr Minutes - Balance Petty Cash	5. 5	Stationery - Printing name	1. 1. 1
		Check books and stationery	1. 1. 1
		F/Lt Halahan - Expenses London	2. 0. 0
		College Journals to Members	116. 0. 0
		Stationery - Printing of enclosed reproduction Trenchard	15. 0. 0
		Printing	5. 15. 6
		Income Tax 1935/36	3. 15. 6
		Re-union Dinner Nov '35	105. 15. 6
		Clerical work (Casson)	1. 10. 0
Excess of expenditure over income	121. 10. 9		
	572. 15. 11		572. 15. 11
BALANCE SHEET AT 18th MAY 1936			
Liabilities	£. s. d.	Assets	£. s. d.
Capital A/c at 30/4/35	£ 775. 11. 5	Cash at Bank current	152. 2. 10
Reserves		Cash in hand	5. 11. 6
Exp A/c 121. 10. 9		Invested Funds - War Stock	500. 0. 0
Res A/c 5. 1	121. 10. 10	Stamps in hand	7. 9. 9
		Ready Money - De Boulay	5. 0. 0
		Ties in hand	10. 0. 0
		Property (Typewriter)	5. 0. 0
			554. 15. 6
			554. 15. 6

I hereby certify that the accounts and balance sheet for the period 1/5/35 - 18th May 1936 disclose all transactions and have taken place during that period in connection with the Old Granwellian Association Funds and that all assets and liabilities are properly accounted for.

Audited and found correct

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F/C Sgt J Worrall



F/C ML Heath



F/C Cpl JP Cecil Wright



F/C DIP Macnair



F/C Cpl HG Leonard-Williams



F/C D Ross-Shore



F/C SG Conolly

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE following Old Cranwellians are now at the College: F./Lieuts. R. A. T. Stowell, B. C. Yarde, P. J. H. Halahan, L. W. Dickens, H. J. Pringle, G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, W. S. Hebden, W. T. F. Wightman, W. I. H. Burke, R. V. McIntyre, G. D. Stephenson, C. E. J. Baines, D. B. D. Field, C. W. Williams, L. V. Andrews and John Peel.

We offer our congratulations to Squadron-Leader and Mrs. L. F. Pendred on the birth of a son.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. P. W. Lowe-Holmes on their marriage, and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. A. Powell; also to F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. L. Franks, F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. S. Hebden, F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. D. Selway, F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. P. Bett, and F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. Worrall.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieuts. H. R. Dale, G. F. Whiston Dale, C. W. M. Ling, J. S. Sabine, F. H. Tyson, D. W. Lane, M. L. Heath, J. P. Cecil-Wright, W. T. H. Nichols and D. I. P. MacNair, and to F./Officers H. G. Leonard-Williams, D. Ross-Shore and P. de G. H. Seymour.

We regret to announce the death of F./Officer A. O. D. Cox; also of F./Lieut. S. G. Connolly, F./Officers K. A. Stewart, D. H. Spencer, and P./Officer G. G. Cornwall; and of F./Lieut. W. C. Yale, one of our most senior ex-cadets.

F./Officer N. Vintcent, D.F.C., entered in the Viceroy's Cup Race this year.

The following Old Cranwellians have recently passed through the Staff College: Squadron-Leaders C. J. Collingwood, G. H. Mills, A. D. Davies, N. A. P. Pritchett, E. S. C. Davis, V. Harris and R.H. Carter.

In the hockey match between Tulse Hill and the R.A.F., in which the R.A.F. were beaten by 2 goals to 0, F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel (Tangmere), P./Officer J. H. Slater (Bircham Newton) and F./Officer P. E. Drew were in the team.

'Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Trenchard, who was made a Viscount in the New Year Honours List, has taken the title of Viscount Trenchard of Wolfeton, in the County of Dorset.

F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie has succeeded F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor as Hon. Secretary, R.A.F. Squash Rackets Association. His address is: F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie, Central Flying School, R.A.F., Upavon, Marlborough, Wilts.

F./Lieut. C. E. St. J. Beamish played for Ireland in all the international matches. He also led Digby to victory in the Inter-Unit Rugger Competition.

P./Officer D. M. H. Craven has played for the Royal Air Force. F./Lieut. T. N. Coslett led the forwards, and F./Officer P. W. Ashton was the full-back.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. Geoffrey Francis on their marriage; also to F./Officer and Mrs. F. C. de la P. Beresford-Peirse.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. R. H. E. Emson on the birth of a daughter, and also to F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. Earle on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. K. W. Niblett on the birth of a son.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. North Carter, who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is at present serving on the North-West Frontier.

The following Old Cranwellians were present for the cricket match on 10th June:—

Squadron-Leader D. Macfadyen, F./Lieuts. W. R. Beaman, W. I. H. Burke, J. W. C. More, R. C. Jonas, H. W. A. Chesterman, W. S. Hebden, P. J. H. Halahan, R. V. McIntyre, D. B. D. Field, H. J. Pringle, C. E. J. Baines, W. T. F. Wightman, L. W. Dickens, C. W. M. Ling, R. A. Sprague, R. A. T. Stowell, J. A. T. Ryde, W. P. G. Pretty and G. R. M. Clifford, F./Officers J. Peel, D. R. Evans, A. G. Powell, M. K. D. Porter, C. C. Morton and P. R. Robinson, P./Officers A. R. Atkins, P. J. K. Pyke, J. A. Chorlton, D. O. F. Lumsden, T. S. Rivett-Carnac, E. Banthorpe and H. C. Sawyer, and Mr. J. H. Lager.

F./Lieut. Dickens captained the side, and F./Lieut. Burke was in charge of the tennis.

After some months as Adjutant of the Electrical and Wireless School, F./Lieut. F. P. Biggs now has one of the flights in the Signals Squadron. F./Lieut. H. F. G. Southey is also on the staff of the School.

We are very sorry to report the death of F./Lieut. B. T. Shelley on 27th May at the R.A.F. Hospital, Hinaidi, Iraq, from peritonitis.

He was educated at Churcher's College, Petersfield, and at Allen Glen School, Glasgow, and entered the R.A.F. as an Aircraft Apprentice in 1924. He was trained at the Electrical and Wireless School, Flowerdown, out of which he passed top in all subjects and was awarded a cadetship and the Hyde-Thomson Memorial Prize.



F/C Cpl NAP Pritchett



F/C CC Morton



F/C Sgt AR Atkins



F/C JA Chorlton



F/C DOF Lumsden



F/C Sgt TS Rivett-Carnac



F/C Cpl E Banthorpe

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At the College he won the Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize, the Aeronautical Engineering Prize, took first place in the examination, and played Association football for the College.

He was promoted Flight-Lieutenant in July, 1934, and in July, 1935, he was posted to the Experimental Section of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, for wireless research work. Last April he was posted to Headquarters, R.A.F., Iraq, and soon after arriving at Hinaidi he was admitted to hospital with acute appendicitis, and died three days later.

He was a brilliant young officer whose untimely death is a great loss to the Service, which appreciated most among his many good qualities his humble and friendly character.

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We have had visits this term from F./Lieuts. H. W. A. Chesterman, C. W. M. Ling, H. A. V. Hogan, D. J. Waghorn, J. P. Cecil-Wright, G. R. A. Elsmie, C. S. Moore, R. H. A. Leigh, E. F. Porter, A. R. Glencross, and F./Officers M. F. B. Read, P. de G. H. Seymour and E. B. C. Davies, and P./Officers J. A. Chorlton (who rendered valuable assistance with the last JOURNAL), P. Townsend, D. W. Balden, R. M. Longmore and Air-Commodore W. Tyrrell, who still takes a keen interest in the fortunes of our XV.

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We are sorry to report the death of F./Officer A. F. Spurrier, who lost his life when a private aeroplane in which he was flying plunged into the Mersey near Liverpool Airport in February this year. The day after his death I had a letter returned to me which I had written to him two days before.

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The Editor writes to acknowledge letters from Air Commodore A. L. Godman; from Squadron-Leader J. Merer; from F./Lieut. G. F. Macpherson, who is still Adjutant at Turnhouse and responsible for their fine Journal; he goes to the Staff College in January; from F./Lieut. R. C. Preston, whose address is Versholt, Woburn, Beds., and who flies with the Duchess of Bedford; from the Bishop of Grantham, who recently showed a party of cadets over Lincoln Cathedral; from Mrs. McAleery, of *The Aeroplane*; from Capt. Guy Dollman, who has presented several pictures to this station; from F./Lieut. "Sandy" Ferris, who is a municipal authority at Larne, Co. Antrim, and likely to stand for the Northern Parliament; from F./Lieut. H. Eeles, who is at Sealand; from F./Officer A. Combe, who has contributed an article to this number; from Colonel H. G. Swayne; from F./Officer J. Pink; and from Dr. C. H. D. Robbs, who, with F./Lieut. Dickens, was one of the few who solved our bridge problem.

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We offer our sympathy to F./Officer R. H. Page on his disaster at Le Havre in February this year; and congratulate him on the pluck and efforts which he made to save the crew—efforts which we feel might have received more intelligent support from the mainland.



F/C AR Glencross



F/C Sgt RM Longmore

Wing-Commander Huntly's address is Madrona Farm, Victoria Point, Vancouver.

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Last term two of our graduates—P./Officers F. W. Thompson and A. B. Rae—were unable to complete the flying syllabus, and therefore with regret we had to bid them adieu. P./Officer Rae fenced for the College and took an active interest in the Debating Society.

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We were glad to hear that F./Lieut. R. J. W. Barnett and the two other occupants of his seaplane which made a forced landing off the Needles on 23rd February this year were rescued by a pilot cutter, which towed the plane to Lee-on-Solent.

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We are very sorry to report the death at Malta in a flying accident of F./Officer J. K. L. Carstairs. He was a most popular and efficient cadet here—a fine golfer, a plucky boxer and rugger player, an artist himself and the son of an artist. His Surrealist drawings often used to illustrate this JOURNAL. His father wrote of him: "He was a born artist and I had great hopes of his making a big name for himself in that line."

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We are sorry to inform our readers that Capt. G. J. Pytches contracted chickenpox at the end of last term, but has now happily recovered from this fowl disease.

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F./Lieut. A. J. Holmes, who was Flight Commander of "C" Flight a few years ago, is captaining Sussex this season. He scored a century against Nottinghamshire. *The Times* recently promoted him to "Flight-Sergeant."

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Congratulations to the following on their Interpreterships: Russian, F./Lieut. E. R. Simonds, 1st Class; German, F./Lieut. R. C. Jordan, Preliminary, and F./Lieut. W. E. Oulton, 2nd Class; Arabic, F./Lieut. C. M. Windsor, Colloquial, and F./Officer A. C. P. Carver, Preliminary.

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We congratulate F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor on his M.V.O.

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Many congratulations on his promotion to Air Commodore P. Babington. On 15th July he judged the Drill Competition, which was won by "C" Squadron. In addition to drill on the parade ground in front of the College, the competition included Guard Mounting.

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F./Officer K. D. Stanion has transferred to the Stores Branch after a bad accident on the rugger field.

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Father Richard Utley was ordained at Ampleforth Abbey on Sunday, 19th July. The writer and another Old Cranwellian were present at a



F/C RH Page



F/C Cpl KD Stanton

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F/C Lord Bandon

magnificent and impressive ordination in the Abbey. They took up to the School a film of Cranwell, which they had shown the previous week at Stonyhurst College. Utley has been appointed Air Member of the North Riding Territorial Association, of which Air Commodore Arthur Godman is the Secretary.

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The Editor acknowledges the hospitality and assistance given him by the officers of Sealand, particularly F./Lieuts. V. Q. Blackden and H. Eeles, at the time when he and F./Lieut. Fagan had a forced landing at Lensham on their return from a lecture at Stonyhurst.

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The following Old Cranwellians took a prominent part in the Display this year:—

F./Lieut. T. N. McEvoy led the flight of Furies which attacked the Sidestrand. F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie did the inverted flying very smoothly in a Tutor, and F./Officer C. R. J. Pink took part in the Autogiro event. F./Lieuts. The Earl of Bandon, H. R. L. Hood and C. W. M. Ling showed us the niceties of forced landing.

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F./Lieut. B. C. Yarde has arrived and taken over the duties of Adjutant of the College from F./Lieut. P. J. H. Halahan, who has been posted to Iraq.

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Our sympathies to F./Lieut. D. W. Bayne, who is still recovering from a crash he had last summer at Duxford. We wish him a speedy convalescence.

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F./Lieut. D. W. F. Bonham-Carter competed in this year's King's Cup and got through to the final on the Saturday.

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The following Old Cranwellians are on the Signals Course: F./Officers D. R. Evans, H. G. Leonard-Williams and A. G. Powell, who lately came back from Egypt; F./Officers M. K. D. Porter and P. R. Robinson, from the Fleet Air Arm; and F./Officer C. C. Morton, who returns to Cranwell after three years in India. While with the Navy, F./Officer Porter had a bad accident to his foot, but we are glad to say that he is now making steady progress towards recovery.

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F./Lieut. C. W. Williams and F./Officer John Peel are now instructors at the College, and F./Lieut. A. King-Lewis commands "C" Squadron. F./Officer H. C. Sawyer has been posted to the Signals Squadron.

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Congratulations on their promotion to the following:—

F./Lieuts. G. Combe, N. L. Dawson, E. A. Hodgson, G. R. C. Spencer, A. P. Revington, G. H. Mills, R. N. Waite, C. L. Dalhones, C. J. Collingwood, D.F.C., J. G. Hawtrey, W. A. D. Brook, N. H.



F/C A/Cpl WP Welch



F/C A Pyke



F/C Sgt R Monks



F/C DV Johnson



F/C HP Jenkins



F/C Cpl DMcD Fenton



F/C WP Sutcliffe



F/C PS Gomez



F/C SP Landston



F/C Sgt TQ Horner



F/C Cpl HT Bennett



F/C NCS Rutter



F/C Cpl SC Widdows



F/C Cpl FE Stokes



F/C NAR Halliday

D'Aeth, T. J. Desmond, G. C. Shepherd, R. H. S. Spaight, D. Macfadyen and C. B. R. Pelly, M.C.—to Squadron Leader.

F./Officers T. U. C. Shirley, J. Whitehead, N. C. Walker, C. E. Littler, M. B. Edwards, J. W. C. More, H. B. Wrigley, D. B. D. Field, G. D. Stephenson, W. F. G. Pretty, R. B. Dashper, W. R. Wills, Sandford, P. B. Coote, C. E. J. Baines, W. S. Read, R. T. Cazalet, F. A. Pearce, M. W. S. Robinson, M. W. L. Baker, R. L. Wilkinson, J. S. Sabine, W. P. Welch, W. W. Stainthorpe, C. W. M. Ling, L. F. Brown, C. M. Windsor, H. Eeles, R. F. Smith, W. F. C. Hobson, J. P. Cecil-Wright, T. Q. Horner, H. T. Bennett, C. S. Moore, T. N. Coslett, J. C. Macdonald, H. A. V. Hogan, H. P. Broad, L. G. Belchem, R. C. Gaskell, R. L. Wilkinson, N. E. Morrison, W. T. H. Nichols, C. J. Giles, C. W. Williams, N. C. S. Rutter, A. MacIlwaine, F. C. Daubney, W. E. Oulton, S. C. Widdows, A. D. Messenger, E. C. Ingham, H. W. A. Chesterman, F. E. Stokes, G. J. L. Read, D. Addenbrooke, L. V. Andrews, P. E. Drew, D. I. P. Macnair, J. O. W. Oliver, N. A. R. Halliday, W. H. N. Turner, R. H. Page, A. Pyke, R. H. E. Emson, R. Monks, G. H. Mills, E. F. Porter, F. H. Tyson, T. A. B. Parselle, M. F. D. Williams, N. G. Goodman, D. V. Johnson, M. B. Hamilton, A. W. Geoghegan, H. P. Jenkins, J. Worrall, D. R. Fenton, W. P. Sutcliffe, P. S. Gomez, R. H. A. Leigh, J. N. H. Whitworth, C. W. Montague, R. E. Barnett, S. P. Langston and A. R. Glencross—to Flight-Lieutenant.

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P./Officer A. B. Sowter resigned from the Service in January.

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We are sorry to hear that F./Lieut. L. R. W. Tillard was put on the retired list, owing to ill-health, in May, 1936.

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Amongst those who have visited the College this year have been F./Lieuts. J. Gillan, F. H. Tyson, H. Eeles, W. K. Beisiegel, S. P. Langston, B. C. Yarde and F./Officer P. Kelly.

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In the R.A.F. Boxing Championships were F./Lieuts. C. E. Littler and T. N. Coslett. They have also survived, without the loss of much weight, their two years at Henlow.

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We had a visit about Easter from the Rev. A. R. Watson, M.A., who was at one time a Chaplain at Cranwell. Many will remember his scholarly addresses in the Station Church. His sermon here showed the same sparks of humour, and the same encyclopaedic knowledge. He has now left the Service and has been appointed to the Legation Chaplaincy at Copenhagen.

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We were all very sorry when P./Officer T. F. Barker was invalided out of the Service in March this year. During his short stay at the College he had made himself generally liked by officers and flight-cadets.

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There is a possibility that he may return to the Service as a civilian. He is a member of the Association.

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F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel is Captain of the R.A.F. Cricket XI. F./Officer M. P. Skinner has been in the side, too.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge kind letters from Squadron-Leader G. R. C. Spencer, F./Officer P. Kelly, P./Officers T. F. Barker and P. Townsend, and Rev. A. R. Watson.

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We had a visit recently from the Central Flying School, represented by Squadron-Leader A. L. Paxton, and F./Lieuts. D. Gillan and R. L. Wallace.

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F./Officer R. L. Bradford appeared in one of the leading weekly illustrateds as the winner of the annual "Gufa" Race on the Tigris at Baghdad. He is also M.F.H. of the Royal Exodus Hunt.

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We congratulate F./Lieut. T. A. B. Parselle on his marriage. He is now in Japan studying the language, where he has joined F./Lieut. H. T. Bennett.

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We are very glad to hear that F./Lieut. F. V. Beamish is back on the Reserve, and is a civilian assistant at Aldergrove.

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All heard with deep regret of the death of F./Officer Paul Ashton.

A correspondent writes: "At Hawkinge on Saturday last during the Empire Day Air Display, Paul Wingrave Ashton, an airman of great promise, lost his life, as has been reported in *The Times*. He was born in Basutoland, where his father, Captain Hugh Ashton, was Assistant Commissioner at Maseru. He was educated at the Diocesan College, Rondebosch, where he was distinguished as a scholar, and was in the cricket eleven and the Rugby fifteen. He won a scholarship from South Africa to Cranwell, where he again distinguished himself, winning the Sword of Honour for his year. He was first stationed at Manston and then, with No. 2 (Army Co-operation) Squadron, moved to Hawkinge. He played full-back for the R.A.F. and also represented them in boxing and athletics. He was buried at Buckland, near Aylesbury, where his fiancée lives, with Service honours."

We can only add to this our recollection of a sterling frank character. Others will recollect his gallant figure in the ring and on the football field. This is a very sad loss to the Service.

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We are very glad to hear that F./Lieut. P. S. Gomez is back in harness again after three years in the hands of the doctors as a result of a crash at Upavon in the winter of 1932.

He is now personal assistant to Air Vice-Marshal P. B. Joubert de la Ferté.

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We had a very successful meeting of the Debating Society when Capt. Harold Balfour, Member of Parliament for Thanet, came down and took a leading part in one of our debates. He was an instructor at Cranwell during the early days of the College.

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We were very glad to have as the trainer for our athletic team Sergeant-Major R. E. Gorwood. I have pleasure in reporting that he likes his work at Halton immensely, and is having a great success there, though the Air Force makes many other calls upon his time. Old Cranwellians will be delighted to hear that he is still capable of making daring and unexpected puns.

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We are sorry to lose F./Lieut. W. H. Kyle, who has been temporarily posted to the Australian Air Force. We envy him his trip to the land of his birth, and we thank him for his work in organizing our games and taking an active part in all of them himself.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge a letter from Mrs. Godman, whose address is Smeaton Manor, Northallerton.

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Amongst those at the Blankney Point-to-Point this year were Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, Air Commodore R. H. Verney and Wing-Commander C. E. H. James, M.P.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from Capt. C. W. Pollock (who paid us a visit this summer), F./Lieut. J. Worrall and P./Officer M. P. Skinner.

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The thanks of the cricket side are once again due to Mr. Wharmby, who generously presented two bats to members of the XI.

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Squadron-Leader C. G. Burge is now employed in the Department of the Chief of the Air Staff.

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An Old Cranwellian writes from Pretoria, where he is with the South African Air Force:—

"We have a most enjoyable time, although the social side is rather hectic—if you accept anything like the number of invitations that you are expected to.

"The actual work with the South African Air Force is enjoyable but sometimes a little exacting, and the hours are rather long—in the summer, 5 a.m. to 8 a.m.; 9 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. every day except Sunday, and *no*

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F/C AP Sowter



U/O MP Skinner



F/C RH Shaw

week-ends without taking two days' leave out of your annual allowance of thirty-six days.

"The winter hours (only two months) are 7.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. except Saturdays."

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Another Old Cranwellian writes:—

"I am writing to you from a station from which no Old Cranwellian has ever written before, to give items of news of Old Cranwellians here.

"There is a large Air Force concentration, and to be seen amongst the sand and sun are F./Officer R. H. Shaw, Camp Commandant; F./Officers Knights-Whittome, A. G. Powell and Leonard-Williams, of No. 208 Squadron; P./Officer F. M. Smith sails a boat in the lagoon here, while P./Officer H. C. Vickery fires the starting gun for races; P./Officer E. M. Howell plays rugger; while P./Officer H. C. Sawyer plays hockey and 'croons.'

"Excuse untidiness, sir, we are just having a sand-storm."

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Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. N. B. Norris on the birth of a son, and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. Mellor on the birth of a son.

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We are very sorry to report the death of F./Lieut. H. M. V. Tristem as a result of a flying accident near Khormaksar, Aden, on 26th February this year.

F./Lieut. Tristem entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in September, 1923, and on passing out in 1925 was posted to No. 207 (Bomber) Squadron, Eastchurch.

The writer well recalls him at Cranwell, where he was studious and hard-working, and a valuable member of the College.

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F./Lieut. P. Heber-Percy, who spent a year seconded to the South African Air Force, is now A.D.C. to the High Commissioner of Egypt. He has written an article which appears earlier in this JOURNAL.

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The R.A.F. Yacht Club held a successful Regatta at Calshot on 10th and 11th July. There was a good turn-out in all the classes, and plenty of wind.

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, who is the Commodore of the Club, and several Old Cranwellians were racing.

F./Lieut. F. R. Drew is the Secretary.

The membership has now passed the 300 mark.

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We are glad to hear that F./Officer A. R. Atkins was rescued from his aeroplane when it crashed in the sea near Whitstable some months ago. He was taken ashore in a fishing boat and the aeroplane was beached.

Last term the Cadet Wing Officers were: Squadron-Leader R. L. Crofton, M.B.E., A.F.C., Squadron-Leader J. A. Gray, D.F.C., and F./Lieut. E. C. Dearth, commanding the three Squadrons; also F./Lieuts. G. D. Stephenson, A. F. McKenna and L. V. Andrews.

We were very sorry to hear, as we went to press, of the death of F./Officer Henry Molyneux. He was a fine athlete, but what one remembers most about him was his thoroughness. We could always rely upon him to make a success of whatever he took up, work or games.

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We were very sorry to hear that Squadron-Leader H. M. Massey, M.C., was wounded in the operations in Palestine.

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As reported earlier in the JOURNAL, we are very sorry to announce the death of Squadron-Leader G. H. Martingell, A.F.C., for three years our Chief Flying Instructor.

A brother-officer writes of him:—

"The Royal Air Force has lost one of its finest officers, and a large number of friends mourn the death of 'Tinsyde,' as he has been known by all, for his twenty years in the Service. He will be remembered for his sterling qualities, the efficiency with which he carried out everything he did, and the quietness and modesty accompanying it.

"As a pilot he ranked in the first few for his entire length of service, and for this very reason was marked as an exceptional instructor right from the beginning, and so he saw little service abroad with the R.F.C. and R.A.F. in spite of many requests—he had served as a machine gunner in France before joining the R.F.C. He soon became known as an altogether outstanding pilot, and officer, in the 'Special Instructors' Flight' at Shoreham at the beginning of 1918, and later when the school grew into the 'South-Eastern Area Flying Instructors' School.'

"His consistently sound flying, wonderful judgment and landings, and smooth handling of the controls have continued from those days, on many different types of aeroplane—at Croydon, Netheravon, Cranwell, in Iraq, and more recently at Martlesham and Cranwell again where he has been Chief Flying Instructor for the past three years. He leaves a gap in the Service which will be very hard to fill, and his large circle of friends extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Martingell.—S. F. V."

[The nickname "Tinsyde" arose from a fanciful resemblance between the name Martingell and the name of the Martinsyde aeroplanes, made by Martin & Handasyde, Ltd.]

Another brother-officer writes:—

"Tinsyde always gave one the impression that he was the last person to be overtaken by a crash of this sort. He was particularly calculating in his approach to all aviation problems, as he had a mind that quite naturally sought out, and analysed, the whys and wherefores of any particular set of circumstances, so much so that it was quite instinctive for him to be able

to put forward a theory on any subject. This applied to his flying and was quite apart from his natural ability as a pilot—which ability was undoubtedly exceptional.

"For these reasons he was a grand instructor, having a patience and a sense of humour which enabled him to deal with difficult situations which would have driven the average person to desperation.

"This sense of humour, which was not always apparent, was one of his most attractive features, I think. It was of rather an advanced type, obtaining its best effects through his own misfortunes, and strongly imbued with the 'bring out your deck-chairs, boys, here's someone landing down-wind' attitude which runs right through Service life and is such a mystery to people who have never encountered it in bulk, and who cannot understand its basic causes.

"I would rather have Tinsyde as a companion than anybody. He was always cheerful; could see the amusing side of the most ominous situations; was brave and supremely honest both with himself and other people.

"It is difficult to say more without becoming reminiscent, as one's memories of him will always be of the individual thing that he did, rather than of the complete person that he was. He had no exceptional book-learning at the expense of common practical experience; no sudden brilliance at the expense, perhaps, of other people; he was sound because he thought along the right lines; trusted because he was honest; and loved because, after all, common sense, honesty and humour are all that one should ask for in Service friendships. I for one know that there will never be anyone quite the same.—C. C."

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The Editor wishes to render special thanks for the help he has received in the compilation of this JOURNAL from F./Officer D. R. Evans, who, as a Flight Cadet, was a sub-editor.

SQUADRON LEADERS FROM CRANWELL

PROMOTION during the past year has brought on to the list of squadron leaders 20 out of the 43 members who passed out from the first term of the R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

The College was opened in February, 1920, with a course of 52 cadets, of whom 12 passed out at the end of 1920, 26 in 1921, four in 1922 and one in 1923, making a total of 43. The first to attain the rank of Squadron Leader was C. W. Weedon, on 1st December last. He is now attending the Staff College course. On 1st February two more of the term became squadron leaders, G. R. C. Spencer, on air staff duties in the Middle East Command, and G. Combe, an armament specialist at headquarters of the Armament Group, Eastchurch. There were four more promotions in April, six in June and seven in August. Altogether there are now thirty Cranwell-trained squadron leaders serving on the active list, compared with none a year ago.



F/C RJ Knights-Whittome



F/C Cpl HC Vickery



F/C Cpl EMT Howell

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F/C MD Thunder



F/C RG Stone



F/C Cpl IC Jackson



F/C Sgt CMcK Grierson



F/C Cpl RWG Lywood



F/C Cpl P Jones



F/C TU Rolfe



F/C RJ Gosnell



F/C PR Robinson



F/C Sgt SPA Patmore



F/C Sgt DS Kite



F/C L Coulson



F/C JG Franks



F/C Cpl MD Ommanney



F/C Cpl JR Addams



F/C GH Randle



F/C Cpl PS Salter



F/C JC Pope



F/C Cpl M Hastings

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE Editor urges on all Old Cranwellians that the task of producing the College JOURNAL becomes each year more difficult. For each number of the College JOURNAL all the available "copy" is used and the material for the next number has to be collected while the preceding number is in the press. He urges all Old Cranwellians to make a point of sending at least one contribution to the JOURNAL. These contributions can take the form of serious or humorous articles, poems, caricatures; and not least short fill-ups.

The ideal at which we are aiming is to produce a JOURNAL and yet to have left in the editorial lockers enough material to project the next number without anxiety.

Many congratulations to Wing-Commander H. M. Massey on the award of a D.S.O. for gallantry in Palestine. He won another valuable award, the Military Cross, eighteen years ago. This is a remarkable record.

Congratulations also to F./Officer R. G. Yaxley on winning at the same time the Military Cross—the first ex-cadet to win this decoration.

Squadron-Leader C. S. Riccard and F./Officer M. Thunder were on the Singapore to Sydney Flying-boat Survey in May last year.

Wing-Commander G. E. Livock has been working on a Roman villa at Stanton, West Suffolk, where he has helped to disclose a cement floor with a drain and pipes; and a hypocaust.

F./Lieut. A. King-Lewis is now in command of "C" Squadron. He is also in charge of our games. And he is the Chairman of the Old Cranwellian Committee.

Our best thanks are due to him and Mr. J. H. Lager for the successful Old Cranwellian Dinner at "The Dorchester" on 21st November.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the most valuable co-operation of all his Sub-Editors and particularly F./Lieuts. D. R. Evans, C. W. Williams and J. R. A. Peel. All these officers were Sub-Editors when they were flight-cadets, and are glad to be still working with Mr. W. T. Nash from Messrs. Gale & Polden.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieuts. K. F. T. Pickles, C. S. Moore, N. E. Morrison, M. B. Hamilton, H. P. Swann Burwood and C. W. Williams.

Congratulations on their marriages to Squadron-Leader and Mrs. R. Y. Eccles, F./Lieut. and Mrs. C. W. M. Ling, F./Lieut. and Mrs. R. G. Stone, F./Lieut. and Mrs. K. R. Coates and F./Officer and Mrs. I. C. Jackson.

F./Lieut. D. B. D. Field won the scratch competition in the R.A.F. Golf Championship on 8th September; Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft won one of the handicaps; and F./Lieut. G. F. Macpherson tied in the Foursomes.

F./Lieut. J. G. Llewellyn is Hon. Secretary of the Inter-Unit Rugby Competition. He has visited the College twice this term.

F./Lieuts. C. McK. Grierson and J. P. Cecil-Wright, and F./Officer R. D. A. Wills took part last year in a flying-boat flight from Pembroke Dock to Singapore.

Congratulations on their promotion to Squadron-Leader to the following Flight-Lieutenants:—

R. W. G. Lywood, W. A. Opie, T. B. Prickman, G. R. M. Clifford, D. L. Thomson, H. M. Mellor, M.V.O., H. H. Brookes, C. Guppy, P. Jones, J. G. Franks, F. F. W. Hall, J. A. T. Ryde, A.F.C., G. R. Beamish, The Earl of Bandon, M. D. Ommanney, R. A. B. Stone, J. R. Addams, A.F.C., R. Costa, J. B. Barrett, D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, L. K. Barnes, M.B.E., C. F. Sealy, E. S. C. Davies, A.F.C., D. A. Boyle, C. H. A. Stevens, H. M. Groves, G. C. Shepherd, M. B. Mackay, R. A. R. Mangles, F. G. S. Mitchell, W. J. M. Akerman, R. H. Carter, A. D. Davies, G. H. Randle, C. S. Riccard, V. B. Bennett, R. B. Jordan, G. E. Nicholetts, A.F.C., F. J. Fressanges, N. A. P. Pritchett, N. Carter, D.F.C., M. H. Garnons-Williams and A. F. Hutton.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flight-Lieutenant to the following Flying-Officers:—

P. S. Gomez, F. C. de la P. Beresford-Peirse, I. G. Mackay, E. D. McK. Nelson, R. G. Coventry, M. H. Rhys, S. J. Marchbank, P. S. Salter, R. H. E. Emson, H. P. Jenkins, R. A. C. Carter, T. G. L. Gale, J. C. Pope, A. R. G. Bax, R. E. Barnett, D. R. Evans, A. N. Combe, C. Broughton, C. R. D. L. Lloyd, C. C. Morton, D. Michell, T. U. Rolfe, H. G. Leonard-Williams, D. J. P. Lee, H. Y. Humphreys, R. H. Shaw, J. R. A. Peel, R. J. Gosnell, H. P. Burwood, R. G. Stone, P. R. Robinson, E. B. C. Davies, S. P. A. Patmore, M. K. D. Porter, W. R. Brotherhood, D. S. Kite, R. J. Knights-Whittome, R. A. C. Barclay, D. A. Pemberton, L. Coulson, R. L. Bradford, A. G. Powell, M. Hastings, A. Golding, P. de G. H. Seymour, E. C. Ingham, H. H. Hilliar, W. H. N. Turner, G. W. Montague and C. J. Giles.

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The Editor commends to all Old Cranwellians and to flight-cadets a book entitled "High Failure," which has been written by F./Officer John Grierson, R.A.F.O. It is a clear and capable account of the first solo flight from Londonderry to Reykjavik, then on to Angmagssalik, across the Ice Cap to Godthaab; and then on via Lake Harbour, down the Hudson Bay to Ottawa and New York. John Grierson tells us of his first attempt, his crash in Iceland; and of all his adventures and misadventures and anxieties in Greenland and elsewhere on his second and successful flight. His main intention was to survey a possible transatlantic service and to show that such a service is quite practicable if flown by short stages and without resort to spectacular methods of non-stop flight or mid-ocean rafts.

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We offer our congratulations to Air Commodore and Mrs. P. Babington on the birth of a daughter; Squadron-Leader and Mrs. G. Combe on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. R. V. McIntyre on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. E. A. Jones on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. F. F. Wicks on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. P. Heath on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. H. Hilliar on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. R. Sarel on the birth of a son; and F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. B. M. Wallis on the birth of a son.

We are very sorry to record the death, over Navenby, Lincolnshire, of F./Lieut. R. J. O. Bartlett. He entered the College in 1925, and was posted to this College as an instructor in August last year. During his short stay here he had made himself very popular. His widow has been assured of our sincere sympathy.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Sayer has recovered from her recent illness, and we hope that she will now continue in good health.

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Mrs. "Mum" Dawes, we are glad to report, is in fairly good health.

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An Old Cranwellian writes to the Editor from Basra:—

"I should have written to thank you weeks ago for your letter, but the climate and my fondness for letter writing make a wonderful combination. I can look proudly at some letters which arrived in December and reflect that they are not yet answered—real old vintage letters and some of them quite urgent.

"The squadron is still coming back from Aden in driblets. E. A. Jones will be here shortly. Other Cranwellians are Windsor, Brandon and Clayton; while we see Fuller-Good and Guy Charles here from Shaibah every now and then.



F/Cpl GAV Clayton

"You will remember Ash? He is my aide-de-depot at the moment. He says he likes Basra, an opinion to which I do not subscribe. He sends many salaams to you; he is like myself a great lover of Cranwell in all its aspects. During the heat of the summer we passed many an hour chatting about places and personalities in the neighbourhood.

"I have tried once or twice to write something for you; but the fount of inspiration, which was never much more than a muddy puddle anyway, has been dried up by the heat.

"My very kindest regards to all old friends (including the goldfish in J. Merer's garden)—and to yourself."

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Mr. Green, the barber, and his family were recently given a flight from Portsmouth to the Isle of Wight and back by F./Officer John Grierson.

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We had visits last term from P./Officers M. Stevenson, H. R. Goodman, D. Greville-Bell and P. B. Chamberlain, who called here on their way to India.

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F./Lieut. J. W. C. More, by beating F./Officer B. K. Burnett in the final of the R.A.F. Squash Racquets Championship at the Kensington Country Club at the end of last year, by 8—10, 4—9, 9—4, 9—3, 9—2, retained the title. The match lasted an hour and ten minutes. Burnett's left knee was heavily bandaged, and he seemed very doubtful of it, but, playing very well in the first two games, he appeared to be well on the way to victory. More, however, is probably the most dogged retriever in the game, and, getting everything back, and scoring several winners with the drop, gradually wore his opponent down and won very easily at the finish.

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Congratulations to Wing-Commander and Mrs. H. M. Massey on the birth of a son; and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. N. McKechnie on the birth of a daughter.

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F./Officer Hordern is now designing aircraft for the Heston Aircraft Company.

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Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., presided over the Sixth Annual Reunion Dinner of the R.A.F. Old Comrades' Association, which was held at the Thames House Restaurant, London, on Saturday, 28th November.

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F./Lieut. G. N. E. T.-C.-Worsley, who has for some time been Armament Officer here, has been posted to the Air Ministry. He has left



F/C Sgt EG Hordern

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his department in a very efficient state for his successor, Squadron-Leader M. H. Garnons-Williams.

The Household Staff played the Cadets on 2nd September at soccer, and after a very good, hard-fought game, and plenty of encouragement from the rest of the College servants, the game ended in a draw of two goals each. The captain of the Staff was Mr. C. Richardson.

Not being satisfied, each team thought they could do better, so a second match was arranged, which was played on 16th September. This was a much better game, but, as in the first match, it ended in a draw. Both the goals were scored in the last ten minutes of the game. In fact, the Cadets scored with the last kick of the game. This time, Mr. G. Copping was captain of the Staff team.

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One of our cooks, Mr. W. Day, met with a motor-cycle accident at the beginning of the term. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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We have received news of the death of Mrs. Long, wife of Mr. H. Long, at one time a College servant. Old Cranwellians will remember Mr. Long as the leader of the once-famous "Bert Long's Band," which provided many enjoyable evenings in and outside Cranwell. All will join with us in offering him our sympathy.

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We have received news of the death of a servant of the past, Mr. Ben Turner. Mr. Turner was a regular member of the staff cricket 2nd XI, and was always willing to help in our activities. He was also a member of our Concert Party. We offer our sympathy to his widow.

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We welcome back to the College Mr. Sendall, one of our waiters, after his tour of duty with the British Forces in Palestine. He is well; indeed, we hope he is now better, both in soul and body, after his visit to the Holy Land.

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We also welcome the return of our Library Clerk, Mr. Fisk, after contact with chicken-pox.

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This term we lost the services of Mr. R. Broughton, on promotion. He was for many years in the College Accountant's Office. His kindly manner, and his willingness to help everyone in trouble made him many friends at Cranwell and in the district. He was a social worker, and nothing was too much trouble for him. He will be missed in Sleaford; just as we miss him here. In the Spring, 1936, issue of the JOURNAL he wrote an interesting article on "Wild Birds in Lincolnshire." We wish him and Mrs. Broughton success in his new position.

We were glad to see Mr. E. Curt in charge of the waiting at the Old Cranwellian Dinner.

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To Old Cranwellians it may be interesting to know that we still have our two Corporals, Mr. F. Gerard and Mr. Owen, in the Fancy Goods Store.

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Of the batmen we still have with us Messrs. Green, Jackman, Young, Banks, Dean, Clifton, Harding, Mayhew, Harmston and Pell. All have very many years' service, and will be remembered kindly by Old Cranwellians. We offer our sympathy to Mr. Lyon on the loss of his only son.

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Mr. Maris and Sergt. Thistle are doing good service in the Hall Porter's Lodge, and often have to announce (when foggy) "No mail yet, sir."

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Mr. J. Lewistein is the golfing "champ" of the Household Staff.

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Young Robert comes from the stables to see us each day, and tells us the good points about the Cadets' Riding School horses, and why they are the best in the county.

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Also I must mention Mr. F. Mayfield. He is one of the College cooks; a cheery soul, who keeps his colleagues amused with his good humour. And his assistant, "Clarence."

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A College Mystery.—Who took the ash-tray on Saturday, 28th November, 1936? Scotland Yard has not been warned yet.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge kind letters of assistance from Air-Commodores P. Babington and W. F. McN. Foster, Wing-Commanders O. C. Bryson and G. E. Gibbs, Wing-Commander H. V. Rowley, F./Lieuts. H. Eeles, R. E. Vintras and J. Homer, Capt. D. E. Williams, F./Officers P. Kelly, P. W. Townsend and R. M. Longmore, P./Officer T. F. Barker and Father Peter Utley.

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R. F. Fraser-Smith is now commissioned in the Royal Marines and is stationed at Plymouth. He takes a great interest in the College JOURNAL.

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P./Officer Anthony Sowter has retired from the Service and is now engaged on civil engineering. His address is Gailadies, Leafield, Oxfordshire.

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Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan occasionally pays a welcome visit to our Rugby matches.

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F/C Cpl J Warburton



F/C L Rose



F/C JC Mayhew



F/C Sgt JR Fishwick



U/O PB Chamberlain



F/C JW Fordham



F/C JW Arney



F/C RK Jeffries



F/C GH Loughnan



F/C PW Lowe-Holmes



F/C JH Lowe



F/C TR Manson



F/C Cpl RW Reynolds

F./Officer John Grierson has been on a tour in Germany after a very hard ferrying job at Portsmouth. He proposes to take the Editor to Carthage and several other places on one of their periodical Rund-flüger. His address is Hilston, Bowes Hill, Rowlands Castle, Hants.

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Sergt.-Major R. E. Gorwood is still doing good work at Halton Camp, Wendover.

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An Old Cranwellian writes :—

“As you see, I managed to get into the Marines. I played rugger for the division last Saturday week.

“There are twenty of us ‘young officers’ as they call us, and they are busy putting us through it on the parade ground here. We get about three and a half hours’ drill and one and a half hours’ P. & R.T. every day, except Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, which are half-days.

“It is peculiar here, because my position is largely reversed. Instead of being on the look-out for officers to salute, we have to be on the look-out for Marines who salute us. We put in four months of this drill here; and then we go to Chatham for our next course. The total course takes two years and one month, compressed from three years owing to the increase in the Services. Then we become First-Lieutenants.

“I have to forget all my Air Force drill, because it is very different from the Army manner of doing it.”

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The following have visited the College during this term :—

Squadron-Leaders C. F. Sealy and V. B. Bennett, F./Lieuts. J. Warburton, G. W. Montague, R. L. Wallace, J. G. Llewellyn, G. D. Stephenson, G. R. A. Elsmie, R. A. Sprague and L. H. Stewart, F./Officers L. Rose, A. T. D. Sanders, C. J. P. Flood, C. R. J. Pink, M. Dawnay, L. C. Bicknell and L. R. Stewart, P./Officers J. C. Mayhew, J. R. Fishwick, P. B. Chamberlain and John Fordham (twice), and the Rev. A. MacHardy.

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We are glad to have back with us W.O. J. Campbell, who is looking as well as ever.

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We were sorry to see the resignations of F./Lieuts. R. H. Page and H. W. A. Chesterman. Chesterman was once a Sub-Editor of this JOURNAL. We are told that he is going to Heidelberg University.

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The second Annual Reunion Dinner was held at the Dorchester Hotel, London, on Saturday, 21st November. One hundred and twenty-one members were present at an enjoyable evening. In the absence of the President, the chair was taken by Air Vice-Marshal H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave.

Those who accepted the invitation to the Dinner were :—
F./Lieuts. L. V. Andrews and D. Addenbrooke, and P./Officer J. W. Arney.

Air-Commodore P. Babington, M.C., A.F.C., Wing-Commander O. C. Bryson, M.C., D.F.C., A.M., Squadron-Leader V. B. Bennett, Professor R. de la Bère, F./Lieuts. W. N. Blain, G. G. Barrett, D. W. Bayne, W. I. H. Burke, R. A. C. Barclay, W. K. Beisiegel, L. W. C. Bower and W. R. Beaman, F./Officers D. R. S. Bader and T. F. Barker, and P./Officers A. M. Bentley, H. E. C. Boxer, D. W. Balden and T. M. Buchanan.

Air Vice-Marshal H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave, D.S.O., D.F.C., Squadron-Leaders G. Combe and R. L. Crofton, F./Lieuts. R. A. C. Carter, R. T. Cazalet, A. N. Combe, T. N. Coslett and H. A. Constantine, F./Officer A. W. J. Clark and P./Officer C. S. Cooper.

F./Lieuts. L. W. Dickens and R. B. Dashper, F./Officer M. Dawnay, and P./Officers F. O. Dickson and J. N. Dowland.

F./Lieuts. G. R. A. Elsmie, D. R. Evans and H. Eeles.

F./Lieuts. G. K. Fairtlough and D. Field, F./Officers D. Finlay and C. J. P. Flood, and P./Officer W. A. de Freitas.

Squadron-Leaders M. H. Garnons-Williams and J. A. Gray, F./Lieuts. T. G. L. Gale, J. W. Gillan, A. W. Geoghegan and R. J. Gosnell, F./Officer A. Golding, and P./Officers O. Godfrey and H. R. Goodman.

Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan, Group-Captain J. H. Herring, Squadron-Leaders J. G. Hawtrey and F. F. W. Hall, F./Lieuts. A. W. Hunt, M. B. Hamilton, M. L. Heath and H. A. V. Hogan, F./Officers F. G. Hall, D. P. Hanafin, E. C. Harding and P. D. W. Hackforth, and P./Officer N. M. Hall.

P./Officer W. I. C. Inness.

F./Lieuts. R. K. Jeffries and R. C. Jonas, and P./Officer R. J. Jones.

F./Lieuts. A. King-Lewis and R. J. Knights-Whittome.
Mr. J. H. Lager (Secretary), F./Lieuts. G. H. Loughnan, P. W. Lowe-Holmes, C. E. Littler, K. P. Lewis, C. R. Lloyd and J. G. Llewellyn, and F./Officers D. O. F. Lumsden and J. H. Lowe.

Squadron-Leader D. Macfadyen, F./Lieuts. R. V. McIntyre, J. W. C. More, W. H. Merton, R. Monks, G. W. Montague, J. Marson and J. R. Mutch, F./Officer T. R. Manson, and P./Officers D. McIntyre and J. C. Mayhew.

F./Lieut. I. B. Newbigging and F./Officer J. D. Nelson.

Squadron-Leader W. A. Opie.

Air Vice-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., Squadron-Leader T. B. Prickman, F./Lieuts. R. L. Phillips, P. J. Polglase, M. K. D. Porter, W. P. Pretty, J. R. Peel and A. G. Powell, and F./Officer C. R. J. Pink.

Squadron-Leader A. P. Revington, F./Lieuts. P. R. Robinson, D. Ross-Shore and T. U. Rolfe, and P./Officers T. S. Rivett-Carnac and R. W. Reynolds.



F/C TM Buchanan



F/C JN Dowland



F/C Sgt D Finlay



F/C Sgt O Godfrey



F/C Cpl NM Hall



F/C Cpl WIS Inness

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Sir Philip Sassoon, Wing-Commander E. J. Sayer, Squadron-Leaders C. F. Sealy and R. H. S. Spaight, F./Lieuts. R. H. Shaw, W. W. Stainthorpe, R. A. Sprague, E. R. Simonds and G. D. Stephenson, F./Officer D. Seward, and P./Officers M. P. Skinner, M. E. W. Scott-Mackirdy and M. G. Stevenson.

Air-Commodore W. Tyrrell, F./Lieut. W. H. N. Turner, and P./Officers J. B. Tait and J. C. Thompson.

F./Lieuts. J. Whitehead, R. L. Wilkinson, J. B. Wallis, G. F. Whistondale, J. Worrall, J. N. H. Whitworth, N. C. Walker and C. W. Williams, and F./Officer D. W. Williams.

F./Lieut. B. C. Yarde.

At the end of dinner, F./Lieut. A. King-Lewis, the Chairman of the Association, said :

" As far as Cranwell is concerned, you know as well as I do that there are a hundred and one activities, and I cannot possibly mention them all. Most of them are very fully described in the JOURNAL, which I know you all read from cover to cover. I think you will all agree, by the way, that the last effort of ' the Prof's ' was a very excellent one. I should like to mention in particular the Riding School. It is now an integral part of life at the College, and is likely to be even more so owing to the addition of a fifth horse, which the Association bought, and for which we are providing the upkeep for one year. Sir Philip Sassoon has kindly offered to present two more horses for the Riding School. So far, we have been unable to take advantage of his offer, as our stables are full and the income of the Riding School cannot provide for the upkeep of more than the five horses we have. However, we are trying to persuade the Air Ministry to give us a covered Riding School, so that the cadets' riding may not be so much curtailed during the winter months at Cranwell, when daylight is short and the ground frozen. So far, the Air Ministry has rejected with scorn our contention that the cadets are pining for a new Drill Shed, which must have a tan floor to reduce the deterioration of rifles and develop the cadets' marching ability. But we still hope that the rebuilding of Cranwell will make available some building which can be converted to a Riding School; and when this time comes we shall remember Sir Philip's offer.

" You will also be pleased to hear that the new Squash Courts have been opened, and there are now four courts available.

" Perhaps the most interesting function at the College this year was the unveiling of the two life-size portraits of our Patron and our President, which were presented to the R.A.F. College by our Association. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Lady Trenchard in July last. The portraits face everybody who enters by the main entrance of the College; I can think of no more suitable position for the portraits of these two distinguished officers, who did so much for the College.

" I shall not occupy your time any longer except to say how sorry we all are at Cranwell to lose our Air Officer Commanding, Air Vice-Marshal Cave-Browne-Cave, who has kindly taken the chair to-night, in the absence of our President. On your behalf as Chairman I should also like to take

this opportunity of thanking him for the interest he has displayed in our Association and the work he has done for it whilst he has been at Cranwell."

Short speeches were also made by Air Vice-Marshal Cave-Browne-Cave, Professor R. de la Bère, Sir Philip Sassoon, Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan and Air-Commodore P. Babington.

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F./Officer John Grierson flew up on Monday, 30th November, in his private " Swallow " and spent the night here. His particular interest is in the " Atkins " fog landing scheme.

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F./Lieut. G. D. Stephenson recently gave a sherry party in the Mess after the Old Cranwellian Cross-Country Run.

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The following Old Cranwellians are at present at Cranwell :—

At the College: Squadron-Leader M. H. Garnons-Williams (Armament), and F./Lieuts. A. King-Lewis (O.C. " C " Squadron; L. W. Dickens (O.C. " B " Flight), B. C. Yarde (Adjutant), R. A. T. Stowell, W. S. Hebden (Signals), W. T. F. Wightman, W. I. H. Burke, C. E. J. Baines, C. W. Williams, L. V. Andrews, J. R. A. Peel, M. H. Rhys and D. Finlay. At the Electrical and Wireless School: F./Lieut. H. F. G. Southey (on the Staff); F./Lieut. F. D. Biggs and F./Officer H. C. Sawyer (Signals Squadron), and F./Lieuts. D. R. Evans, C. C. Morton, H. G. Leonard-Williams, P. R. Robinson, M. K. D. Porter and A. G. Powell (on the Course). F./Lieut. W. N. McKechnie is on " P " Staff duties at Headquarters, having taken over from Squadron-Leader R. Y. Eccles.

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Many Old Cranwellians will remember D. K. Horsfield, who is married and is living with his family at Lindfield, Sussex. Here he is the owner of a twelve-hundred-years-old water-mill, by which he makes his daily (wholemeal) bread.

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Old Cranwellians will be very sorry to hear that W.O. J. E. Beresford has been unwell and has partially lost his sight. His address is: Tern Side, Tern Hill, Nr. Market Drayton, Salop. The Editor hopes that Old Cranwellians will write to him. He has started a small lending library which at present contains about 70 books, and he will be grateful for any gifts of books which Old Cranwellians are able to make.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge a very large Old Cranwellian mail this Christmas and New Year, and hopes gradually to reply to all his correspondents.



F/C Sgt D Seward



F/C JB Tait



F/C DW Williams



F/C DK Horsfield

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Twelfth Annual General Meeting - 30 June 1937

Commandant, AVM JEA Baldwin*, in the Chair.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.- Receipts and Expenditure Account for the period 19th May 1936 to 31st May 1937.

Receipts			Expenditure.				
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		
Interest in invested funds.	17.	10.	0.	Depreciation - property.	1.	0.	0.
Subscriptions.	458.	4.	0.	Stamps.	2.	11.	3½.
Profit on ties.	2.	10.	6.	Telephone. <i>as and subscriptions of members.</i>		4.	11.
				Annual grant R.A.F. College.	50.	0.	0.
				Printing and stationery.	10.	1.	7.
				Carriage on paintings.	2.	6.	7.
				Wreaths.	2.	11.	0.
				Grant - Riding School.	40.	0.	0.
				Clerical work.	1.	5.	0.
				College Journals to Members.	136.	7.	6.
				Income Tax.	4.	0.	9.
				Annual dinner.	152.	12.	2.
				EXCESS of Income over expenditure.	75.	3.	8½.
	478.	4.	6.		478.	4.	6.

BALANCE SHEET. at 31st May 1937.

Liabilities.			Assets.				
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		
Capital account 18/5/36.	651.	12.	7.	Cash at Bank - current.	203.	6.	7.
ADD Income & Expenditure account as above.	75.	3.	8½.	Cash in hand.		1.	4½.
				Invested Funds 3½% War Stock.	500.	0.	0.
				Ties on hand.	16.	4.	6.
				Stamps in hand.		3.	10.
				Property - typewriter.	7.	0.	0.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT 31/5/37.	726.	16.	3½.		726.	16.	3½.

I hereby certify that the accounts and balance sheet for the period 19th May 1936 to 31st May 1937 disclose all transactions that have taken place during that period in connection with the Old Cranwellian Association funds and that all assets and liabilities are properly accounted for.

.....*J. Magu*..... Hon Secretary.

Audited and found correct.....*C.A. Dyer*.....

14th June 1937

Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday June 30th 1937. 83

There were 27 members present.

Air Vice Marshal Baldwin was Chairman.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed.

ACCOUNTS. The Honorary Secretary presented the audited balance sheet for the period ended 30th May 1937 and on the proposition of F/Lt. Hebden, seconded by F/Lt. C.W. Williams, the accounts were passed. The financial state of the Association was considered to be very satisfactory.

R.A.F. COLLEGE ENTERTAINMENT FUND. Proposed by S/L. Garnons-Williams that the annual grant of £50 towards the cost of entertaining visiting members be made to the R.A.F. College Entertainment Fund. This was seconded by F/Lt Baines, and carried Nem Com.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES. The amendments to the Rules of the Association which were passed at the last Committee Meeting, subject to the approval of this meeting, were submitted for that approval. F/Lt. Peel proposed that the amendments be passed and incorporated in the Rules. This was seconded by F/Lt. Wightman, and carried nem. com.

ANNUAL DINNER. The Secretary informed the meeting that arrangements had been made to hold the Annual Re-union Dinner at the Connaught Rooms, London, on Saturday November 27th next. The meeting concurred in this arrangement. It was proposed by S/Ldr. Garnons Williams, seconded by F/Lt. C.W. Williams, that the Rev. McHardy be invited as a guest of honour at the dinner. This proposition was carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR ENSUING YEAR. As the whole of the present committee were still serving at Home Stations it was proposed by S/Ldr. Bonham-Carter that they be re-elected en bloc, providing they are willing to serve, for a further year. This was seconded by F/Lt. Baines and carried.

COMMITTEE. At Cranwell.
 Air Vice Marshal JEA Baldwin, DSO., OBE., ✓
 Group Capt. J.H. Herring, DSO., MC., ✓
 S/Ldr. M.H. Garnons-Williams. ✓
 F/Lt. C.W. Williams ×
 F/Lt. J.R.A. Peel × +
 S/Ldr. B.C. Yarde × +
 F/O. H.C. Sawyer. × -
 F/Lt. W.S. Hebden. ✓

At Home Stations.
 S/Ldr. D. Macfadyen
 F/Lt. R.A. Sprague
 S/Ldr. A. King Lewis
 S/Ldr. J.W. Gillan
 S/Ldr. V. Bruce Bennett
 F/Lt. C.W.M. Leng.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

JEA Baldwin
Chairman.

*AVM JE Baldwin stood in as AOC-in-C Bomber Command in 1942 pending the arrival of 'Bomber Harris'

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE Annual Reunion Dinner will be on 27th November, 1937, at the Connaught Rooms. Members of the Association will be advised of further details later.

The following honorary members have signified their wish to become associate members: Air Vice-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, Professor R. de la Bère, Air Commodore W. Tyrrell, Squadron Leader H. G. Sawyer, and Group Captains J. T. Lloyd, J. Sowrey and A. Coningham.

Air Vice-Marshal Henry Meyrick Cave-Browne-Cave, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., is the Air Officer Commanding, No. 16 (Reconnaissance) Group, Royal Air Force.

He joined the Royal Flying Corps (Naval Wing) from the Royal Navy in April, 1914. During the War he served with the Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Air Force, and commanded the Seaplane Stations at Dunkirk and Malta. For his war services he was awarded the D.S.O. and the D.F.C. He was granted a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force with the rank of Wing Commander in 1919 and later served on the staff of the School of Technical Training (Apprentices), Royal Air Force. During 1922-27 he held, in turn, the posts of Deputy Director of Design and Deputy Director of Technical Development at the Air Ministry.

He was in command of the Far East Flight which left England in October, 1927, for Singapore and afterwards flew from Singapore round Australia back to Singapore and from Singapore to Hong Kong and back—a distance of more than 27,000 statute miles. On the formation of the Far East Command, with Headquarters at Singapore, he was appointed Commanding Officer. In April, 1931, he was posted to the Air Ministry as Director of Technical Development, and in December, 1934, he became Commandant of the Royal Air Force College.

In the New Year Honours, 1936, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., and Air Commodore P. Babington, M.C., A.F.C., were amongst those who represented the Air Force in Westminster Abbey at the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Congratulations on his latest honour to Air Vice-Marshal A. S. Barratt, C.B., C.M.G., M.C.

Air Marshal Sir Arthur M. Longmore, K.C.B., D.S.O., succeeds Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., as President of the Royal Air Force Rugby Union.

Wing Commander A. L. Paxton, D.F.C., has now gone to No. 12 Fighter Group, Uxbridge.

Our new Chief Flying Instructor is Squadron Leader D. A. Boyle.

Squadron Leader G. H. Loughnan is commanding No. 4 (A.C.) Squadron, Odiham.

The Editor acknowledges letters from Squadron-Leader "Bill" Spencer, who is now commanding No. 47 Squadron in Khartoum. It was very pleasant to see the Squadron Leader at the College recently.

Congratulations on their promotion to Squadron Leader to:—

A. H. Willetts, N. W. F. Mason, S. H. Hardy, P. G. Pike, N. S. Allinson, H. D. Spreckley, E. A. Healy, G. W. Hayes, F. G. Cator, N. Young, G. P. Chamberlain, T. E. Nuttall, J. E. G. H. Thomas, G. B. Beardsworth, S. H. V. Harris, A. D. Gilmore, A. King-Lewis, L. W. Dickens, H. S. Nowell, G. N. J. Stanley-Turner, J. L. Fuller-Good, J. Warburton, W. M. C. Kennedy, J. H. McM. Campbell, I. D'A. Keary, H. W. Pearson-Rogers, C. K. J. Coggle, E. B. Steadman, L. W. Cannon, F. M. Denny, T. N. McEvoy, J. H. Hutchinson, R. Kellett, F. M. V. May, R. J. A. Ford, R. L. R. Atcherley, G. E. G. Lywood, J. R. Jones, A. H. W. G. Cocks, C. M. Heard, R. C. Wilson, A. H. Montgomery, T. C. Dickens, J. B. M. Wallis, H. G. Southey, E. L. S. Ward, J. E. W. Bowles, G. H. Loughnan, A. G. Wheeler, L. C. Bennett, D. N. Roberts, E. B. Webb, P. W. Lowe-Holmes, F. V. Beamish, D. W. R. Riley, G. H. Huxham, H. L. Patch, W. H. Merton, A. P. Bett, A. V. Hammond, J. Norwood, E. S. Finch, B. C. Yarde, J. H. McReynolds, T. J. Arbuthnot, J. Marson, H. A. Constantine, C. E. Chilton, C. W. Dicken, J. W. Gillan, R. F. Shenton, T. H. Carr, E. C. Lewis, G. Francis, H. Waring, J. C. Cunningham and J. Mutch.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flight Lieutenant to:—

W. D. Disbrey, R. R. Fairweather, D. Finlay, B. A. Chacksfield, J. V. C. Badger, A. F. R. Bennett, G. N. Hancock, J. A. P. Owen, G. E. Peacock, L. G. Levis, T. L. Moseley, P. L. Donkin, P. W. Bale, B. H. Becker, W. B. Murray, A. C. P. Carver, M. D. Thunder, R. G. Watson, M. A. Aylmer, N. C. Jones, C. T. Weir, H. R. Tidd, K. Gray, J. H. D. Walker, A. H. Jarand, G. A. V. Knyvett, A. J. P. Sanders, G. C. Eveleigh, J. N. Knowles, G. A. Mills, D. R. Shore, J. D. Nelson, C. A. J. Pink, G. O. L. Scott, D. E. B. Wheeler, C. J. P. Flood, E. C. Harding and F. M. Smith.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flying Officer to:—

H. E. C. Boxer, C. S. Cooper, J. W. Arney, T. M. Buchanan, N. B. P. Bromley, M. E. W. Scott-Mackirdy, J. W. Bayley, A. W. D.



F/C Sgt GB Beardsworth



F/C Sgt JHM McN Campbell



F/C Cpl JD'A Keary



F/C Cpl RJA Ford



F/C Sgt CEG Lywood



F/C Cpl RC Wilson



F/C Cpl RF Shenton



F/C H Waring



F/C Cpl PL Donkin



F/C Sgt JEW Bowles



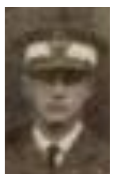
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F/C Cpl AV Hammond



F/C Cpl JHM McC Reynolds



F/C TJ Arbuthnot



F/C Cpl NBR Bromley

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Miller, D. W. Balden, N. M. Hall, F. O. Dickson, A. J. Mason, G. E. Wallace, A. W. J. Clark, J. D. Melvin, P. W. Townsend, F. E. Croce, D. P. D. G. Kelly, L. R. Stewart, G. Elsmie, P. T. Philpott, G. D. Hackett, J. H. Slater, F. R. Foster, R. W. Reynolds, J. Darwen, T. S. Rivett-Carnac, M. P. Skinner, R. K. Jeffries, J. C. Mayhew, L. Mathias, P. J. K. Pike, J. A. Chorlton, A. R. Atkins, R. M. Longmore and P. G. S. Dickenson.

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We were very sorry to read of the death at Martlesham Heath on 28th May this year of F./Officer C. H. Vickery. After three years' training at Halton he was awarded a cadetship at the College and a Lord Wakefield Scholarship. He entered the R.A.F. as an Aircraft Apprentice in 1930.

He won the Aeronautical Engineering Prize and the John Anthony Chance Prize, and represented the College at fencing and Association football. On passing out, he was posted to No. 33 (Bomber) Squadron and went with the Squadron to the Middle East during the emergency movements of 1935.

When No. 64 (Fighter) Squadron was formed at Heliopolis in March, 1936, he was posted as Adjutant; and he was serving in that capacity at Martlesham Heath at the time of the accident.

He was a man of fine character, liked by everyone, and by his death the Service has lost an efficient officer.

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At the College, Squadron Leader M. H. Garnons-Williams is in command of "A" Squadron; F./Lieut. C. W. Williams is in command of "C" Squadron; F./Lieut. G. G. Barrett is in charge of Air Navigation; F./Lieut. W. S. Hebden is in charge of Signals; F./Lieut. L. V. Andrews is in charge of the Photographic Section; and F./Lieut. J. R. A. Peel is the Adjutant.

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These Old Cranwellians are also in residence on the station:—

F./Lieuts. J. Mutch, W. T. F. Wightman, C. E. J. Baines, M. H. Rhys, R. L. Bradford, D. Finlay, C. F. Pearce, B. Ball, J. A. Robinson, G. N. Hancock, R. R. Fairweather and M. F. B. Read, and F./Officers J. P. Ussher, M. Dawnay, G. Thrupp and D. P. Barclay.

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These Old Cranwellians have just concluded the Signals Course at Cranwell:—

F./Lieuts. D. R. Evans, C. C. Morton, H. G. Leonard-Williams, P. R. Robinson, M. K. D. Porter and A. G. Powell.

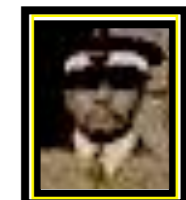
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We were very sorry to hear of the death at Grantham on Sunday, 11th July, of "Mum" Dawes. Many Old Cranwellians will remember her lavish hospitality to cadets and officers when her husband was Secretary of

the College. She was the mother of the Station, and nothing was too much trouble for her in the interests of the wives and children of the station. She was buried at Cranwell on Wednesday, 14th July, in the presence of several friends among the officers and servants of both Messes.

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We were very grieved to hear of the assassination recently at Mosul of Mohammed Jawad. He was a very popular and efficient member of this College some years ago. He looked in here only a few weeks ago and he promised to send us a memoir about his contemporaries. It is to be regretted that a man with such a brilliant future in Iraq has lost his life in this way. It was typical of him that he lost his life in the defence of a friend.



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F./Officer John Grierson is now working in the Home Division of the Department of Civil Aviation, and has much to do with the Licensing of civil aerodromes.

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The R.A.F. won the Inter-Service Hockey Championship for the first time when they beat the Royal Navy and Royal Marines by 4 goals to 0. F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel captained the side and played at full-back with all his old brilliance.

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These Old Cranwellians visited the College last term:—

Father P. Utley, Squadron Leader V. B. Bennett, F./Lieuts. D. A. Pemberton, A. N. Combe, G. D. Stephenson and R. J. Gosnell, and F. Officers H. E. C. Boxer and H. Bradford, the late Mohammed Ali Jawad, and Air Commodore D. C. S. Evill.

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An Old Cranwellian writes:—

"I am sorry I have not been able to meet your kind request for a humorous article, but you might consider a few of my experiences on leave worth publication—they would perhaps interest people who are looking for suggestions for holidays.

"My idea of a holiday is a complete change of environment. With the prospect of leave and this idea in my mind I hurried to the local branch of Mr. Cook and bought a copy of his Continental time-table. With this fascinating volume and an atlas I soon began to indulge in the most stupendous imaginary travels. I potted about in the Balkans; I coasted along the shores of the Caspian; crack-jaw names which before had seemed only fit for limericks tripped from my tongue when the conversation turned to ways and means of 'getting home.' It was all very disturbing, but good for one's geography.

"But leave was becoming imminent. Time was short and money was shorter, and some practical plans had to be devised. I found two boats



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F/C JD Melvin

F/C Sgt FR Foster

U/O J Darwen

F/C L Mathias

F/C Cpl PJK Pike

F/C PGS Dickenson

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which promised plenty of change at a reasonable cost. One was Italian and the other French.

“ To cut a long story short, I sailed from Alexandria on the Italian steamer *Equitta*, which reached Piræus ten days later. That gives me ten days in Athens, after which I catch a French steamer back to Beyrouth.

“ I am writing from Athens, so that the second half of the trip is still to come, but the first half has been grand. From Alexandria we made Port Said the next day. My last visit was almost exactly a year before, on a trooper. This time I was with a fellow-passenger who had lived in Egypt for thirty years (and still had a broad Scots accent), and during the seven or eight hours we had ashore I saw—with his help—a little more of Port Said than on my previous visit.

“ We sailed in the evening, having taken on board a batch of deck passengers, odd-looking little people, including Jews from the Yemen who were bound for Palestine.

“ We reached Jaffa in the morning. There is no deep harbour there and ships have to lay off about four miles. As there was half a gale blowing we could not land, and after a few hours we left for Haifa, which we reached in the early hours of the next day.

“ Here we went alongside one of the very fine wharves. I was invited to join a party motoring to Jerusalem and back (we had fourteen hours' stay), but as I hope to call there on my return I decided to explore Haifa instead. The time available allowed us to do this quite leisurely, and there was no question of 'doing the sights' in the popular tourist manner. When we left Haifa I found a new table companion, an old American lady with strong views upon every 'ism' from Anarchism to Zionism. Meals, by the way, were invariably eight courses long. Italian wine was extremely cheap, and I drank Chianti with my collazione and my franzo every day. They also produced 'am-an-eggie' for my breakfast, done *en casserole* and very nice too.

“ Beyrouth was our next stop. Here the original Jerusalem car party hustled off to Damascus. This, I think, is stretching things a bit fine, because we had only nine hours ashore, which one can spend very pleasantly in snooping around Beyrouth itself.

“ On the following morning we anchored off Alexandretta. This is a small place in a lovely setting of mountain country, and here I did go off on a motor jaunt. Antioch is only a couple of hours' drive away, and I very much wanted to see the mosaics which have been discovered there by the Princeton University Expedition. It was a delightful drive over a tortuous but beautifully banked mountain road, and the mosaics were worth leagues to see. Incidentally, we had a shouting match on the quayside with car drivers and boatmen, but that is the way of the Levant, and we all parted in great good humour.

“ We arrived at Mersin, in Turkey, early next morning. I had anticipated difficulties with passports in Turkey, but we got ashore without any trouble. There was little of interest to be seen, so I hired a gharri for the

price of one Turkish pound (they are, at the moment, six to our pound) and went off to swim farther along the coast. Money, by the way, is one of the small problems on a journey of this sort. One has to be careful, or else one is left with handfuls of small change of different nationalities, worthless outside of their particular countries.

“ It is a good thing to carry some sterling, as it is accepted anywhere. In my case, between Alexandria and Athens, I handled Egyptian, Palestinian, Syrian, French, Turkish, Cypriot, Italian and Greek money. Even after a year of foreign service, I find I have to juggle foreign prices back to English equivalents to get a proper sense of value—and when this has to be applied to a different currency on every successive day it can become a bit confusing.

“ From Mersin to Famagusta, in Cyprus, our next stop, I enjoyed the company at my table of a little Swiss analytical chemist, whose reminiscences were widespread and whose English was formidable.

“ We were due to call at three ports in Cyprus—Famagusta, Larnaca and Limassol—the first two in one day and on to the other next morning. At Famagusta I, therefore, made up a party and hired a car, at a very moderate fee, to tour the island and return to the ship at one of the other ports.

“ We had a good day of sight-seeing and joined the ship at Larnaca. We could not go ashore at Limassol, as we stayed there only four hours.

“ The day after leaving Limassol we got to Antalya, another Turkish port, but decidedly more attractive than Mersin. I had yet another table companion from Cyprus, a Polish woman journalist. We went ashore together and began the day badly with a *contretemps* with the law, who seized our cameras. Later, however, after we had laid our grievances before an important-looking official whom we found in a police station in the town (it was done in a horrid mixture of French, German and English with many gesticulations and grimaces), the cameras were returned to us, and with only two hours left we leapt into a cab and galloped madly off in all directions, photographing hard all and sundry.

“ Next morning we were in Rhodes, where the Polish lady left, and was replaced by a man who had been everywhere except Jerusalem. (He refuses to go there, he said, because he has so few illusions left.)

“ Rhodes is the most perfectly preserved place I have ever seen. The only harsh note in the place is struck by the modern paintings of the Knights of Malta in the house of that order. They are terrible. Everything else—ramparts, battlements, cobbled streets, and bridges—is in harmony.

“ After leaving Rhodes we sailed through the archipelago, bound for Piræus, which we reached next morning.

“ I am now installed in a pleasant hotel in Athens which for a modest sum gives me a bed, a bath and breakfast. My other meals I take in cafés, and each meal is by way of being an entertainment both from a gastronomic and a social point of view.

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" My French boat goes to Beyrouth by way of Istanbul and Rhodes. From Beyrouth I make my way overland. And the next long journey is going to be on a trooper—for England, home and beauty.

" I hope you are well. Thank you for the last copy of the College JOURNAL."

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In the Inter-Services Boxing Championship at Uxbridge the light-weight was won by F./Lieut. C. E. Littler, and the middle-weight by F./Lieut. T. N. Coslett. These Old Cranwellians also won their respective weights in the R.A.F. Individual Boxing Championships, while F./Lieut. A. Golding won the welter-weight in that contest.

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These Old Cranwellians passed the Staff College qualifying examination:—

Squadron Leaders G. B. Beardsworth, R. Costa, J. G. Franks, G. W. Hayes, L. C. Bennett, J. C. Cunningham, P. W. Lowe-Holmes and L. W. Cannon, and F./Lieuts. D. W. Lane, E. C. Hudleston, W. H. Hutton, S. L. Blunt, A. E. Dark, C. W. Dicken, R. K. Hamblin, J. T. Stephenson, H. G. Wheeler, R. C. Wilson and F. R. Worthington.

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These Old Cranwellians are at the Staff College:—

Squadron Leaders J. A. Addams, G. R. Beamish, F. R. Fressanges, C. R. Hancock, R. B. Jordan, D. Macfadyen, M. D. Ommanney, W. A. Opie, F. G. Cator, T. G. Pike, R. L. R. Atcherley, C. M. Heard and T. N. McEvoy.

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F./Lieut. G. D. Stephenson won, by three lengths, the King's Cup, a light-weight steeplechase on his horse " Alverna " over a three-mile course at the Fakenham Races of the West Norfolk Hunt. This race was won by Capt. Stephenson (father of F./Lieut. Stephenson) thirteen years ago over the same course on " Somerset."

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We were very sorry to hear of the death, on 14th April, 1937, of F./Lieut. Donald Fenton. He was a quiet and popular member of the College.

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We offer our best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. M. Bartlett, widow of F./Lieut. J. R. O. Bartlett, on the birth of a son.

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Also congratulations to Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. F. Sealy on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. T. G. L. Gale on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. N. B. Norris on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. N. G. Goodman on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. P. M. Watt on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. H.

Hutton on the birth of a son; to Squadron Leader and Mrs. H. H. Brookes on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. L. Worthington on the birth of a daughter; to Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. C. Cunningham on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. C. M. Heard on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. R. G. Bax on the birth of a daughter; to Wing Commander and Mrs. A. Durston on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. D. Gillmore on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis on the birth of a son; to Squadron Leader and Mrs. P. W. Lowe-Holmes on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. V. L. Spendlove on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. S. Reed on the birth of a daughter; and Wing Commander J. R. Cassidy on the birth of a daughter.

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Congratulations—we fear, rather late—to two of our strongest supporters, Group Captain and Mrs. A. J. Capel, on the birth of a daughter.

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F./Lieut. H. Eeles continually takes an interest in our Debating Society and generally gets a report of our debates. He was once President of the Society.

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We were very glad to see recently Wing Commander E. R. Pretzman, A.F.C., who has recovered his health. He has retired from this Service.

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Air Commodore W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C., occasionally pays Cranwell a fleeting visit. We wish to congratulate him on the birth of a son.

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The Editor regrets that in his last number he said that the award of the M.C. to F./Officer R. G. Yaxley was the first award of its kind to an Old Cranwellian. Immediately afterwards he recollected that Squadron Leader C. B. R. Pelly won the M.C. many years ago.

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We were very sorry to hear of the flying accident of F./Lieut. R. A. C. Barclay about 15th March this year, and we hope that he is better.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, Air Commodore P. Babington, M.C., A.F.C., Group Captain A. J. Capel, D.S.O., M.C., Wing Commander H. M. Massey, D.S.O., M.C., Wing Commander A. H. Measures (whose son has just passed out from the College), Wing Commander C. N. Lowe, Wing Commander H. B. Russell, Squadron Leader G. M. Knocker, F./Lieut. R. C. Preston, F./Lieut. A. F. McKenna, F./Lieut. J. Homer (who has a brother at the College), F./Lieut. I. Newbigging, F./Officer A. R. Morton, P./Officer C. D. Milne (who is now Librarian of the Officers' Mess at Upper Heyford), P./Officer J. Fraser, P./Officer R. P. M. Gibbs, Father Peter Utley (who recently brought down a cricket XI from Ampleforth) and



F/C GW Hayes



F/C Cpl LC Bennett



F/C WEG Measures 69



F/C MG Homer



F/C Sgt CD Milne



F/C Cpl RPM Gibbs

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Father Bernard, of Ampleforth Abbey; F./Officer A. Wall, F./Lieut. D. R. Evans and F./Lieut. J. C. Cunningham.

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An Old Cranwellian writes from Venice :—

“ My ideas of Venice were a bit hazy before I arrived—derived more from Savoyard associations of the Kingdom of Baretaria than anything else; but I certainly never expected anything one half so exquisite. After all, in England, when we have a beautiful place—Broadway, for instance—we surround it with hideous bungalows, and build a main road through it, and set up ‘ Teas ’ and petrol stations; and if a building falls down we rebuild it in cubes of concrete with windows running round the house corners. Here all is lovely—not so much as a bicycle in the streets, and not one jarring note of modernity in the whole city. It is as perfect as Nash’s Bath ought to be to-day; and the kindness of the people is unexpectedly universal.

“ Nowhere have we been treated as other than honoured and welcome guests. Our politicians are deservedly unpopular, of course, and so far we have shunned the mention of politics; however, our *maitre d’hotel* (whose memories of London in the ‘90’s as seen by an Italian waiter in a St. Pancras hotel are priceless: Little Tich, Chevalier, Marie Lloyd in ‘ Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay,’ and so on) remarked, apropos of something else, ‘ Ah, here in Italy we always know what our Government intends; but the English, they never know what their Government will do next,’ to which, of course, we made the obvious answer that our Government did not know that themselves; and he could quite believe it.

“ Their Government is nothing if not thorough, and if success can be gauged by the external signs noticed in a ten-day stay in one place—such as healthy, happy children, a population cheerful, polite and alert, a universal and scrupulous cleanliness of street and dwelling—well, democracy is not all we believe it to be; of course, so far, one cannot judge how the regime presses on the individual, and only an economist could tell you (and he would be as likely to be wrong as right) how national finances stand. But to outward appearance this place is sound and prosperous.

“ The language seems fairly simple; it is now twelve years since I struggled with Cicero and found diversion in Horace—but our old friend Mensa, a table, Mensa, O table! and the rest begin to float to the top of one’s conscious mind after a day or two, and I find it easy enough to construe whole columns of the *Popolo d’Italia* in not very many minutes.

“ Two little notices have tickled me very much—you see them sometimes in cafés and shop windows—I believe they are published more or less under Government auspices :—

“ (1) ‘ The polite person does *not* spit on the ground.’

“ (2) ‘ For the honour of Italy—Cut out bad language. . . .’

“ At night we rather suffer from cats: Venice is a feline paradise; for one thing, there are very few dogs, and those few are all muzzled, and for another they are treated with affection and respect by the human race. Thirdly, no one but ourselves seems to resent the midnight serenade—and

the deep, narrow streets mellow and amplify every screech, every hideous yell; so that two fair-sized cats can entertain several hundred people at once. The cats are rather thin, but yield to none in vocal register and timbre.

“ A final complaint is the Continental so-called ‘ breakfast.’ I solemnly believe that if every non-English European were forcibly fed with two fried eggs and two rashers of bacon every morning, all rearmament would stop, and international bickering come to an end. It is my private belief that this roll-and-coffee idea is sponsored by the International Arms Ring to provoke the uneasiness and discord that could never exist in the owners of well-grounded stomachs. I think I shall write to Mr. Henderson about it. I have managed to squeeze a matutinal boiled egg out of our landlord, after great efforts, but in the first few days in my pre-luncheon mood I’d have thrown a bomb at anyone and walked out of the League with malicious joy.

“ As you probably know Venice a great deal better than I do, and also can appreciate much of it, through artistic knowledge, that I cannot, this letter probably won’t tell you very much that you didn’t know already. However, a novice’s impressions may amuse you; I wish you were here with us to eat fried crayfish and explain the finer points of the Doge’s Palace.”

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F./Lieut. M. G. Philpott is now Secretary of the R.A.F. Squash Racquets Association.

His predecessor, F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie, has been posted as personal assistant to Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., who is now Governor of Kenya.

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Congratulations on their engagements to Squadron Leader T. J. Arbuthnot, F./Lieuts. H. R. L. Hood, C. S. Moore, B. A. Fraser, A. N. Combe, C. T. Weir, I. H. D. Walker, P. de G. H. Seymour, J. G. Llewelyn, F. J. Gomez and S. P. Langston, and F./Officers A. R. D. MacDonell, H. C. Sawyer, G. Thripp and H. E. C. Boxer.

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Congratulations on their marriage to Squadron Leader H. W. Heslop, O.B.E., and Mrs. Martingell, widow of Squadron Leader G. H. Martingell, A.F.C.; also to F./Lieut. H. G. Leonard-Williams.

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It is interesting to see that Air Vice-Marshal A. E. Borton continues to be an active flying member of the Royal Aero Club.

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We were very sorry to hear of the deaths of P./Officer J. G. Thompson, F./Lieut. E. R. Simonds, F./Officer A. J. Whillier, F./Officer T. N. K. Walker and P./Officer L. W. Lowden.

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We are also very sorry to hear of the death of Warrant Officer Joseph Enoch Beresford, M.B.E., who died suddenly at Ternhill, near Market Drayton, at the age of 47. He was one of the most popular instructors we have had here, and up to the time of his death he was in constant communication with officers and flight cadets of the College.



F/C SP Langston



F/C Cpl ARD MacDonell



F/C Cpl JG Thompson



F/C Sgt AJ Whillier



F/C Cpl LW Lowden

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A native of Hasland, he attended the Hasland C. of E. School, and won a scholarship to the Chesterfield Grammar School. At the age of 18 he determined to make the Army his career, and joined the Grenadier Guards in July, 1908, being promoted Corporal in 1909. In May of the following year he was awarded a medal of the Royal Victorian Order for services in connection with the lying-in-state of King Edward VII. In November, 1912, he was promoted Sergeant, and was promoted instructor to the Guards Depot, where he obtained his Board of Education teacher's certificate.

In 1914 he was promoted to the rank of Company Sergeant-Major, and was transferred from the Guards to the position of instructor at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. This appointment ended with his transfer to the Royal Flying Corps in 1916, when he opened a new camp at Wendover. In the same year he was promoted 1st Class Warrant Officer, and after serving in France and Egypt, he returned to England in 1924. In 1926 he was awarded the medal for long service and good conduct.

From 1928 until his retirement in 1933, he was Warrant Officer in charge of the cadets at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell. In the King's Birthday Honours of the same year he was awarded the M.B.E., and received the decoration at the hands of His Majesty King George V at an investiture at Buckingham Palace.

On leaving the Service he took up a position at Longton with Messrs. Ind Coope & Allsopp's brewery. Whilst with this firm he received the signal honour of appointment as a member of the King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, whose duty it is to attend State functions such as the opening of Parliament, levees and the investitures. He was on duty at the Coronation celebrations in London in May.

He could not resist the call of the Service, and he relinquished his appointment at Longton and joined the Royal Air Force again in a civilian capacity as Warden at the R.A.F. Training School at Ternhill. For health reasons he resigned this position a few months ago.

In addition to the honours mentioned, Mr. Beresford received Jubilee and Coronation Medals. . . . He leaves a widow and three daughters.

Mr. Beresford was buried with full R.A.F. honours at Market Drayton. The funeral was attended by several hundreds of the Royal Air Force from Ternhill and Cranwell, accompanied by a Royal Air Force Band, which played funeral marches *en route*.

Amongst the flowers were those sent by Officers at Cranwell, Warrant Officers of Cranwell, and Old Cranwellians' Association.

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Congratulations on their marriage to Squadron Leader and Mrs. G. H. Loughnan, F./Lieut. and Mrs. B. A. Chacksfield, F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. F. Whistondale, F./Lieut. and Mrs. F. H. Tyson, F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. S. Dewar, F./Lieut. and Mrs. N. E. Morrison, F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. L. Patch, F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. R. Dale, F./Lieut. and Mrs. M. B. Hamilton, F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. H. Leech, F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. W.



F/C JS Dewar



F/C MB Hamilton

Montagu, F./Officer and Mrs. I. C. Jackson, F./Officer and Mrs. G. A. Mills, F./Officer and Mrs. R. J. Borrough, F./Officer and Mrs. A. V. Sawyer, F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. F. du Boulay, and Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. J. A. Ford.

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Since our last issue these Old Cranwellians have completed a course at the Staff College: Squadron Leaders C. B. R. Pelly, W. J. M. Akerman, C. W. Weedon, D. A. Boyle, N. Carter, A. H. Willets, G. P. Chamberlain, S. H. Hardy, N. S. Allinson, A. D. Gillmore and H. D. Spreckley.

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These Old Cranwellians have been markedly successful in the promotion examination "B": F./Lieuts. C. C. Morton, P. R. Robinson and P. S. Salter.

F./Lieut. R. C. Field has passed the promotion examination "C."

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Squadron Leader F. V. Beamish (R.A.F., retired) has been reinstated on the active list, with effect from 27th January of this year.

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These Old Cranwellians have completed the Specialist Armament Course at the Air Armament School, Eastchurch: F./Lieuts. F. C. de la P. Beresford-Pierse, A. N. Combe, H. Y. Humphreys, E. C. Ingham, D. S. Kite, I. G. Mackay and E. D. MacK. Nelson.

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Many congratulations to F./Lieut. F. Whittle. It is a great distinction in our Service that an officer should obtain a First Class in a University Tripos.

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F./Lieut. N. C. Walker has completed the Torpedo Course.

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These Old Cranwellians have completed the Specialist Air Navigation Course: F./Lieuts. W. E. Oulton, J. J. Owen, G. J. L. Read, G. I. L. Saye, W. P. Welch and L. F. Brown.

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F./Lieut. C. E. Littler has completed the Specialist Engineering Course.

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We offer our sympathy to Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. B. Pelly on the death of their son, aged 3½ years.

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Mr. E. Thistle left the College last term after thirteen years' service as hall porter. We were all very sorry to lose him, and amongst his parting gifts he received a pocket-book with some valuable contents from the flight cadets of the College.

The following is a letter from him to the Editor. He writes:—



71 F/C GA Mills



F/C FC de la P Beresford-Pierse

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"Just a few lines to let you know I am getting on very well at my new job, and I like it very much. It is a change from the College and near home. Well, my job is night watchman, and there are two of us and we go round Gamage's three times in the night, and it takes us two hours and forty-five minutes to go round once. It is just seven miles of shops. We have got a very good friend who goes with us, and that is a dog. You always feel that you have somebody with you. He is a very fine friend at night.

"I have not got much to tell you. I hope you will wish everybody the best of luck from me. I hope to come and see you some day later.

"I must close with the best wishes to you and all the College. Please excuse the typewriter, as I am not much good at it."

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We are very sorry to record the death of R. N. Batra, who was a long time at this College. He was piloting the Air Mail from Karachi to Lahore and crashed at Jacobabad.

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The Editor recommends to his readers an interesting book describing life in Iraq, written by Group Captain C. H. Keith.

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Air Commodore A. L. Godman, C.M.G., D.S.O. (retired), has been appointed Observer Group Officer for the new No. 9 Group, Observer Corps.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from F./Cadets N. E. H. Chance and T. J. Troward, who were at the College but unfortunately were unable to complete their flying course. Troward has just taken a Special Reserve commission in the Royal Tank Corps.

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Wing Commander The Hon. R. A. Cochrane is now acting as Chief of the Air Staff to the New Zealand Air Force.

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We were glad to see that Mr. Lager received a Coronation Medal as a small recognition of many years' good service at the College.

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Wing Commander H. C. Scroggs has now gone to Headquarters, No. 16 Group, Lee-on-Solent.

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F./Officer A. Wall has been recuperating in Italy from the injuries of a heavy fall in Iraq.

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The Old Cranwellian Day was on Wednesday, 30th June. Unfortunately both the tennis match and the cricket match had to be abandoned owing to bad weather, but these Old Cranwellians came up:—

Squadron Leaders D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, M. H. Garnons-Williams and W. H. Merton, F./Lieuts. E. J. Corbally, R. J. Gosnell, R. R. Fairweather, J. R. Mutch, D. R. Evans, C. W. Williams, W. S. Hebden,

C. E. J. Baines, A. N. Combe, R. L. Bradford, R. A. Sprague and J. R. A. Peel, and P./Officers S. P. Coulson, I. S. Soden and J. Kerr.

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The Editor would be grateful if Old Cranwellians would support him in the compilation of these notes which depend mainly on his memory and on his correspondence.

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The Editor particularly wishes to acknowledge the assistance of F./Lieut. C. W. Williams and F./Cadets L. D. Mavor, A. D. Panton, T. J. Hanlon and P. A. Major in the compilation of this number.

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The Editor hopes that his readers will excuse a little latitude in this JOURNAL with regard to initials and ranks. Now that the number of Old Cranwellians is so large it is not possible to remember all the details.

A GREAT MAN

(From "The Great and the Goods.")

BY IVOR BROWN.

EDGAR STRONGITHARM CHIRRUP—conceive him, gentle reader, approaching the microphone to deliver one of those talks on Triumphant Living which gave to myriads of listeners not only precious counsel but the happiest moments of their lives. His voice vibrated in the ether; his whole character swam into the heavens. Tall, fair, and stalwart, he was a god from the classic heaven; had it not been for an unfortunate hernia sustained in youth during some struggle on the floor of a tavern from which, as he said, he was rescuing a misguided companion, he might have thrown the javelin at the Olympic Games. Along with the front of Jove he had the ecstasy of Dionysos. Yet his infinite power to stimulate owed little to stimulants. None talked more of the wine of life and was seen to drink less. Enjoyment of the moment, provision for the future, encouragement to all, these foamed about the golden beard, which he grew in his later years, as the froth of malted liquors lies on the gross lips of other men. When he strode down Portland Place on neatly spatted feet, a passer-by might well have thought that the Greek gods walked again, that Olympus had come to Regent's Park, that Juno and Ganymede had settled in Clarence Gate. During one of his victorious visits to America an adoring woman of New York exclaimed "They should fix him on the skyline," a suggestion wholly justified by his nobility of carriage and of mien. It is further told of his flashing and virile beauty that when he visited Greece, he desired to bathe in the wine-dark sea of which Homer has sung. So, discovering a fair strand beneath some temple-ruins, he stripped and stood rapt in awe-struck contemplation of those plashing waters whence Aphrodite had arisen. A tourist, who had with total justice mistaken him for a statue of Apollo, began rudely to carve his name upon the Doctor's flanks.



F/Cpl IS Soden



F/C LD Mavor



U/O AD Panton 72



F/C TJ Hanlon



F/C PA Major

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from Air Marshal Sir A. M. Longmore, K.C.B., D.S.O. (who is Commandant of the Imperial Defence College), Air Vice-Marshal L. A. Pattinson and F. C. Halahan, Air Commodore P. Babington, Group Captain A. J. Miley, Wing Commanders O. Bryson, O. R. Gayford, J. H. O. Jones, C. E. Livock and O. W. de Putron, Squadron Leaders G. F. Whistondale, P. W. Lowe-Holmes, J. R. Scarlett and J. C. Cunningham (who is compiling his squadron's history), Flight Lieutenants G. W. Montague, H. Eeles (who is now Personal Assistant to the Chief of the Air Staff), A. R. L. Hood, L. H. Anness and R. Longmore (who came on leave to his parents from Singapore by Imperial Airways), Pilot Officer H. G. Wheeler (who also is compiling his squadron's history), Admiral Sir Barry Domvile, Mrs. Southby, Mrs. McAleery, and Mrs. Groves (the mother of Air Commodore R. M. Groves and the donor of the R. M. Groves Memorial Prize).

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The Editor also wishes to acknowledge a letter from Flying Officer T. S. Rivett-Carnac, in which the latter traces the pedigree of his renowned family ten generations back when, in the fifteenth century, there was an alliance of his family with an ancestor of the Editor. Rivett-Carnac is now in *Courageous* bound for Australia.

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The Editor would like to remind all Old Cranwellians that photographs from abroad are of interest to the College and that there is an Album specially reserved for them.

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We are glad to hear that Flying Officer F. W. Balden was rescued when one of the aircraft of No. 800 (Fleet Fighter) Squadron plunged into the Moray Firth. We hope that he is none the worse for this misadventure. We hope, too, that there will be some public recognition of his gallant rescuers.

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Squadron Leader G. M. Knocker is now commanding No. 144 (B.) Squadron at Hemswell.

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Flight Lieutenant K. M. D. Porter paid a visit to the College recently and brought with him the father of the late Flight Cadet D. H. Furze, who, when he was in the College, was in the Athletics and Cross-Country sides.

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The Editor is endeavouring to secure for the College a home-made copy of "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom." This copy is entitled in Lawrence's

whimsical manner " ' B ' Flight Manual." In the same way the copy of "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom" which we have in the Library was originally entitled by Lawrence in his own hand "The Complete Aircraft-hand."

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Old Cranwellians will be sorry to hear that Dr. O. S. Sinnatt was taken ill last term, and they will be glad to hear that he is now fully recovered and at work again.

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The Senior Term of the College last winter did their advanced training under Squadron Leader B. C. Yarde at North Coates Fitties, operating from Cranwell. The Advanced Training Squadron is now under the command of Squadron Leader M. Wiblin.

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Last term our old cricket coach, Mr. G. E. Wharmby, came up to Cranwell on Sunday, 24th October, and was presented by Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin, on behalf of the Old Cranwellian Association, with a solid silver cigar-box. Old Cranwellians will remember with pleasure—and, in one case, with regret—Mr. Wharmby's gifts to them, whilst he was here, of cricket bats and cigars.

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The Rev. A. McHardy writes that he has gone off for a few months with this itinerary: to Aden by boat; Aden to Singapore by boat; Singapore to Kai-Tak and back by R.A.F. aircraft; Singapore to Iraq by Imperial Airways; Iraq to Egypt by R.A.F. aircraft; and Egypt to London by Imperial Airways.

His aim is to inspect the spiritual and moral welfare of his congregations all over the world.

An application from the Editor asking whether he required a curate to accompany him during his wanderings, which make a "pairfect fule" of St. Paul, elicited no reply.

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Flight Lieutenant L. R. W. Tillard is now living in retirement at Brunstead Lodge, Brunstead Road, Bournemouth.

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E. M. Burt has been appointed Shift Superintendent at the British Aluminium Company's Fort William Works. We wish him every success in his new life.

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The Editor wishes to thank all those who have written to him about the Old Cranwellian Record. A special file has been opened and a record is kept of all the emendations and suggestions which have been sent in. The Editor proposes, when funds permit, to reproduce the Record in a more



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elaborate form, noting in particular all those who have represented the Service in various games or have won prizes and other Service distinctions.

Pilot Officer T. J. Hanlon has kindly agreed to continue his work upon this Record. The Editor would be grateful if any other Old Cranwellian would come forward to co-operate with him for the second edition of the Record in about two years' time.

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We wish to offer our congratulations to:—

Wing Commander and Mrs. L. M. Rodney on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. G. I. L. Saye on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. Marson on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. F. G. Cator on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Mutch on the birth of a son; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. P. B. Coote on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. R. H. A. Leigh on the birth of a son; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. H. C. Parker on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. A. Powell on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. F. Beresford Pierse on the birth of a son; and Flying Officer and Mrs. I. C. Jackson on the birth of a daughter.

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Congratulations on their engagements to Flight Lieutenants M. L. Heath, J. Heber-Percy and M. Dawnay.

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We send our best wishes on their marriages to:—

Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. H. G. Leonard-Williams, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. H. Leech, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. G. Llewelyn, and Flying Officer and Mrs. D. R. S. Bader.

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The following Old Cranwellians have successfully passed various examinations in foreign languages:—

Flight Lieutenants D. V. Johnson, A. C. P. Carver, J. T. Bennett, T. A. B. Parselle and S. S. Murray, and Pilot Officer W. H. Ingle.

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The Hon. Secretary of No. 3 Squadron Dinner Club is an Old Cranwellian, Pilot Officer M. C. Pearson.

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These are some of the Old Cranwellians who have visited the College this term:—

Flight Lieutenants H. G. Richards, D. A. Pemberton and A. Combe, Pilot Officers J. A. Chorlton, J. A. Pitcairn Hill, R. M. B. Duke-Woolley, J. H. Humphris, P. G. Wykeham-Barnes and H. F. Burton.

S. P. B. Mais has written a book entitled "All the Days of My Life" which contains an interesting chapter about Cranwell in the early days; and Flight Lieutenant H. C. Pyper's book, "Hounds First," recalls days with the Cranwell Beagles.

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We were very sorry to hear of the death at the end of last October of Fred Theobald, who was for some time huntsman and kennelman of the Cranwell Beagles. He had a great reputation in beagling circles for his skill, particularly in casting when the scent had been lost. Mrs. Theobald is with friends at Ampleforth Abbey.

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T. J. Troward is now aiming at a Permanent Commission in the Royal Tank Corps and is stationed at Bovington, in Dorset.

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Wing Commander R. L. Crofton, M.B.E., A.F.C., is now at Headquarters, Coastal Command, Lee-on-Solent, where he is on Air Staff navigation duties.

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We were very sorry to lose last term Flight Lieutenant W. T. F. Wightman, who is going to Hucknall. He was rapidly becoming one of the landmarks at Cranwell, and we shall miss his *bons mots* and his philosophic and nonchalant outlook.

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We are very sorry to report the death of Pilot Officer L. H. Lowden. He was a very popular cadet. Everybody liked him, both here and in his squadron. He was Captain of Riding at the College, and the writer recalls many cheerful rounds of golf played with him at Rauceby.

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We were also very sorry to hear of the death of Pilot Officer M. P. A. Craig-Mooney. During his two years at the College he was a popular member with his simple and courageous sincerity. He wrote for our JOURNAL.

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These Old Cranwellians are now resident on the station:—

Squadron Leaders H. M. Garnons-Williams, D. A. Boyle and A. H. W. J. Cocks, Flight Lieutenants G. G. Barrett, J. Mutch, W. S. Hebden, C. E. J. Baines, C. W. Williams, L. V. Andrews, J. S. Sabine, M. H. Rhys, R. L. Bradford, D. Finlay, A. E. Cairnes, M. Dawnay, G. Thripp, R. R. Fairweather, G. N. Hancock, M. F. B. Read, J. Thompson, D. P. Barclay, J. B. Ussher and F. D. Biggs, and Flying Officer H. C. Sawyer.



F/C Cpl HC Parker



F/C Sgt SS Murray



F/C Cpl WH Ingle



F/C Cpl MC Pearson



U/O JA Pitcairn Hill



F/C RMBD Duke-Woolley



U/O HF Burton



F/C PG Wykeham-Barnes



F/C Cpl HG Richards



F/C JH Humphris



F/C MPA Craig Mooney



F/C TJ Troward

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F/C WL Freebody



F/C JAP Harrison



F/C HA Purvis



F/C JV Yonge



F/C Cpl LP Moore



F/C HH Martin



F/C Cpl CW Gore



F/C FC Sturgiss



F/C JA Easton

At the rugby match against the Police College on 23rd October a large company of Old Cranwellians was present, including Lord and Lady Trenchard, Air Marshal Sir Arthur and Lady Longmore, Air Vice-Marshal Baldwin, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs. Borton, Group Captain Herring, Squadron Leader G. Beamish, Flight Lieutenant D. Pemberton and Pilot Officer J. A. Chorlton.

Of the House Staff, Mr. F. Jackman, senior batman of "C" Squadron, who joined the College House Staff in April, 1921, has resigned to become "mine host" of an inn at North Coates Fitties, where he will be pleased to pour a libation with Old Cranwellians.

Mr. F. "Uncle" Mayhew has been appointed senior batman of "C" Squadron in his place.

We regret that Mr. H. E. Harding, who has been employed as a batman in "C" Squadron since February, 1921, has had to resign owing to serious illness. We thank him for his faithful service and wish him a return to something like his old health.

The College defeated the House Staff by 4 goals to 2 in their annual soccer match. We fear that years may be telling on the Staff team, the average age of which must be in the region of 40 years.

Mr. A. V. Clay now shares the hall-porter's lodge with Mr. W. M. Maris.

Congratulations on their promotion to Squadron Leader to:—
W. F. Freebody, P. M. Watt, J. A. P. Harrison, H. A. Purvis, D. J. Waghorn, W. N. Blain, V. B. J. Jackson, J. V. Yonge, J. R. Scarlett, R. J. Cooper, C. C. O'Grady, L. P. Moore, H. H. Martin, S. R. Groom, E. M. F. Grundy, G. L. Worthington, C. W. Gore, E. C. Huddleston, F. C. Sturgiss, P. J. H. Halahan, K. F. T. Pickles, R. C. Hancock, H. G. Wisher, H. J. Pringle, R. S. Darbyshire, J. A. Easton, J. G. W. Weston, R. A. T. Stowell, C. E. St. J. Beamish, W. H. Hutton, J. D. Rutherford, G. H. H. Proctor, R. C. Jordan and R. B. Councill.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flight Lieutenant to:—
R. G. Prier, J. B. Ussher and A. V. Sawyer.

An Old Cranwellian writes:—
"Although not an Old Cranwellian in the sense associated with the Record, I am an Old Cranwellian in another sense, and possibly you may be able to recall my several periods of service at Cranwell commencing in January, 1922. My memory is still fresh concerning a certain rugby match played at Nottingham in February, 1922, when you and I performed on the side of R.A.F., Cranwell, against the University College. Padre McHardy, Wing Commander Simpson, Wing Commander Lowe and the late 'John Willie' and 'Mike' Moody were others who played on that day."

Flight Lieutenant B. M. Cary is captain of one of the five flying-boats going to Australia on a 30,000-mile trip. We wish him and the rest of the Squadron a pleasant and successful voyage.

Flight Lieutenants W. R. Brotherhood, L. Coulson, E. B. C. Davies, A. Golding, C. R. D. L. Lloyd and S. P. A. Patmore have completed the Specialist Armament Course, and Flight Lieutenants A. Pyke, A. C. S. Rutter and F. E. Stokes have completed the Specialist Engines Course.

We offer our congratulations to Squadron Leader and Mrs. D. A. Boyle on the birth of a flight cadet. Squadron Leader Boyle is our Chief Flying Instructor.

Mr. H. R. Giles, our Laboratory Assistant, has the sympathy of all in his recent bereavement.

After the Sandhurst match on Saturday, 27th November, there was a most successful Cranwellian Reunion. For its organization the thanks of the Association are due to the Chairman, Squadron Leader M. H. Garnons-Williams, and the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Lager. The dinner was at the Connaught Rooms and was the best dinner (accompanied by the best service) that we have ever had. Mr. Curt, as usual, was in charge of the waiters, and Mr. Sims brought up a melodious string band. After the dinner speeches were made by Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin, and Professor R. de la Bère. Owing to the fog, there were a few empty seats, but about 100 were present, and to the best of the writer's recollection they were:—

Flight Lieutenants L. H. Anness and L. V. Andrews, and Flying Officer J. W. Arney.

Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin, Air Commodore P. Babington, Squadron Leaders V. B. Bennett, A. P. Bett and D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, Flight Lieutenants R. A. C. Barclay, G. G. Barrett, C. E. J. Baines, C. H. Brandon and W. K. Beisiegel, Flying Officers H. E. C. Boxer, D. W. Balden and P. Barthold, and Pilot Officer P. E. Browne.

Squadron Leader G. Combe, Flight Lieutenants E. J. Corbally and R. A. C. Carter, and Pilot Officer P. A. N. Cox.

Professor R. de la Bère, Squadron-Leader E. H. M. David, Flying Officers D. F. Dixon, J. W. Dowland and W. A. A. de Freitas, and Pilot Officer M. S. Donne.

Flight Lieutenants D. R. Evans and H. Eeles.
Flight Lieutenants D. Finlay, D. Field and C. J. P. Flood, and Flying Officer H. D. Fraser.

Squadron Leader M. H. Garnon-Williams, and Flying Officers J. D. Green and J. Grierson.

Group Captain J. H. Herring, Squadron Leaders S. H. Hardy and F. F. W. Hall, Flight Lieutenants D. P. Hanafin, M. Hastings, M. L. Heath, R. Hood and J. O. Hinks, Flying Officer N. M. Hall, and Pilot Officers W. A. Harris and T. J. Hanlon.

Flight Lieutenant R. C. Jonas.
Squadron Leader A. King-Lewis, Flight Lieutenant R. J. Knights-Whittome and Flying Officer D. P. Kelly.

Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft (Chairman), Group Captains C. N. Lowe and H. T. Lydford, Squadron Leader M. Lowe, Flight Lieutenant J. G. Llewelyn, and Mr. J. H. Lager.

Squadron Leader D. Macfadyen, Flight Lieutenants J. W. C. More and R. Monks, Flying Officer D. McIntyre and Pilot Officer W. E. G. Measures.

Pilot Officer A. R. Oakeshott.
Air Vice-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, Squadron Leaders T. B. Prickman and M. G. Philpott, and Flight Lieutenants P. Polglase, D. A. Pemberton, R. L. Phillips, H. Pringle, J. Peel and M. K. D. Porter.

Flight Lieutenants P. R. Robinson and M. H. Rhys, Flying Officer R. W. Reynolds and Pilot Officer T. S. Rivett-Carnac.

Group Captain J. Sowrey, Squadron Leaders H. G. Sawyer, C. F. Sealy, R. A. B. Stone and R. H. S. Spaight, Flight Lieutenants W. W. Stainthorpe, R. A. Sprague and E. S. Steddy, and Flying Officer B. E. Smith-Rewse.

Flight Lieutenant G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley.
Rev. L. Wright, Squadron Leader C. W. Weedon, Flight Lieutenant G. F. Whistondale, Flying Officer G. E. Wallace, and Pilot Officer L. D. Wilson.

Squadron Leader B. C. Yarde.

Squadron Leader R. H. Carter has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallant service rendered on the North-West Frontier.

In the New Year Honours the Air Force Cross was awarded to Squadron Leader F. V. Beamish and to Squadron Leader W. L. Freebody; Squadron Leader J. A. Gray was promoted to Wing Commander.

The Editor acknowledges a very large Christmas mail from all over the world from Old Cranwellians. He reciprocates all their good wishes, and hopes to reply to all his correspondents individually as time permits.



F/C CRDL Lloyd



F/C Cpl B Barthold



F/C PESFM Browne



F/C Sgt PAN Cox



F/C GHH Proctor



F/C Sgt MS Donne



F/C JD Green



F/C Cpl FE Groce



F/C WA Harris



F/C Cpl AR Oakeshott



F/C Cpl CF Sealy



F/C RAB Stone



U/O BE Smith-Rewse



F/C Cpl LD Wilson

Thirteenth Annual General Meeting - 23 July 1938

Commandant, AVM JEA Baldwin, in the Chair.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 23rd 1938.

Air Vice Marshal Baldwin took the chair.

There were 33 members present.

MINUTES. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and confirmed.

ACCOUNTS. The audited balance sheet for the twelve months ending 30th April 1938 was submitted to the meeting and passed. The state of the accounts was considered to be very satisfactory.

ANNUAL GRANT TO R.A.F. COLLEGE. It was proposed by Squadron Leader Garnons-Williams that the annual grant of £50 for the entertainment of members of the O.C.A. passing through Cranwell, be paid. This was seconded by Squadron Leader Charles and passed.

ANNUAL DINNER. It was proposed by Squadron Leader BEISIEGEL that the annual dinner in London be held at the Connaught Rooms. This was seconded by F/Lieut LLOYD and carried. The Chairman said he thought the dinner might more conveniently be held in the West-end. It was explained that previous annual dinners had been held both at the Dorchester and Mayfair Hotels and many adverse criticisms were received about the treatment at these two hotels. It was the general opinion that the dinner held at the Connaught Rooms was very successful and there were no complaints.

It was proposed by the Chairman that the Rev. McHARDY be asked as Guest of Honour, and Professor de la BERE as a guest at the next annual dinner. This was seconded by F/Lieut PINK and carried.

COLLEGE STAFF PENSION FUND. The Secretary informed the meeting that a Staff Contributory Pension Fund had been started for the benefit of college servants which would give each selected employee £1 per week on reaching the age of 65. There was also a Life Insurance policy taken out which would ensure the dependents of each employee eligible for pension the sum of £100 if the employee died before reaching pensionable age. The cost to the College Funds was £433 per annum, and the employees themselves paid £195 in contributions annually. A large sum was required to inaugurate the Fund, and a request had been received from the College Authorities that this meeting might consider helping with a grant. S/Ldr. GARNONS-WILLIAMS said he understood that there were certain old employees not covered by the scheme on account of the expense entailed and he thought some provision should also be made for these employees. After discussion it was proposed by S/Ldr. GARNONS-WILLIAMS that the sum of £125 be given as a grant towards the COLLEGE Staff Pension Fund provided that these old employees who were not now in the scheme were guaranteed similar treatment to those members of the staff who were fully insured.

This was carried nem. con.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION. INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the period 1st JUNE 1937 to 30th APRIL 1938.			
<u>RECEIPTS.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
Members Subscriptions.	£ 523 5 -	Annual Re-union Dinner	£ 93 13 4
Interest on Invested Funds	17 10 -	Postages	12 7 2
Profit on ties	2 10 -	Stationery	1 3 -
		Clerical assistance	3 - -
		Wreaths	8 6 -
		Annual grant - R.A.F. College	50 - -
		Telephone	11 7 -
		Grant - Upkeep Cranwell Graves	2 - -
		Printing	18 2 -
		Cheque Book	4 - -
		College Journals to members	154 13 -
		College Records to members	21 16 3
		Presentation to Mr. Wharmby-Cricket Coach	11 13 -
		Income Tax	4 5 -
		Exchange Typewriter	2 10 -
		To Capital A/c.	159 - 8
	£543 - 5 - 0		£ 543. 5. 0.
<u>BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL 1938.</u>			
<u>LIABILITIES.</u>		<u>ASSETS.</u>	
Capital A/c at 31.5.37.	726.16.3½	Cash at Bank - Current	£ 371 11 -
ADD I & E A/c above	159. 0. 8	Cash in Hand	2 2½
Capital A/c at 30.4.38	885 16 11½	Stamps in Hand	3 3
		Invested Funds - 3½% War Stock	500 - -
		Ties on Hand	5 4 6
		Sundry Drs. (ties).	1 16 -
		Property - Typewriter	7 - -
	£ 885. 16. 11½		£ 885. 16. 11½
<u>Sundry Drs.</u>			
W/C. Bishop	6. 0.		
F/Lt. Wightman	6. 0.		
F/Lt. Bower	12. 0.		
F/Lt. Mason	6. 0.		
F/Lt. Shaw	6. 0.		
	£1.16. 0.		
I hereby certify that the accounts and balance sheet for the period 1st June 1937 to 30th April 1938 disclose all transactions that have taken place during that period in connection with the Old Cranwellian Association Funds and that all assets and liabilities are properly accounted for.			
	 Hon. Secretary.	
Audited and found correct.....		

College Staff Pension Fund instigated by OCA

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

[As Chairman of the Old Cranwellian Association I feel that I must take this opportunity of expressing on behalf of all members our regret that Professor R. de la Bère is leaving the College after nearly eighteen years' service.

Our members will remember with gratitude the work he has done for the Association; and everyone will wish him the best of luck in his new appointment.

I am glad to know that the "Prof." is still willing to assist the Association with his unrivalled knowledge of all that pertains to Old Members of the College, in the same way as he has always done in the past.

M. H. G.-W.]

Congratulations to our President, Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on receiving the Order of the K.C.B.

We had a visit on 7th June from Captain Harold H. Balfour, M.C., M.P., who has recently been appointed Under-Secretary of State for Air. Captain Balfour served at Cranwell in its early days and is one of our elder Old Cranwellians.

We offer our deep sympathy to Lord and Lady Trenchard in their recent bereavement.

Congratulations also to Air Vice-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., on being awarded the C.B., Neville Vintcent on receiving the O.B.E., and Squadron Leader A. L. Franks on being awarded the Air Force Cross.

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Murray Longmore, former Commandant of the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Lincolnshire.

Sir Arthur, who was one of the first 100 men in this country to gain his aviation certificate, forsook the Royal Navy for the R.F.C. in the early days of flying.

He was appointed to the Cranwell command in 1929, and remained there for four years. During that time he was appointed Air Vice-Marshal. In 1934 he was appointed Air Officer Commanding Coastal Area, his promotion as Air Marshal following in 1935.

He was made a Knight Commander of the Bath in the same year, and was then appointed Commandant of the Imperial Defence College.

The following are now on the Instructional Staff at Manston: Squadron Leaders R. J. Cooper and J. E. Allen, and Flight Lieutenants W. P. Welch, K. W. Niblett, F. A. Pearce and W. E. Oulton.

We lost, with regret, our Navigation Officer, Squadron Leader G. G. Barrett, last term. He has taken an active part in every side of College life and was always a most welcome figure in our debates.

The following have passed the R.A.F. Staff College qualifying examination which was held in January:—

Squadron Leaders C. E. St. J. Beamish, V. Q. Blackden, J. H. McN. Campbell, R. C. Field, J. G. Franks, C. McK. Grierson, A. V. Hammond, J. C. A. Johnson, R. C. Jordan, E. C. Lewis, J. A. H. Loudon, H. H. Martin, W. H. Merton, L. P. Moore, K. F. T. Pickles, G. G. Barrett, A. Earle and W. S. Hebden, and Flight Lieutenants F. C. Cole, W. C. Cooper, L. J. Crosbie, H. R. Dale, R. E. de T. Vintras, J. Whitehead and F. F. Wicks.

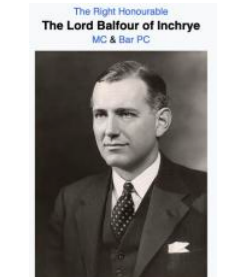
The following passed the Air Armament Specialist Course:—
Flight Lieutenants C. H. Brandon, C. J. P. Flood, K. Gray, E. C. Harding, A. H. Jarand, J. D. Nelson, R. G. Prier, H. R. Tidd, I. H. D. Walker and D. E. B. Wheeler.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from Air Marshal Sir William G. S. Mitchell, Air Commodore P. Babington, Wing Commanders Philip Shepherd and T. H. Evans, Second-Lieutenant T. J. Troward (who holds a temporary commission in the Royal Tank Corps), Pilot Officers D. Middleton, T. J. Hanlon, I. D. G. Donald, P. S. Butler and E. Powell, Mr. C. G. Grey and Flying Officer R. P. M. Gibbs.

Dr. David Garnett is publishing the letters of the late Colonel T. E. Lawrence. A number of these letters, written to the Editor, have been sent to him from Cranwell, including a copy of the one which is framed and hung in the College Library.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flight Lieutenant to J. R. Jeudwine, K. E. Cornabé, C. D. Hackett, D. G. Stokes, R. C. F. Lister, E. E. Vielle, C. L. Y. Wright, P. J. A. Riddell, J. E. Kirk and R. J. Burrough; on their promotion to Flying Officers to W. I. C. Inness, P. S. Jolliffe, P. B. Chamberlain, A. M. K. Phillips, O. Godfrey, M. G. Stevenson, H. R. Goodman, W. P. Shand and R. P. R. Powell; on their promotion to the rank of Squadron Leader to D. P. Lascelles, J. S. Dewar, H. M. Pearson, L. F. Sinclair, E. A. Jones, R. C. Jonas, J. W. Homer, H. C. Parker, N. A. Tait, G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, A. Earle, E. S. Dru Drury, G. R. A. Elsmie, J. Heber-Percy, R. L. Wallace, L. W. C. Bower, C. Ryley, G. K. Fairtlough, W. H. Kyle, J. J. Owen, W. S. Hebden and G. G. Barrett.

Squadron Leader G. P. Chamberlain is stationed at Lee-on-Solent, but finds time to give lectures occasionally to the Junior War Course, Royal Navy, Portsmouth.



F/C JE Allen



F/C JCA Johnson



F/C Sgt JL Crosbie



F/C Cpl JD Middleton



F/C Cpl IDG Donald



F/C PS Butler



F/C ET Powell



F/C Cpl KE Cornabé



F/C Sgt DG Stokes



F/C RCF Lister



F/C Cpl CLY Wright



F/C Sgt RJ Burrough

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F/C Cpl PS Jolliff

Wing Commander O. C. Bryson paid several visits last term to the College, and brought with him the heraldic device of No. 214 (B.) Squadron which he and the Editor of this JOURNAL designed together. Its main feature is a night-jar; and the motto is *Ullor in Umbris* (Retaliating in the Dark).

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge a long letter from Pilot Officer R. T. Frogley, who left England in March in company with Pilot Officers P. M. Wigg, K. F. Mackie, L. D. Mavor and P. R. ap Ellis. Frogley is serving with No. 20 (A.C.) Squadron, R.A.F., Peshawar.

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Flying Officer T. J. Hanlon continues to take a great interest in the Record of Old Cranwellians. We hope some time to republish this Record, but it is a meticulous business; and the last issue cost about £30.

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Squadron Leader J. A. C. Stratton is at the Air Ministry. He still plays golf, but his main interest lies in fishing, and one hears tales of Loch Monsters fallen to his rod.

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Flight Lieutenant A. F. McKenna is making the most of his tour of India; and has recently taken part in the ascent of Nanda Devi.

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We were sorry to lose, this year, after two and a half years, Flight Lieutenant L. V. Andrews, who has been posted to Old Sarum.

He always took an active part in the life of the station, and whether he was instructing in flying, treading the boards, or in the hunting field, he was always well to the fore.

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A Hawker Hurricane of No. 111 (Fighter) Squadron, piloted by Squadron Leader J. W. Gillan, flew 327 miles from Turnhouse Aerodrome to Northolt on 10th February in 48 minutes, *i.e.*, at an average speed of 408.75 m.p.h. The flight was made in darkness and in ordinary service conditions, with full equipment and a normal load of petrol. It was made at a height of 17,000 feet, and once that height was reached the pilot flew entirely by instruments. This is the first time that a land plane has flown at more than 400 miles per hour, and it is the first time that any land plane has flown at more than 300 m.p.h. at night.

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Pilot Officer A. G. Worcester is Adjutant of No. 7 F.T.S., Peterborough. He keeps in continual touch with the College, and the JOURNAL is regularly sent to him.

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Flight Lieutenant P. B. Coote is attached to the Egyptian Army and is helping to form an "Egyptian Cranwell." He sends his best wishes to the staff of the JOURNAL.

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We wish to offer our congratulations to:—

Squadron Leader and Mrs. N. W. F. Mason on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. H. M. Mellor on the birth of a daughter;



F/C HR Goodman



F/C Cpl WP Shand



F/C KF Mackie



F/C PR ap Ellis



F/C AG Worcester



F/C Sgt HE Nowell



F/C MH Cox

Squadron Leader and Mrs. D. J. Waghorn on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. T. C. Dickens on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. N. H. D'Aeth on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. N. A. P. Prichett on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. T. N. McEvoy on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. Y. Eccles on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. G. Weston on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. S. L. Blunt on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. E. C. Hudleston on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. H. E. Nowell on the birth of a son; and Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. B. R. Pelly on the birth of a son.

Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. C. W. M. Ling on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. C. M. Windsor on the birth of a son; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. C. W. Grannum on the birth of a son; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. D. Nelson on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Whitehead on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. A. F. R. Bennett on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. E. C. Ingham on the birth of a son; and Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. D. Ross Shore on the birth of a daughter.

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We extend our congratulations on their engagements to:—

Squadron Leaders F. C. Sturgiss and C. V. J. Pratt, Flight Lieutenants A. G. Powell, W. I. H. Burke, S. P. A. Patmore, D. S. Kite, R. C. Jonas and R. W. Wills-Sandford, Flying Officer D. W. Balden, and Pilot Officers M. H. Cox and D. E. Bennett.

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We send our best wishes on their marriages to:—

Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. R. Mutch, Squadron Leader and Mrs. T. B. Prickman, Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. Norwood, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. M. Dawnay, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Thompson, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. D. W. Bayne, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. M. H. Rhys, Flying Officer and Mrs. L. R. Stewart, and Flying Officer and Mrs. H. E. C. Boxer.

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Congratulations to Wing Commander and Mrs. H. B. Porteous on the announcement of the engagement of their youngest daughter.

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The following Old Cranwellians have successfully completed the Specialist Course in Navigation at Manston:—

Squadron Leader A. P. Revington, and Flight Lieutenants P. W. Bale, L. B. B. King, J. A. P. Owen, T. U. Rolfe and A. T. D. Sanders.

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We are very sorry to record the death of one of the most trusted of our College servants, Mr. H. Banks, who died in Lincoln Hospital in February, 1938. He joined the College staff in January, 1920. This year also, on 21st July, we lost another valued College servant, H. Curt, who had been



F/C Sgt RPR Powell



U/O RT Frogley



F/C DE Bennett



F/C PM Wigg

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F/C Cpl M Savage



F/C Cpl EA Johnston



F/C Sgt RC Rotheram

with us for eleven years. We were very sorry to hear of the death of the daughter of Mr. H. Harmiston, a College servant.

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The Editor, with the aid of several cadets, and mainly Flight Cadets M. Savage, P. A. Major, E. A. Johnston and R. C. Rotheram, is producing an illustrated anthology of the poetry of flight, entitled "Icarus." Through the courtesy of hundreds of outside contributors, the editors of this anthology have handled every form of poetry connected with flight; and it has not been easy to make a final selection.

The Editor hopes that this book will be purchased by Old Cranwellians. It will contain a Preface by Sir John Squire and an Epilogue by Mr. Austin Hopkinson, M.P. It will be published by Messrs. Macmillan next Christmas.

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The Editor has received a letter from Rev. A. R. Watson, M.A., who is Chaplain to the British Legation at Copenhagen. He writes:—

"I am a blackhearted ingrate not to have written before.

"I can put you up with pleasure if you don't mind roughing it a bit. My establishment consists of my housekeeper and her daughter and a maid, in a five-roomed flat—up seventy-two steps.

"When you wrote at Christmas it was so cold and wretched that I couldn't imagine anyone willingly coming here. But in fine weather it's not too bad.

"My clerical neighbours are the other Scandinavian capitals, and Berlin and Hamburg. I have got my name down at the Admiralty in case of active service. I would prefer to end as I began.

"But let's hope all will blow over. But I live on the edge of a bit of Germania irredenta and we are all a trifle interested. . . ."

Padre Watson has sent a picture of his church (St. Alban's English Church) in Copenhagen. This is a fine building in the modern Gothic style.

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We had to take part in a sad ceremony on Thursday, 24th March, 1938—the funeral of Flying Officer J. F. Pearce, who met his death in a night-flying accident at Digby. He was the worthy son of a worthy father, Squadron Leader J. L. K. Pearce.

"Bill" Pearce was buried in Cranwell Cemetery. Amongst those present were Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan, Squadron Leader E. S. Finch, Flight Lieutenant F. T. McElwee, Pilot Officers H. Burton and R. H. A. Lee, and in particular Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Healey, who rendered yeoman service in the hour of need.

We offer our deep sympathy to the father and mother in the loss of their only son. Squadron Leader Pearce was for many years a renowned Instructor in Armament at the R.A.F. College. He was also an unusually good shot, and shot for his own country, Ireland, and for the Royal Air Force. He is now the active Secretary of the R.A.F. Rifle Association.

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We were equally sorry to hear of the death of Pilot Officer I. J.



F/C CF Pearce



F/C IJ Fawdry

Fawdry. We offer to Wing Commander and Mrs. Fawdry, whom we knew at Cranwell, our deep sympathy in the loss which they and the Service have sustained.

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At the eleventh hour we have to report with great regret the deaths of Squadron Leader W. N. Blain and Flying Officer W. L. Rowbottom.

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Flight Lieutenant R. E. M. B. Milne, who was years ago an Instructor at Cranwell, is now on the staff of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company of Canada, and is to be found at 54, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. We hope that many Old Cranwellians will complete their insurances through him. He has virtually given up flying, except in an honorary capacity as an instructor during the week-ends.

When he wrote recently he sent his best wishes to several members of the staff, including Dr. O. S. Sinnatt and Captain G. J. Pytches.

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These Old Cranwellians were resident at the station last July: Squadron Leaders M. H. Garnons-Williams, D. A. Boyle (Chief Flying Instructor), A. H. W. J. Cocks and F. D. Biggs, and Flight Lieutenants J. Mutch, C. W. Williams, J. S. Sabine, W. W. Stainthorpe (the College Adjutant), M. H. Rhys, R. L. Bradford, C. R. D. L. Lloyd, G. N. Hancock, M. Dawnay and J. B. Ussher.

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In the Rugger Cup final between Henlow and Gosport the following Old Cranwellians were playing: Flight Lieutenant T. N. Coslett, Flying Officer H. M. Styles, and Pilot Officers J. T. Wilkins and R. P. M. Gibbs. Flight Lieutenant D. M. H. Craven has played rugger regularly for the Royal Air Force this year.

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We were sorry to hear that Squadron Leader R. Costa had been held up by two "gunmen," but were glad to learn that he was none the worse for his adventure.

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Congratulations to Air Marshal Sir William G. S. Mitchell on receiving, at the hands of His Majesty, the honour of Knighthood.

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Among those who visited the College last term, in connection with the Long Range Flight, were Wing Commander O. R. Gayford, D.F.C., Squadron Leader R. Kellett and Flight Lieutenant H. A. V. Hogan.

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These are some of the Old Cranwellians who have visited the College this term:—

Squadron Leaders K. S. Brake, A. P. Revington, J. V. Yonge, C. M. Heard, J. W. Gillan and K. W. Niblett, Flight-Lieutenants W. E. Oulton, E. J. Corbally, J. R. A. Peel, W. H. N. Turner and M. W. S. Robinson, R. P. R. Powell and J. A. Chorlton, and Pilot Officers D. G. Donald and A. G. Worcester.

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F/C Cpl WL Rowbottom



F/C Cpl JT Wilkins



F/C Cpl KS Brake

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE three Vickers Wellesley bombers, all of which broke the world's long-distance record on 7th November, 1938, were piloted by Old Cranwellians:

No. 1 by Squadron Leader R. Kellett.

No. 2 by Squadron Leader H. A. V. Hogan.

No. 3 by Flight Lieutenant A. N. Combe.

They left Ismailia at 0355 hrs. (G.M.T.) on 5th November, and Nos. 1 and 3 landed at Darwin at 0400 hrs. (G.M.T.) on 7th November, having flown a distance of 7,161 miles non-stop in forty-eight hours at an average speed of 150 m.p.h.

No. 2 landed at Koepang on Timor Island early on 7th November to refuel and then proceeded to Darwin.

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Air Vice-Marshal A. E. Borton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., who was Commandant of the College from 1923 to 1926, has been appointed Chairman of the County of Kent Territorial Army and Air Force Association in succession to the late Sir Henry Streatfeild.

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Squadron Leader G. P. Charles, who was O.C. Signals at the College and later at the Electrical and Wireless School, now commands No. 16 (A.C.) Squadron at Old Sarum.

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Congratulations on their promotion to Squadron Leader to:—

W. D. Butler, P. B. Coote, N. B. Norris, W. P. G. Pretty, J. Whitehead, R. B. Dashper, G. F. W. Heycock, D. B. D. Field, N. C. Walker, A. R. Sarel, G. D. Stephenson, T. U. C. Shirley, K. P. Lewis, J. W. C. More, C. E. J. Baines, C. E. Littler, H. B. Wrigley, W. R. Wills-Sandford, F. D. Biggs, R. S. Darbishire, B. M. Cary, W. C. Cooper, W. J. H. Lindley, P. L. P. Marett, A. M. Watts-Read, G. F. Whistondale, C. Ryley, J. A. C. Stratton, D. W. Bayne, K. R. Coates, J. E. Allen, A. P. F. M. Berkeley, C. D. C. Boyce, C. W. Grannum, J. A. H. Loudon, C. H. Turner, H. R. Dale, L. F. Sinclair, G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, W. R. Beaman, D. J. Eayrs, A. L. Franks, J. W. Homer, C. B. Hughes, E. J. Lainé, J. G. Llewellyn, J. Mutch, J. J. Owen, C. V. J. Pratt, R. A. Sprague, W. R. Worstall, G. P. Charles, R. C. Jonas, A. E. Dark, P. J. Polglase (old instructor at College), S. S. Murray, E. J. Corbally, R. C. Mead, I. B. Newbigging, R. V. McIntyre, R. G. A. Vallance, M. B. Edwards, B. H. Jones, W. I. H. Burke, F. F. Wicks, H. R. L. Hood, W. T. F. Wightman, R. E. de T. Vintras, F. C. Cole, R. C. Keary, W. N. McKechnie, C. A. Watt, P. Heath, F. A. J. Pollock-Gore and G. W. Gay.

We are proud to record the award of decorations to the following:—
Flight Lieutenant R. C. F. Lister, who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallant and distinguished services in connection with the operations in Waziristan during the period 16th September to 15th December, 1937.

Flight Lieutenant T. B. de la P. Beresford was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, also in connection with operations in Waziristan.

The award of the Air Force Cross to: Squadron Leaders A. L. Franks, D. N. Roberts and J. W. Gillan, Flight Lieutenant W. D. Disbrey, and Flying Officer (Acting Flight Lieutenant) N. M. Hall.

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These Old Cranwellians were serving at Cranwell in December last: Squadron Leaders M. H. Garnons-Williams, D. A. Boyle, A. H. W. J. Cocks, F. D. Biggs, J. Mutch and W. W. Stainthorpe.

Flight Lieutenants J. S. Sabine, H. G. Leonard-Williams, R. J. Gosnell, R. L. Bradford, C. R. D. L. Lloyd, M. D. Thunder, C. R. J. Pink, H. C. Sawyer, J. Y. Humphreys, J. E. Kirk, P. D. W. Hackforth and D. Saward.

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The Old Cranwellian Reunion Dinner was held in the Connaught Rooms after the Woolwich match on 19th November.

The guest of the evening was the Rev. A. McHardy, who responded to the toast proposed by Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft.

A presentation of a silver cigar-box bearing the College crest was made to Captain R. de la Bère to commemorate his eighteen years' devoted service to the cadets. In response, the "Prof." contributed a very witty speech.

The following accepted the invitation to the dinner, although a few were unable to attend:—

Squadron Leader L. H. Anness, Pilot Officer C. F. Atkinson, Flying Officer K. Ault.

Air Commodore P. Babington, M.C., Flying Officer D. W. Balden, Squadron Leader C. E. J. Baines, Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Squadron Leader The Earl of Bandon, Squadron Leader G. R. Beaman, Squadron Leader G. Beamish, Captain R. de la Bère, Squadron Leader A. P. Bett, Pilot Officer L. C. Bicknell, Squadron Leader V. Q. Blackden, Squadron Leader D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, Squadron Leader D. A. Boyle, Flight Lieutenant R. L. Bradford, Flying Officer P. E. Browne, Group Captain O. C. Bryson, M.C., D.F.C., A.M., Squadron Leader V. Bruce Bennett, Flying Officer H. F. Burton.

Pilot Officer J. D. Calnan, Squadron Leader G. N. E. T. Carill-Worsley, Flight Lieutenant R. T. Cazalet, Flight Lieutenant C. Charlton-Jones, Squadron Leader G. R. M. Clifford, Squadron Leader G. Combe, Group Captain A. Coningham, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C., Squadron Leader E. J. Corbally, Squadron Leader R. Costa, Pilot Officer P. A. N. Cox, Pilot Officer C. H. Cribb.

Squadron Leader H. R. Dale, Squadron Leader R. B. Dashper,



F/C DN Roberts



F/C CF Atkinson



F/C K Ault



F/C PH Cribb



F/C Cpl TD Calnan



F/C Cpl WJH Lindsay



F/C CDC Boyce



F/C Cpl DJ Eayrs



F/C BH Jones



F/C FAJ Pollock-Gore



F/C GW Gay



F/C PDW Hackforth

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Squadron Leader H. M. David, Squadron Leader E. S. C. Davis, Flight Lieutenant D. F. Dixon, Pilot Officer M. S. Donne.
 Squadron Leader H. Eeles, Flight Lieutenant D. R. Evans.
 Flight Lieutenant D. B. D. Field.
 Squadron Leader M. H. Garnons-Williams, Squadron Leader J. Gillan, Flight Lieutenant R. J. Gosnell, Wing Commander J. A. Gray, D.F.C., Flying Officer J. D. Green, Flying Officer J. Grierson, Squadron Leader H. M. Groves.
 Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.V.O., Squadron Leader F. F. W. Hall, Pilot Officer T. J. Hanlon, Squadron Leader S. H. Hardy, J. Healy, Esq., Squadron Leader W. S. Hebden, Group Captain G. H. Herring, D.S.O., M.C., Squadron Leader J. W. Homer, Squadron Leader A. W. Hunt.
 Flying Officer R. K. Jeffries.
 Squadron Leader A. King-Lewis, Wing Commander E. J. Kingston-McCloughry, D.S.O., D.F.C., Squadron Leader W. H. Kyle.
 J. H. S. Lager, Esq. (Secretary), Flight Lieutenant H. G. Leonard-Williams, Squadron Leader C. E. Littler, Flight Lieutenant C. R. D. C. Lloyd, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, K.C.B., D.S.O., Wing Commander H. T. Lydford, A.F.C.
 Squadron Leader D. Macfadyen, Rev. A. McHardy, M.C., M.A., Flying Officer T. R. Manson, Flying Officer J. C. Mayhew, Pilot Officer W. E. G. Measures, Air Marshal Sir William Mitchell, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., Squadron Leader J. W. C. More, Flight Lieutenant W. B. Murray, Squadron Leader J. Mutch, Squadron Leader J. R. Mutch.
 Flight Lieutenant E. D. Nelson, Squadron Leader H. E. Nowell.
 Pilot Officer P. G. O'Brien, Wing Commander C. P. Ogden, O.B.E., Squadron Leader C. C. O'Grady, Squadron Leader W. A. Opie.
 Air Vice-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., Flight Lieutenant J. R. A. Peel, Flight Lieutenant C. G. Pink, Squadron Leader P. J. Polglase, Flight Lieutenant M. K. D. Porter, Captain G. J. Pyches.
 Flight Lieutenant P. R. Robinson.
 Right Hon. Sir Philip Sassoon, Bart., G.B.E., C.M.G., M.P., Flight Lieutenant H. C. Sawyer, Wing Commander E. J. Sayer, M.C., Squadron Leader C. F. Sealy, Group Captain J. Sowrey, A.F.C., Squadron Leader R. H. S. Spaight, Squadron Leader R. A. Sprague, Flight Lieutenant W. W. Stainthorpe, Squadron Leader F. W. Stannard, Squadron Leader J. A. C. Stratton, Squadron Leader G. D. Stephenson, Squadron Leader J. N. T. Stephenson, Flight Lieutenant A. W. Sweeney.
 Squadron Leader P. J. A. Thomson, Air Commodore W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C.
 Flight Lieutenant E. F. Wain, Squadron Leader E. R. M. Walker, Flight Lieutenant G. E. Wallace, Flying Officer P. E. Warcup, Squadron Leader C. W. Weedon, Squadron Leader J. E. W. Weston, Flight

Lieutenant C. W. Williams, Flight Lieutenant D. W. Williams, Flight Lieutenant S. C. Widdows, Rev. Leslie Wright.
 Squadron Leader B. C. Yarde, Flight Lieutenant R. G. Yaxley.

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Congratulations on their promotion to Squadron Leader to:—
 H. Eeles, N. C. S. Rutter, F. A. Pearce, A. D. Messenger, T. N. Coslett, H. A. V. Hogan, F. C. Daubney, R. L. Wilkinson, C. W. M. Ling, M. W. S. Robinson, A. McIlwaine, W. E. Oulton, J. O. W. Oliver, N. E. Morrison, L. F. Brown, W. P. Welch, W. F. C. Hobson, C. J. Giles, L. V. Andrews, P. E. Drew, R. C. Gaskell, G. J. L. Read, W. S. Reed, R. T. Cazalet, W. T. H. Nichols, S. C. Widdows, F. E. Stokes, C. S. Moore, W. W. Stainthorpe, D. Addenbrooke, C. W. Williams, D. I. P. Macnair, N. A. R. Halliday, L. G. Gibson, H. T. Bennett, M. W. L'I. La V. Baker, J. C. Macdonald, C. M. Windsor and R. F. Smith.

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Captain R. de la Bère has communicated a characteristic letter so full of news of Old Cranwellians that we feel it ought to be reproduced in its entirety. Here it is:—

“ HEADQUARTERS, FIGHTER COMMAND,
 “ ROYAL AIR FORCE,
 “ BENTLEY PRIORY,
 “ STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
 “ 8th December, 1938.

“ MY DEAR SINNATT,

“ I am sitting down after dinner to respond to your invitation to me to write a few Old Cranwellian notes for the JOURNAL.

“ But I must begin by sending you all at the College—instructors, flight cadets, and household staff—my best wishes, and this in no perfunctory spirit, for your happiness and good fortune in all your aspirations, grave and gay.

“ Especially to your good self do I render my respects. I trust that the younger members of your family are no longer strewing their mangled limbs about the Sleaford scape; and that you yourself continue to abound in vitamins, endocrines, calories, ohms, chromes, ductless glands, ergs, asymptotes, and coulombs.

“ And now for my notes. They are going to be dull. Though your Editor and Sub-Editors have importuned me for a humorous contribution to Vol. XIX, they forget that humour is a liquid affair, and that it sometimes dries up. I am desiccated by my office work; all my bones are out of joint. I have no longer the privilege and the galvanizing incitement of youthful company, which spurred on Mr. Cranwell Pepys, who passed away in the odour of pedantry last August.

“ But before his death—which, I suppose, was overdue—the artifice



F/C Cpl J Mutch



F/C JR Mutch



F/C FW Stannard



Sir Philip Sassoon



U/O PGS StG O'Brian



F/C Sgt PE Warcup



F/C Sgt JNT Stephenson

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and quip of the thing had lost their virtue—Mr. Pepys showed me in his Diary one of his quaint conceits, the latest that he was to commit. It ran :

“ ‘ *Fridaye August 30.*

“ ‘ Comes to my eare this daye a naughtie tale of a harassed German who has reviled last weeke one of his Dictatours, calling him, forsooth, a *Schwein-hund*; or as the Chinese have it, A *pigge-dogg*. Whereupon he has been haled before the Judge who has instantly indicted him on three countes: one, *videlicet*, that hee was swoln with wine; two, that he was unseemlie in his language; and three, that he had given away an official secret. Soe offe he goes poor chappe to be concentrated in mein camp.’

“ But that is *la dernière cartouche*. If your Editor wants an article on ‘The Secondary Effects of Bending Stresses,’ or ‘The Dynamical Implications of the Ornithopter,’ or ‘The Generation of Thermionic Oscillation,’ or ‘Greek Particles,’ or ‘Afghan Folk-lore,’ I might manage that. But that is as far as my thin humour runs to-day.

“ Fighter Command, where I am, comprises about thirty stations and in the course of my duties I have to visit each of them. As often as not the Commander of the Station is an Old Cranwellian, and the newest recruit an Old Cranwellian too.

“ At every station I have met notable courtesy and hospitality. At every station I have poured a modest libation, always at the cost of others, and have raked up Cranwellian embers, sometimes into quite a decent blaze. Those receptions have made a pleasure of a duty; and I wish I could tender my thanks publicly to the Old Cranwellians whom I have encountered in my routine.

“ I cannot recount all the news that I have been told; some of it is too intimate to be recounted.

“ Flying Officer P. W. Townsend is off to Tours to polish up his French. He hopes, like Flying Officer Piers Kelly, to learn Russian; and after that a Scandinavian tongue. Flying Officer R. J. S. Edwards is improving his Spanish and hopes to take his Final B.Sc.—a great distinction.

“ Group Captain A. J. Capel keeps in touch with the West Country and gets a day now and then with the Devon and Somerset.

“ Squadron Leader W. A. Opie has doffed for a moment his literary laurels.

“ An Old Cranwellian writes to me from India :—

“ ‘ It is difficult to say that nothing of an extraordinary nature happens here; but looking back over the last few months I can only think of one incident worth relating; and that concerns Mehar Singh. He is up here now with a flight of the I.A.F., and was flying near Razmak a fortnight ago when his Wapiti had engine failure. It is difficult to portray the type of country over which he was flying; but to write quite cold-bloodedly he force-landed on a hillside covered with trees at an altitude of about 9,000 feet. Neither he nor his air gunner was injured, but the aircraft was a mass of wreckage, and it took Mehar half an hour to extricate himself; not a

pleasant half-hour with the leaking petrol tank dripping its contents over the wreckage. After getting out, the two of them set out for Jatta Khel, a Tochi Scout post, where they arrived at 5 o’clock the next morning. Luckily they met no tribes-people, though they were followed by wolves, and the air gunner was injured slightly when he fell down a small precipice. Mehar thinks that one such occurrence is quite enough.’

“ With me at Bentley Priory are Squadron Leader J. Norwood, in charge of Intelligence; and Squadron Leader C. S. Riccard, who wields the Personnel Branch. Squadron Leader C. E. J. Baines presides over Air Organization; Squadron Leader D. N. Roberts over Air Staff Duties; and Squadron Leader R. G. M. Walker over Navigation.

“ Squadron Leader S. H. Hardy was here for a short time, and was one of our biggest noises on air frames.

“ The picture of Air Commodore R. M. Groves which hangs usually in the College has been exhibited effectively at the Royal Institute Galleries.

“ This portrait commemorates the son of the late Mrs. Groves,

nobilis mater nobilis filii,

a stalwart pier and a generous ally of our Service. This picture was the last of her many bequests to us.

“ Flight Lieutenant M. K. D. Porter is recovering rapidly from the injury to his foot; and Flying Officer T. D. Calnan at Tangmere is once more a rugger ace.

“ Flying Officer A. D. Panton, alas, has had to give up a man’s in favour of an old man’s game.

“ Squadron Leaders M. W. S. Robinson, R. G. M. Walker, G. F. Whistondale and H. M. Pearson are preparing for the Staff College, and I have had pleasure in once more awarding them pure *alphas* for their Essays and Appreciations in English pure and undefiled which periodically reach me at these Headquarters.

“ Pilot Officer H. F. Burton is captain of the rugger side at Digby.

“ At Old Sarum there is a seething mass of Old Cranwellian Co-operators, including Michael Savage, who helped to pluck the flowers for the Cranwell anthology, ‘Icarus.’

“ At the Police College on 9th November I saw, to my shame, our fellows beaten in the second half of the soccer match, despite the fact that at half-time they had the advantage of the score, the wind, the slope, and a magnificent game played on the touch-line by Squadron Leader L. de L. Leder, Flight Cadet J. A. Holmes and myself.

“ Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore has just surrendered the command of the Imperial Defence College. Dick Longmore is the personal assistant to the Air Officer Commanding at Singapore.

“ Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs. F. C. Halahan had their annual bonfire and firework display at Rauceby on 5th November; and invited a contingent of Cranwell pyrotechnicians. One of the leading celebrants exercised his usual discretion.

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"In conclusion, Herr Doktor (whom God preserve for many years!), I was glad to receive through Flight Cadets P. A. Major and J. E. Preston two generous motions from the College Debating and Literary Societies.

"I should have liked to acknowledge publicly—as I have acknowledged privately—I do not know how many other generous messages, notably those from Squadron Leaders E. C. Dearth and H. R. Dale, and Flying Officer Patrick Gibbs, all of whose letters to me have gone into cold storage.

"I greatly enjoyed two small reunions at 'The George' at Grantham, though I detected a serious decline in the appetites of 'the young gentlemen of the College,' as Mr. Pepys would have called them. Flight Cadet Henry Breese could barely manage four doughnuts—

Timeo Danaos et Doughnut Ferentes

—Flight Cadet N. D. Hallifax surrendered, *sans phrase*, to his dozenth cake; and Flight Cadet J. E. R. Hayter, despite a long perusal of *The New Statesman*, could manage only five cups of tea.

"Please give Mr. D. E. Williams and his good lady my best salutations. All hail!—or heil! if you prefer the modern vogue, though I resist to the last ditch any totalitarian innuendo.

"Yours sincerely,
"R. DE LA BÈRE."

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Squadron Leaders H. M. Mellor, M.V.O., and R. K. Hamblin have been nominated for the Staff College, Camberley, for the course commencing in January, 1940.

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Wing Commander S. H. Ware, who once ran the Beagles at the College, has assumed command of the R.A.F. station at Helwan, Egypt. He was in command of No. 211 (Bomber) Squadron, which in April last was moved from Grantham to Helwan.

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Squadron Leader H. F. G. Southey has taken up signals duties at the air station at Ismailia.

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Flying Officer D. E. Bennett has been assisting at the R.A.F. stand at the Paris Aero Exhibition.

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Among the R.A.F. team who recently beat the Rump Club in a squash rackets match at Kensington County Club were the three Old Cranwellians Squadron Leaders J. W. C. More and M. G. Philpott, and Flight Lieutenant J. McM. Hughes, and Flight Lieutenant A. W. Sweeney of the College.

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Flight Lieutenant M. F. B. Read has joined the administrative staff in the Aden Command.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flight Lieutenant to:—

H. M. Styles, E. M. T. Howell, L. Rose, H. C. Sawyer, J. L. Crosbie, B. A. C. Wood, H. D. Fraser, D. H. S. Rusher, I. C. Jackson, L. C. Bicknell, D. H. Lee, F. M. Smith, D. B. Hatfield, D. F. Dixon and J. A. Tuck.

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We regret to announce that the following have retired from the active list on account of ill-health: Flight Lieutenants H. H. Leech, H. G. Richards and F. L. P. Henzell.

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We offer our congratulations on their engagements to:—

Squadron Leaders G. Stanley-Turner, E. J. Corbally, G. R. C. Spencer, L. W. Dickens and W. P. Welch, Flight Lieutenants W. A. Hughes, D. P. Hanafin and G. C. Eveleigh, and Flying Officer W. I. C. Inness.

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We are delighted to congratulate the first Old Cranwellians to reach the rank of Wing Commander. *The Times* commented on the promotions as follows:—

"A feature of the New Year promotions is the inclusion of the first officers to be promoted to the rank of wing commander from among cadets who were trained at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

"The college was opened by Lord Trenchard on February 5, 1920, and of the 63 members of the first year who completed the course and were commissioned as pilot officers seven are promoted to wing commander from January 1. They were promoted to squadron leader between December 1, 1935, and April 1, 1936. Wing Commander C. W. Weedon (the first to become a squadron leader) is an engineer specialist, and is now serving at the School of Aeronautical Engineering at Henlow. Wing Commander Gerard Combe specialized in armament duties, and is now experimental officer at the Chemical Defence Station. Wing Commander W. L. Dawson is serving with No. 216 (Bomber Transport) Squadron in Egypt. Wing Commander E. A. Hodgson, now commanding No. 1 Coast Artillery Co-operation Unit at Gosport, is probably the only officer with flying service in the War who afterwards became a cadet at Cranwell; he was originally in the R.N.A.S. Wing Commander G. R. C. Spencer, who was a midshipman in the Navy during the War, now commands No. 47 (Bomber) Squadron at Khartoum. Wing Commander G. H. Mills is on the staff of the Deputy Directorate of Operations at the Air Ministry; and Wing Commander R. N. Waite commands No. 224 (General Reconnaissance) Squadron at Leuchars."

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We are glad to record that an old squadron commander, Air Vice-Marshal C. F. A. Portal, has been awarded the C.B., and Wing Commander A. G. Bishop has been promoted to Group Captain.



F/C WA Hughes



AVM GRC Spencer



F/C Sgt JE Preston



U/O ND Hallifax



U/O JER Hayter



F/C BAC Wood



F/C Cpl DHS Rusher



F/C Cpl DB Hatfield



F/C JAH Tuck

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F/C AR Vaughan-Williams F/C DA Ffrench-Mullen F/C GS ff Powell-Sheddon F/C Sgt ITBT Rowland F/C Sgt SWB Menaul F/C Cpl NC Harding F/C RH McConnell

We are very pleased to note that Squadron Leader D. O. Mulholland, who commanded a College squadron, has been promoted to Wing Commander.

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Squadron Leader F. E. Bond, sometime Adjutant, Cadets, has been promoted to Wing Commander.

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Congratulations on their promotion to Flying Officer to:—

B. Barthold, C. D. Milne, H. F. Burton, L. D. Wilson, A. R. Vaughan-Williams, D. A. French-Mullen, G. S. ff. Powell, W. A. Harris, I. T. B. Rowland, S. W. B. Menaul, N. C. Harding, I. S. Soden, P. E. S. F. M. Browne, D. Weston Burt, A. D. Jackson, R. M. B. D. Duke-Woolley, S. P. Coulson, H. E. Bufton, L. F. Cooper, K. Ault, G. P. Robinson, R. H. McConnell, J. G. Fraser, R. S. J. Edwards and D. E. Bennett.

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The following have visited the College since the last edition of the JOURNAL:—

Wing Commander H. W. Heslop, O.B.E., who is now in the Directorate of Development and Production at the Air Ministry, visited the College on 26th September. Wing Commander Heslop was O.C. Workshops from May, 1933, to August, 1935.

Squadron Leader J. W. C. More, Flight Lieutenants D. Addenbrooke and W. B. Murray, Flying Officer J. A. Chorlton, and Pilot Officers A. D. Panton, J. F. Cook, A. C. Triptree, C. M. Wright, R. B. Wright and S. N. Goyal.

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We send our best wishes on their marriages to:—

Squadron Leader and Mrs. W. H. Merton, Squadron Leader and Mrs. D. B. D. Field, Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. C. Jonas, Squadron Leader and Mrs. F. C. Sturgiss, Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. V. J. Pratt, and Squadron Leader and Mrs. G. F. W. Heycock.

Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. E. Banthorpe, and Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. C. Charlton-Jones.

Flying Officer and Mrs. P. G. S. Dickenson.

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Among the latest promotions to Squadron Leader is that of Flight Lieutenant H. Eeles, who is Personal Assistant to the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall.

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The following Old Cranwellians have been appointed for duty with No. 18 (Reconnaissance) Group which moved in December to Donibristle, Fife: Squadron Leader S. H. V. Harris, Air Staff Duties, and Squadron Leader G. P. Chamberlain, Signal Duties.

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We wish to offer our congratulations to:—

Wing Commander and Mrs. H. W. Heslop on the birth of a son;

Squadron Leader and Mrs. G. P. Charles on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. D. W. Lane on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. J. Collingwood on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. G. W. Montagu on the birth of a son; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. E. M. T. Howell on the birth of a daughter; and Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. O. W. Oliver on the birth of a daughter.

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We tender our hearty congratulations to Air Vice-Marshal P. Babington on his recent promotion. Although he writes to say that *The Times* made a mistake in his age, we like to think that he is the youngest of his rank in the Service.

The Air Vice-Marshal left the College to take the post of Director of Postings at the Air Ministry. He was then Group Captain.

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Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, who commanded at Cranwell from 1929 to 1933, is a member of the R.A.F. Mission to Australia to discuss the manufacture of British military aircraft in that country.

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Flight Lieutenant J. H. Lowe visited the College in September and was full of praise for the Territorial anti-aircraft units. He had been target-towing for them. He said that after training with the 3-inch A.A. gun, which is really a museum piece, they came out with the new 3.7-inch and scored a hit with the first shot at 14,000 feet. With the second shot they removed the target by severing the tow-line. The target was two miles out at sea and the shooting was in the presence of a concourse of people, including some "high spots" of the Army.

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Some Old Cranwellian visitors who have recently dined in the College are:—

Squadron Leader E. S. Finch, of No. 73 (F.) Squadron, Digby; Squadron Leader E. A. Jones, of No. 5 Group, Grantham; Squadron Leader P. McG. Watt, of No. 49 (B.) Squadron, Scampton; Squadron Leader T. G. Pike, of No. 10 Flying Training School; Flight Lieutenant P. D. W. Hackforth, of E. and W.S., Cranwell; Flying Officer H. F. Burton, of No. 46 (F.) Squadron, Digby; Pilot Officer J. E. Grindon, of No. 98 (B.) Squadron, Hucknall; and Pilot Officer T. Preston, of No. 98 (B.) Squadron, Hucknall.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge interesting letters from Squadron Leader D. W. R. Ryley, who is serving at Headquarters, Far East Command, Singapore.

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Squadron Leader T. H. England, D.F.C., A.F.C., an old squadron commander at the College, has joined Messrs. Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds, Ltd., Heath Street, Birmingham, as their technical sales adviser on aviation.

R.A.F. STAFF COLLEGE.

It has been decided to increase the entry to the R.A.F. Staff College. In January fifty-five R.A.F. officers and ten from other Services were accepted, and in 1940 and subsequent years the figures will be seventy R.A.F. and twelve from other Services.

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As a result of this decision, the following Old Cranwellians (inclusive of those already notified) have been selected for the 17th Course beginning January, 1939:—

Squadron Leaders G. G. Barrett, C. E. St. J. Beamish, G. B. Beardsworth, L. C. Bennett, L. W. Cannon, H. R. Dale, C. W. Dicken, A. Earle, R. C. Field, J. G. Franks, C. McK. Grierson, A. V. Hammond, G. W. Hayes, W. S. Hebden, W. H. Hutton, R. C. Jordan, E. C. Lewis, J. A. H. Loudon, H. H. Martin, W. H. Merton, L. P. Moore, K. F. T. Pickles, H. G. Wheeler, R. C. Wilson and J. Whitehead, and Flight Lieutenants F. C. Cole, L. J. Crosbie, R. E. de T. Vintras and F. F. Wicks.

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Squadron Leader G. D. Stephenson has been appointed for flying duties on the staff of the Inspector-General of the R.A.F., Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Edward Ellington.

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We offer felicitations to Squadron Leader F. R. D. Swain, A.F.C., on his marriage. He was at one time in charge of the Advanced Training Squadron at the College. It will be remembered that in 1936 he flew a Bristol to a height of 49,967 feet, nearly nine and a half miles, recapturing the record from France.

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We regret to record the death of Flying Officer P. J. K. Pike, who won the King's Medal in December, 1935. He is presumed to have been lost at sea on 2nd November, 1938. The aeroplane, of No. 206 (G.R.) Squadron, with a crew of four, of which Flying Officer Pike was the pilot, went on a flight over the sea and never returned.

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We are equally sorry to record the death of Flight Lieutenant Reginald Monks, of the Experimental Section of the R.A.E., who was killed at South Farnborough on 12th September, 1938, with Squadron Leader M. A. Adam, the original holder of the height record of 53,937 feet. Flight Lieutenant Monks joined as an aircraft apprentice in 1927 and trained at the E. and W. School, Cranwell. He was awarded a cadetship and the Hyde-Thomson Memorial Prize, and passed out from the College in 1931.

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In the case of officers who have recently been promoted the rank of the officer at the date of any event noted in the JOURNAL has been given.



F/C RSJ Edwards



F/C JG Fraser



F/C Cpl JF Cook



F/C AC Triptree



F/C RB Wright



F/C CM Wright



F/C SN Goyal



F/C Cpl TG Pike



F/C Sgt JE Grindon



F/C Cpl T Preston

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Fourteenth Annual General Meeting - 1 July 1939

Commandant, AVM JEA Baldwin, in the Chair.

Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, July 1st 1939. 85
 There were 23 members present.
 The Chair was taken by Air Vice Marshal J.E.A. Baldwin (Commandant)

MINUTES
 The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were read and confirmed.

ACCOUNTS.
 The audited balance sheet for the twelve months ended 30th April 1939 was submitted to the meeting and passed.

GRANT TO R.A.F. COLLEGE.
 Proposed by Wing Cdr Garnons-Williams that the annual grant of £50 to R.A.F. College Funds to defray the cost of entertaining Members passing through Cranwell during the next twelve months be paid. This was seconded by Flight Lieut Pink and carried.

R.A.F. COLLEGE STAFF PENSIONS FUND.
 It was proposed by S/Ldr King-Lewis that a grant of £125 be again given to the College Staff Pensions Fund under the same conditions as the previous grant given a year ago. This was seconded by Wing Cdr Garnons-Williams and passed.

TO-DAY'S AT HOME.
 It was proposed by S/Ldr Gosnell that O.C.A. Funds make no payment towards the cost of to-day's "At Home". S/Ldr Gosnell said the reasons for this proposal were that the Members of the Association were the guests of the Commandant, Officers and Flight Cadets of the College that day and should not therefore be asked to bear any part of the cost. The Chairman said he could quite see S/Ldr Gosnell's point but thought the case could be met by re-wording the invitations to include the O.C.A. as hosts. S/Ldr Gosnell said this would be more satisfactory and would meet the case. There was no seconder to S/Ldr Gosnell's proposition. It was then proposed by Wing Commander Bonham-Carter that half the cost of to-day's "At Home" be met from O.C.A. Funds as last year. This was seconded by S/Ldr Boyle and carried. It was decided that the invitations be reworded in future to include the O.C.A. as hosts.

ANNUAL DINNER.
 Wing Cdr Garnons-Williams informed the meeting that the annual re-union dinner had been fixed at the Connaught Rooms for November 25th next. This had to be arranged before this meeting in order to secure accommodation for the date required. The Meeting approved this arrangement.

It was proposed by Wing Cdr Garnons-Williams that Captain Balfour, The Under Secretary of State for Air, be invited as guest of honour this year. This was seconded by S/Ldr King-Lewis and carried.

COLLEGE ROWING.
 The Assistant Commandant asked that the Meeting consider the question of assisting towards the purchase of a new boat for the use of the Cadets Rowing Club. He stated that a new boat would cost approximately £65. £30 had already been promised towards the cost from the Station Amenities Fund and it would be greatly appreciated if the Association would pay the balance of £35. F/Lt Wain (Officer i/c Rowing) explained to the meeting the urgent need for this boat and how much the cadets would appreciate having a boat of their own.

College grant
 College Staff Pension Fund funded by OCA
 OCA contribute funds for new rowing boat

After discussion, Wing Commander Garnons-Williams proposed that the sum of £35/10/0 be granted towards the cost of a new boat provided the College Authorities purchased a second-hand boat for the cadets for training practice. This was seconded by the Commandant and carried. The Assistant Commandant stated that a second-hand boat would be purchased from College Funds.

M-SNOXELL.
 Propose
 Owing to a special circumstance S/Ldr Stainthorpe asked that a grant of £25 be given to Mr Snoxell, Mess Clerk, R.A.F. College, as a mark of appreciation and in recognition of his long service at the College and for his kindness to flight cadets at all times. S/Ldr Stainthorpe explained that at this time a monetary grant would be of great assistance to Mr Snoxell and that it should be recorded in the minutes that any future gift the Association may wish to make to Mr Snoxell, S/Ldr King-Lewis seconded S/Ldr Stainthorpe's proposition which was carried nem con.

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.
 A list of 11 names was submitted to the Meeting as being eligible for election to Associate Membership under the Rules. The Chairman gave a short resume of the qualifications for membership of each of the officers shown and suggested, that in view of the present expansion the Meeting might wish to disregard Rule 3 this year and elect 5 Associate Members instead of 3. After discussion it was proposed by Wing Cdr Garnons-Williams that Rule 3 be waived for this year and that 5 Associate Members be elected. This was seconded by Flight Lieut Pink and carried.

The voting resulted in the following being elected:-
 Sqd Ldr Wake, Wing Cdr Wiblin, Flying Officer Sims, Flt Lieut Revell and Major Lowther.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.
 The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing twelve months:-
 At Cranwell

The Commandant.	The Asst Commandant
S/Ldr Boyle	S/Ldr Stainthorpe
Flt Lt Pink	S/Ldr Gosnell
S/Ldr Sanders	S/Ldr Hughes

At Home Stations

Wing Cdr Bonham Carter	S/Ldr Lloyd
S/Ldr King Lewis	W/Cdr Macfadyen
F/O B.P. Young	F/O P.G.O'Brian.

WREATHS
 Wing Cdr Bonham-Carter asked if anything could be done to ensure that a wreath from the Association be sent when members died. The Secretary would not miss sending in cases of deaths from crashes, but it was very difficult for wreaths to be sent in cases of death from natural causes, unless the Secretary was informed of the death by someone. After discussion it was decided that a paragraph be inserted in the annual circular asking that members notify the Secretary immediately they knew of the death of an ex-cadet member to ensure that a wreath be sent.

Staff gratuity

Wreaths for deceased - proposed just two months before WWII!

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COLLEGE RECORD.
 The Commandant informed the Meeting how very useful he had found the College Record and suggested a further improvement could be made in future editions if a distinguishing mark be placed against the names of members showing tours of duty at the R.A.F. College subsequent to their graduating. It was decided to consider reprinting the Record at the end of the present year and to ask the Air Ministry to assist in the cost.

A vote of thanks to the Secretary was proposed by W/Cdr Garnons-Williams, seconded by S/Ldr Boyle and carried.

S/Ldr Stainthorpe proposed a vote of thanks to W/Cdr Garnons-Williams for the work he had done as Chairman of Committee whilst at Cranwell. This was seconded by Air Vice Marshal Baldwin and carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman.

*Grant of £25 to Mr P. G. Snoxell July 1939
 To be shown in the case of the question of a further grant to Mr Snoxell being considered.
 Glaced by me in the presence of Mr Laper, on consideration of a further grant being given to Mr Snoxell, on the occasion of his leaving the College.*

Cadet Record Book

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION - INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - FOR THE PERIOD 1. 5. 38 to 30. 4. 39.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.
Members Subscriptions	588. 15. 0	Annual Dinner 1938	120. 8. 3
Bank Interest	17. 10. 0	Depreciation Property	1. 0. 0
Profit on Ties	1. 15. 0	Annual Grant College	50. 0. 0
		Present - Capt. de la Hure	27. 7. 0
		Grant to College Staff Pension Fund	125. 0. 0
		At Home - July 23rd.	19. 17. 6
		Journals to Members	189. 14. 2
		Lord Mayors Fund - Czech Children	5. 0. 0
		Income Tax	4. 13. 6
		Telephone & Postage	6. 0. 8
		Printing	9. 3. 0
		Clerical Assistance	2. 5. 0
		Wreaths	4. 5. 0
		Stationery	1. 8. 0
		To Capital Account	63. 6. 9
	£ 608. 1. 0		£ 608. 1. 0

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.
Capital A/C. at 30.4.38	885.16.11½	Cash at Bank current	218. 14. 8
Add R & S. A/C. above	63. 6. 0	Cash in Hand	11. 11½
		Invested Funds 3½% W.S.	500. 0. 0
Deduct	949. 3. 6½	Stamps in Hand	1. 7. 0
Scholarship Fund	280. 0. 0	Cash on Deposit	200. 0. 0
		Ties in hand	22. 5. 6
		Forparty	6. 0. 0
Balance at 30. 4. 39	669. 3. 8½	Sundry Debtors (Chas)	1. 10. 0
Scholarship Fund	280. 0. 0		
	£ 949. 3. 8½		£ 949. 3. 8½

hereby certify that the accounts and balance sheet for the period 1. 5. 38 to 30. 4. 39 disclose all transactions that have taken place during that period in connection with the Old Cranwellian Association Funds, and that all assets and liabilities are properly accounted for.

Audited and found correct. *[Signature]* Hon. Secretary.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

BY O. S. S.

CONGRATULATIONS to Flight Lieutenant J. W. Bayley on gaining the M.B.E.

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Hearty congratulations to Squadron Leaders D. A. Boyle, L. W. Dickens and H. J. Pringle on being awarded the Air Force Cross.

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We should like to tender our heartiest congratulations to Group Captain I. T. Lloyd on being awarded the C.B.E. It will be remembered that Group Captain Lloyd was once Chief Instructor at the College.

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Squadron Leader F. F. W. Hall is now entitled to the symbol "q.s." against his name in the Air Force List, as he satisfactorily completed the Camberley Staff College course which ended in December, 1938.

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In *The Aeroplane* of 10th May, Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton gives a most instructive and interesting account of a flight he recently made round New Zealand.

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We notice with permissible gratification that Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore headed the R.A.F. Mission which visited Australia and New Zealand at the request of the Governments of the Dominions.

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Squadron Leader J. Addams, A.F.C., flew the first of the two hundred Lockheed bombers, which were ordered by the Air Ministry, from Burbank, California, to New York. He covered the distance, 2,430 miles, in twelve hours' flying time.

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Hearty congratulations to Wing Commander C. L. Falconer on his promotion on 1st March, 1939. He was the eighth Old Cranwellian to be promoted to Wing Commander.

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In the *London Gazette* of 28th March, 1939, we notice that Squadron Leader A. R. Glencross was brought to the notice of the Air Officer formerly commanding British Forces in Aden, for distinguished services in connection with operations in the Aden Protectorate on 29th and 30th April and from 6th July to 4th September, 1938.

The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale has awarded the world's long-distance air record to both Squadron Leader R. Kellett and Flight Lieutenant A. N. Combe, the pilots of the two Wellesley aircraft which flew non-stop from Ismailia to Darwin—a distance officially accepted for the record as 7,159 miles.

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The International Aeronautical Federation voted Squadron Leader R. Kellett's flight one of the two finest air performances of 1938, and Prince Bibesco, the President of the Federation, has made a personal gift of a cup to him.

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The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Air Force Cross to Squadron Leader Richard Kellett and Squadron Leader Andrew Nicholson Combe, of the Royal Air Force Long Range Development Unit, in recognition of services rendered as members of the crews of two aircraft which, having flown non-stop from Ismailia to Port Darwin on 5th to 7th November, 1938, established a world's long-distance record.

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All Cranwell personnel will be pleased to hear that Air Vice-Marshal Cave-Browne-Cave is well on the way to recovery from his recent very serious accident. It will be remembered that the Air Vice-Marshal was Commandant of the College.

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On 1st March, 1939, the Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Robert Cassels, approved the immediate award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Squadron Leader R. C. Mead, of No. 20 (Army Co-operation) Squadron R.A.F., for conspicuous gallantry in dispersing from the air a tribal lashkar which attacked Datta Khel Post, in Waziristan.

During the night of 5th February the tribesmen were attacking the post with two guns when Squadron Leader Mead, in an aircraft, arrived from Miram Shah and, guided by the flash of the tribesmen's rifles, and aided by light signals from the post, attacked the tribesmen with bomb and machine gun. Four tribesmen of the gun crews were either killed or injured, and one gun was damaged. On the night of 7th February a similar attack was repeated by the tribesmen, and Squadron Leader Mead once more set out from Miram Shah and carried out two sorties in the dark.

Squadron Leader Mead's flights on these occasions are regarded officially as "a splendid example of skill and devotion to duty under fire."

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Squadron Leader E. C. Huddleston and Flight Lieutenant L. B. B. King have gone to Eskisehir as instructors at the Turkish Flying Training School.

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F/C Cpl GC Shepherd



F/C Sgt LK Barnes



F/C Cpl HD Beck



F/C Cpl D Michell



F/C Sgt JR Jeudwine



F/C AWJ Clark



F/C Cpl EH Lynch-Blosse



F/C Cpl RI Jones

Hearty congratulations to the following Squadron Leaders on their promotion to Wing Commander: W. A. D. Brook, N. H. D'Aeth, T. J. Desmond, R. H. S. Spaight, D. Macfadyen, N. B. R. Pelly, M.C., A. P. Revington, J. G. Hawtrey, G. C. Shepherd, M. B. Mackay, F. G. S. Mitchell, W. J. M. Akerman, R. H. Carter, D.F.C., A. D. Davies, G. H. Randle, C. S. Riccard, E. H. M. David, V. B. Bennett, R. B. Jordan, G. E. Nicholetts, F. J. Fressanges, N. A. P. Pritchett, N. Carter, D.F.C., M. H. Garnons-Williams, D. W. F. Bonham-Carter and L. K. Barnes, M.B.E.

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We offer our heartiest good wishes to the following on the occasion of their marriage: Flying Officer and Mrs. D. E. Bennett, Wing Commander and Mrs. D. Macfadyen, Squadron Leader and Mrs. A. C. P. Carver, Squadron Leader and Mrs. A. F. McKenna, Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. J. Gosnell, Squadron Leader and Mrs. D. P. Lascelles, Squadron Leader and Mrs. A. McIlwaine, Squadron Leader and Mrs. H. A. V. Hogan, Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. Broughton, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. C. H. Brandon, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. H. D. Beck, and Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. A. H. Tuck.

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We wish to congratulate the following on their promotion to Squadron Leader: A. Pyke, E. F. Porter, F. H. Tyson, R. H. E. Emson, M. F. D. Williams, S. P. Langston, J. Worrall, W. P. Sutcliffe, N. G. Goodman, R. H. A. Leigh, J. N. H. Whitworth, A. W. Geoghegan, W. H. N. Turner, J. S. Sabine, T. A. B. Parselle, P. S. Gomez, M. B. Hamilton, D. V. Johnson, A. R. Glencross, D. Michell, S. P. A. Patmore, H. P. Jenkins, D. R. Evans, A. N. Combe, M. K. D. Porter, J. P. Cecil-Wright, C. R. D. L. Lloyd, P. R. Robinson, W. R. Brotherhood, P. W. Bale, C. C. Morton, F. C. de la Poer Beresford-Peirse, J. R. A. Peel, I. G. Mackay, L. G. Levis, R. H. Shaw, E. B. C. Davies, E. D. MacK. Nelson, E. C. Ingham, T. Q. Horner, M. H. Rhys, A. G. Powell, W. D. Disbrey, A.F.C., C. Broughton, D. J. P. Lee, G. N. Hancock, A. C. P. Carver, H. K. Humphreys, D. S. Shore, R. G. Stone, G. W. Montagu, T. L. Moseley, R. R. Fairweather, D. Finlay, H. G. Leonard-Williams, P. L. Donkin, S. J. Marchbank, R. J. Gosnell, D. A. Pemberton, M. Hastings, M. D. Thunder, J. A. P. Owen, T. G. L. Gale, T. U. Rolfe, G. E. Macdonald, W. B. Murray, N. C. Jones, R. A. C. Carter, L. Coulson, A. Golding, J. V. C. Badger, P. S. Salter, A. R. G. Bax, M. A. Aylmer, M. F. B. Read, H. P. Burwood, J. C. Pope, R. L. Bradford, P. de G. H. Seymour, H. R. Tidd, I. H. D. Walker, J. D. Nelson, G. F. L. Scott, E. C. Harding, J. R. Jeudwine, H. P. Broad, R. E. Barnett, M.B.E., C. F. Pearce, E. V. Vielle, G. C. Eveleigh, C. T. Weir, C. J. P. Flood, A. T. D. Sanders, A. F. R. Bennett, K. Gray, R. G. Watson, E. M. T. Howell, J. F. H. Du Boulay, B. W. Knox, D. S. Kite, D. J. K. Whittome and C. R. J. Pink.

We tender our congratulations to: Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. J. Collingwood on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. A. L. Franks on the birth of a son; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. A. Golding on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. G. A. Mills on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. B. Councell on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. H. G. Wheeler on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. W. R. Worstall on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. T. J. Arbuthnot on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. Marson on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. Norwood on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. G. Llewelyn on the birth of a daughter, and Squadron Leader and Mrs. E. A. Jones on the birth of a son.

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We offer our congratulations to the following on their promotion to Flight Lieutenant: N. B. R. Bromley, E. W. Thornewill, J. W. Arney, P. T. Philpott, C. D. Hackett, T. B. de la P. Beresford, D.F.C., A. W. J. Clark, H. E. C. Boxer, J. W. Bayley, R. I. Jones, P. W. Townsend, F. E. Croce, N. M. Hall, A.F.C., L. R. Stewart, A. J. Mason, G. E. Wallace, T. M. Buchanan, D. W. Balden, J. A. Pitcairn Hill, H. F. Cox, P. S. Butler, E. H. Lynch-Blosse, J. E. Grindon, W. A. A. de Freitas, C. S. Cooper, J. D. Melvin, P. A. W. Cox, F. O. Dickson, D. P. D. G. Kelly, J. H. Slater, T. R. Manson, A. W. D. Miller, J. Darwen, J. D. Green, A. G. Dudgeon, P. G. S. Dickenson, T. S. Rivett-Carnac, E. Banthorpe, C. H. Press, R. K. Jeffries, J. A. Chorlton, J. C. Mayhew, J. N. Dowland, D. McIntyre, B. E. Smith-Rewse, R. W. Reynolds, A. R. Atkins, D. O. F. Lumsden and L. Mathias.

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We offer our congratulations to the following on their promotion to Flying Officer: R. T. Frogley, P. M. Wigg, L. D. Mavor, P. Meston, T. J. Hanlon, K. F. Mackie, P. R. ap Ellis, I. A. Mead, J. McC. M. Hughes, H. N. G. Wheeler, W. E. M. Lowry, A. R. Oakeshott, M. S. Donne, P. G. Wykeham-Barnes, W. E. G. Measures, G. V. W. Kettlewell, J. C. Archer, D. D. A. Kelly, J. P. D. Gethin, D. R. D. Green, J. M. N. Pike, J. T. Wilkins, R. H. A. Lee, E. Tennant, P. W. Dawson, C. F. Atkinson, T. D. Calnan, J. D. Middleton, J. H. Lapsley, C. D. Palmer, A. D. Panton, G. O. L. Bird, J. B. Grant, T. A. F. Elsdon, H. F. G. Ede, T. J. Geach, D. C. Maybury, T. I. Mathewson, L. M. Moore, J. C. Breese, M. L. Watson, R. M. Burns, D. E. Gould, A. Chalmers, G. H. D. Evans, P. G. St.G. O'Brian, C. Bowen-Davies, F. D. Bird, D. G. Stanley and R. H. de Montmorcency.

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We notice in the *London Gazette*, 30th June, 1939, that Flight Lieutenant J. Y. Humphreys resigns his permanent commission.



F/C Sgt AJ Mason



F/C HF Cox



F/C Sgt CH Press



F/C IA Mead



F/C JMcCM Hughes



F/C WEM Lowry



F/C Sgt GWV Kettlewell



F/C Cpl JC Archer



F/C JPD Gethin



F/C Sgt JH Lapsley



F/C DRD Green 87



F/C GOL Bird



F/C CD Palmer



F/C FD Bird



F/C JB Grant

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With WWII looming, many early College alumni and OCA members had reached senior rank, as evidenced in this slide.
By the outbreak of war, the RAF College had trained some 1,257 officer cadets of which nearly 12% were international cadets.

At the outbreak of war, we estimate some 845 of Pre-WWII cadets were still in RAF service.



F/C TAF Elsdon

We regret to learn that Squadron Leader R. C. Keary has been placed on the retired list on account of ill-health.

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We deeply regret to record the death of Pilot Officer P. F. G. Jameson, on 30th January, at Odiham in an accident to an aeroplane of No. 53 (A.C.) Squadron.

Mr. Jameson was educated at Wellington and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, with a prize cadetship in January, 1936. At Cranwell he was captain of the skill-at-arms team, and on passing out in December, 1937, he was posted to No. 53 (A.C.) Squadron at Odiham.

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We deeply regret to record that on 17th May, at Risalpur, North-West Frontier Province, India, in an accident to an aeroplane of No. 39 (B) Squadron, Gerald Elsmie, Flying Officer (Acting Flight Lieutenant), R.A.F., third son of Major-General and Mrs. A. M. S. Elsmie, was killed.

Mr. Elsmie was educated at Wellington College and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in January, 1934. He became a Flight Cadet Sergeant, was vice-captain of the shooting team and won the R. M. Groves Memorial Prize for the best pilot of his term. On passing out in January, 1935, he was posted to No. 25 (F) Squadron at Hawkinge, and in March, 1936, he was posted to No. 39 (B) Squadron at Risalpur.

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We deeply regret to record that on 28th April, at Denham, Bucks, in an accident to an aeroplane of No. 13 Squadron, Flying Officer Denys Greville-Bell was killed.

Flying Officer Greville-Bell joined the College in September, 1934, from Pangbourne and passed out in July, 1936, as an Under Officer.

He was a capable boxer and captained the College team in 1936.

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We much regret to report the death of Flight Lieutenant Haliburton Hume Leech, on 5th May, 1939, in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. He was the youngest son of Sir Joseph Leech, M.P., surgeon, former Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of Sydenham House, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Haliburton Leech came into the R.A.F. from Cranwell in 1927 and was already recognized as a promising pilot. He was appointed to No. 43 (Fighter) Squadron at Tangmere under Squadron Leader "Pongo" Brooke, and remained with it under Squadron Leader C. N. Lowe. From there his ability as a pilot and the seriousness with which he studied the technical side of his work led to his being selected for duty at Farnborough and later at Martlesham. For several years he was employed wholly on test work, and during that time he put in most of his spare time flying oddly assorted civil aeroplanes. Twice he competed in the King's Cup Race, and in 1933 only just missed third place in an Arrow Active.



F/C HFG Ede



F/C TJ Geach



F/C TI Mathewson



F/C LM Moore



F/C Cpl C Bowen-Davies



F/C DG Stanley



F/C Cpl DC Maybury



U/O RH de Montmorency



F/C JC Breese



F/C ML Watson



F/C RM Burns



F/C DE Gould



F/C A Chalmers



F/C Sgt GHD Evans

After his period of test flying he was appointed to the Fleet Air Arm and went to the China Station in H.M.S. *Hermes*. While there he became infected with the mysterious and incurable disease of which he died.

Leech was one of the most liked people in the Air Force. He had a charming manner and a great earnestness in his interests. All his qualities pointed to a very successful career in the R.A.F. if he had been spared. He was married in October of 1937, and his many friends in the Service, and out of it, will offer the deepest sympathy to his young wife and to his father.

C. G. G.

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We record with the deepest regret the death of Squadron Leader R. T. Cazalet in an aeroplane accident on 16th February, near Woodbridge.

Squadron Leader Cazalet was educated at Repton and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in 1929. He was a member of the College athletics team and won the Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize for mathematics and science. On passing out of Cranwell he was posted to No. 207 (B) Squadron at Bircham Newton, and in January, 1932, he was posted to Gosport for a course of Fleet Co-operation. In June, 1932, he was posted to No. 812 (F.T.B.) Squadron in H.M.S. *Furious*, then in the Mediterranean. From 1934 to 1936 he attended the long Engineering Course at Henlow, and in August, 1936, he was posted to Mildenhall for engineer duties with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. In August, 1937, he was posted to No. 1 Air Armament School, Eastchurch, and in February, 1938, he was posted to the Experimental Section, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. He was promoted to Squadron Leader last December.

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We deeply regret to learn that on 19th May, at Penton Newsey, in an accident to an aeroplane of No. 59 Squadron, Pilot Officer Nigel Avenel van Someren was killed.

Mr. van Someren was educated at the Imperial Service College, Windsor, and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in January, 1937. He was captain of the lawn tennis team and a member of the Dramatic Society at Cranwell. On passing out of the College in December, 1938, he was posted to No. 59 (Army Co-operation) Squadron.

Many will remember Mr. van Someren as the author of that delightful play, "The Reward for Service," which he produced at the College.

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We also deeply regret the death of Squadron Leader G. H. O. Mills, on 3rd February, near Jerusalem, in an accident to an aeroplane of the R.A.F. Station, Ramleh, Palestine.

Squadron Leader Mills was educated at Plymouth College and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in January, 1930. At Cranwell he won the Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize for mathematics and science and

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the John Anthony Chance Memorial Prize for Service subjects. He represented the College at fencing and was President of the Debating Society.

On passing out of Cranwell in December, 1931, he was posted to No. 13 (A.C.) Squadron, and in October, 1932, he was posted to No. 5 (A.C.) Squadron at Quetta, India. In 1935 he attended the Signals Course at Cranwell, and in July, 1936, he was posted to No. 13 (A.C.) Squadron at Odiham for signals duties, and, at the same time, promoted to Flight Lieutenant. In September, 1938, he was posted to Headquarters, British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan, and just before his death he was promoted to Squadron Leader.

Squadron Leader Mills lost his life in an attempt to land his aeroplane after he had ordered both his passengers to land by parachute because of motor trouble. Neither passenger was seriously injured.

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Our congratulations to the following officers who have been selected for the Eighteenth Course at the R.A.F. Staff College, beginning January, 1940: Squadron Leaders G. R. A. Elsmie, E. M. F. Grundy, C. W. Williams, W. K. Beisiegel, A. P. F. M. Berkeley, V. Q. Blackden, C. D. C. Boyce, C. E. Chilton, H. A. Constantine, R. J. Cooper, E. J. Corbally, C. W. Grannum, J. C. A. Johnson, E. A. Jones, R. Kellett, E. J. Laine, J. E. M. MacCallum, J. Marson, J. Mutch, I. B. Newbigging, W. T. H. Nichols, J. J. Owen, D. N. Roberts, G. I. L. Saye, T. U. C. Shirley, H. F. G. Southey, E. B. Steedman, J. A. C. Stratton, G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, D. J. Waghorn, E. R. M. Walker, H. Waring, J. G. W. Weston and H. B. Wrigley, and Flight Lieutenants H. H. Hilliar and A. Wall.

Also to Squadron Leader G. N. J. Stanley-Turner, who has been selected to attend the next course at the Army Staff College, Quetta.

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We wish to acknowledge with thanks our indebtedness to the Editor of *The Aeroplane* for permission to print extracts from the Personal Notices columns.

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We have again received a letter from Captain R. de la Bère, full of interest to Old Cranwellians, excerpts of which are given below:—

“You were good enough last spring to hand my letter of Old Cranwellian news to the Editor for publication in the College JOURNAL, so I am sending yet another Pauline epistle, which you are free to hang, draw and quarter as you will.

“We have had a sad time since I last wrote to you. We have lost Sir Philip Sassoon, a benefactor of the College, about whose complex personality I hope that a biography will appear one day. On 16th May, at Risalpur, we lost Gerald Elsmie, of whom it was well written ‘we treasure many happy memories of the 23 years’ life—all too short—of a



F/C JEM MacCallum

very keen, clean-minded and devoted son.’ We have also lost Squadron Leader G. H. O. Mills, who wrote for the JOURNAL; R. T. Cazalet, a keen man to hounds; Dennis Greville-Bell, a plucky boxer; Peter Jameson, a brilliant and imaginative artist in black and white, and Nigel van Someren, a playwright of promise.

“At the College, you have lost B. R. Guille, a gay, fresh-minded boy, who, after an earlier crash, deserved a better fate; and R. A. G. Morgan, of whom it may be said that his death was one of the most serious losses that the Service has suffered. If of any Flight Cadet it could be prophesied that he would become Chief of the Air Staff, it could be of him—a man of fine character, fine presence, great sympathy, great versatility and great humility. I was struck at his funeral by an innovation, namely, the wreaths from his numerous friends at the College. Of such young men as these perhaps the Latin poet was thinking when he wrote the verse, which none can translate and few paraphrase: ‘*sunt lacrimae rerum et mentem mortalia tangunt.*’ When he used the word ‘rerum’ I have no doubt that Virgil was thinking of Lucretius’s philosophic poem ‘De Rerum Natura,’ and that he meant that the Scheme of Things is shot with sadness and that the Intellect, which should be above mundane tragedies, is affected by them. That is to say, you may rationalize and philosophize as much as you will and say that the death of these young men was the rounding off of a finished entity, that their death was the logical last act of a Divine purpose, and that nothing could be added to their lives without injury. But despite these philosophic anodynes, the fact remains that we are sorry at the deaths of our young friends; we are sorry for them, for their parents, for ourselves; and we everlastingly regret them.

“I was sorry to hear of the deaths of Mr. A. H. C. Lee, a Lecturer at the College, and Squadron Leader J. S. Nichol, who did so much for the Apprentices in the Wireless School.

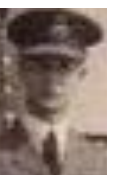
“And now to return to happier things. I hope that by the time this letter reaches you Mr. P. Snoxell will be free from his domestic anxiety, during which he has had the comfortable sympathy of the Old Cranwellian Society.

“I greatly enjoyed my two recent visits to Cranwell. On one of these I saw the College Literary Society’s play ‘Alpenstock,’ written by Flight Cadet Ian Phillips and produced by Mr. A. C. Kermode; and I was impressed by the clever acting of Flight Cadet Jimmie Stack. His fellow actors were natural and themselves, but he was natural and somebody else—a vile, toothless, serpentine Frenchy.

“On my other visit, in response to Mr. Lager’s questionnaire—did I want lunch, tea, dinner, breakfast, lodging, light, fuel and allowances, etc.—I said ‘Yes’ to every one of his questions, except the one about bringing my wife. By his good offices I was permitted to play tennis against the College. My partner, Squadron Leader D. A. Boyle, played with Irish élan but, alas, through a torn ligament in my wrist I could not do him justice and we only won one set; *me miserum et mea maxima culpa!* However, it was an enjoyable reunion, the like of which for hospitality can



F/C RAG Morgan



F/C Cpl IW Phillips



U/O TN Stack

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only be found in the R.A.F. at Cranwell—under the kindly ægis of 'Grandpa' Sayer, and his attendant Ganymedes—Mr. Curt, Mr. Maris, Mr. Albert, Mr. Lyon and, of course, 'The Colonel' and all.

"During the many rainy interludes, Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin kindly showed me the new pictures which he has secured for the College, including several Knellers and Lelys of Nell Gwynn and her progeny. All these pictures are well done and lend the College a rich and mellow air. In particular I admired a study in still life, which, the Cadets tell me, they call 'The Slaughter House.' I also noted a stuffed Giant Panda in the Parents' Room.

"I have seen Cranwellians on other occasions, e.g., the hockey match against 'The Shop' and the cricket match at Sandhurst. The latter, despite the gallant batting of E. M. C. Guest, was a melancholy occasion. Of course, the R.M.C. deserved to win; but there was no need to present them with their victory on a lordly platter. I calculate that in this match our loose fielding, particularly that of Flight Cadet Extras, gave our opponents 35 good runs in an hour and a half's play.

"But this melancholy occasion—particularly melancholy to Mr. Arthur Newman—was relieved by the cricket match at Woolwich, and by the glory of the Triangular Contest, in which everyone pulled his weight—those who did not score firsts scoring useful seconds, thirds and fourths. I was struck by the running of D. M. Barbour. But I must reserve a special pæan and meed of praise for John Tillett, who achieved two sterling wins—monuments more perennial than brass of pluck and fitness—for whom this will be a *dies memorabilis* all his life.

"At the R.A.F. Championships at Uxbridge I was glad to find that Squadron Leader A. W. Sweeney was running well up to his Olympic form—a model to many young officers who so soon lose their Cranwell form. At Uxbridge I also saw Pilot Officers A. M. Murphy, P. A. Major, D. G. Heaton-Nicholls, B. P. Young and K. P. McKenzie, Flight Lieutenant G. A. V. Knyvett, and Squadron Leaders N. G. Goodman and W. R. Worstall, all enjoying with long faces their 'seven days' duty' in the arena. I saw also Flying Officers E. J. Bradbury and A. W. Taylor, and spoke to Sergeant Major R. E. Gorwood, who quoted Fitzgerald to me and assured me that he was very happy in his athletic work with the Halton Apprentices and wished for nothing better. I was glad Cranwell won the King's Cup, a trophy which was regularly theirs in the day when Sir Charles Longcroft was Consul.

"By the way, Mr. Pepys sent me one of his *obiter dicta* recently, which I reproduce for what it is worth:—

" 'Sundaye, July 2.

" 'Comes to mee this daye a naughtie tale of an Ameriquan who has gone to heare the compleate Hamlet; who on leaueinge the theater at Stratford says to his cronie, "Listen, my boe, they tell me that that was the compleate Hamlet. Well, it was not compleate. I did not heare Hamlet once saye 'Out damned spotte.'" "Noe, sir,"

replies his cronie; "but with soe manye younge women at the theater wise Master Iden Payne has thought fit to temper Will Shakespeare's language to their gurlish palates, and has not even allowed his characters to compleate their common expletive, 'Go to——.' So off they voyage, these two Ameriquan chappes to the church to inspecte the entries of Shakespeare in the baptismall and funerall registers. Whereon askes one of the other "And are those boathe Master Shakespeare's veritable signattures?"

"Mr. Pepys still delights in such fancies and told me of two captions unhappily placed together in a newspaper paragraph:—

'DISMEMBERED BODY DISCOVERED.

'Police Take a Hand.'

"He also told me of a device for discovering one's age, which he has since communicated to the Royal Society.

" 'Sirrah,

" 'You will write down youre telefoan number; double the same; adde five; multiplie by fiftie; adde this yeare (1939). Adde the number of dayes in this yeare (365); subtracte the number of Members of Parlement (615); so will you finde that the answer gives you firste youre telefoan number and then youre age this yeare.'

"After the play at Stratford I spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chance, who still take an interest in things Cranwellian, and present a prize to the College.

"I must thank your Editor and Mr. J. F. Powell for the kindly notice of the College Anthology, 'Icarus,' in the College JOURNAL. 'Icarus' was well received by *The Times*, *Punch*, *The Observer* and *The English Review*, and it has sold fairly well, though not at the College, for which primarily it was destined. It was not well received by *Popular Flying* and *The Aeroplane*. But some critics require in an anthology those post-prandial jingles which even in the blush of their youth could not stand the sunlight of cold print. But all these critiques—and about a hundred arrived—make one think what a strange trade is that of the reviewer. The heart of the matter is well stated in Mr. Jonathan Cape's 'Now and Then.' He gives the critic sound advice. He tells him to—

" . . . remember there's only one thing more tedious than reading a book, and that's writing one. If you trounce or sneer at some poor misguided wretch of an author you'll probably meet him or her one day and wish you hadn't. You may feel very uncomfortable when you find that the author you've snubbed is a lusciously beautiful young cripple with gazelle-like eyes who maintains her deaf-mute twin aunts by turning out a twaddling novel every six months; or a modest mild-mannered man with a sharply receding chin, seven thriving children, and creeping paralysis; or a dear old lady up to her waist in the grave who claws away at her typewriter with gnarled arthritic fingers in the intervals between visits from her adoring great-grandchildren.'



F/C EMC Guest



F/C BP Young



F/C Cpl KP MacKenzie



F/C IJ Fitzgerald



F/C DM Barbour



F/C Sgt J Tillett



U/O AM Murphy



F/C Sgt DG Heaton Nicholls

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" Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore is now at Training Command. Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs. Philip Babington dispense generous hospitality at 44, Lower Sloane Street, and generally assemble a goodly Old Cranwellian company. At the Halahans' sherry party in June were to be seen Douglas Bader, Squadron Leader Reggie Elsmie, Squadron Leader Geoffrey Stephenson and Squadron Leader Pretty. The Air Vice-Marshal was in great form after his successes on the Long Range at Bisley. His son, Michael—a stalwart supporter of the College—now resides at Rauceby, where he has built himself a workshop, furnished with crystals, skeletons and stuffed crocodiles, where he brews magic potions, and whence issue at all hours of the day and night incantations and the clanking of chains.

" Squadron Leader P. Gomez also entertains in London. Captain Charles Pollock occupies one of the stately homes of England, at Tring. He runs the Halton Society, which has no less than twenty-five branches. Colonel A. F. S. Caldwell writes cheerfully from Bournemouth and wishes that in these times of stress he were in the thick of things.

" Flight Lieutenant R. L. Sweeny has been placed on the Retired List owing to ill-health. All his old pupils and friends will wish him a speedy recovery, recollecting his old-world hospitality and his histrionic skill. His address is: 3, Beechwood Avenue, Ruislip.

" Flying Officer T. D. Calnan, after three months' language leave in Italy, is now back on full flying duties. Flying Officer P. Townsend is studying Russian and Flying Officer L. Mathias, Spanish. Flying Officer Hugh Malcolm had an accident in the spring with a Lysander, from which he extricated himself with not a little fortitude and skill. He may be off flying for a time, but he hopes in the meantime to work for his French interpretership.

" Pilot Officer Michael Savage, after being taken for a ride and bumped off by an Indian bronco, has sunk deeply into the study of Homer and Brooke. John Haile is laden with a multiplicity of squadron duties at Risalpur. Flight Lieutenant P. O'Brian is Adjutant at Catterick. Squadron Leader R. C. Hancock administers at North Weald. Flight Lieutenant Peter Riddell is busy with Intelligence.

" Flight Lieutenant R. C. F. Lister has advanced his flying category. He shoots duck round Cardiff. Flight Lieutenant A. J. Holmes, after shepherding the English team in South Africa, has captained Sussex with success and has made a big tale of runs. Flying Officer John Grierson is now a test pilot. Flying Officer R. P. M. Gibbs has literary plans.

" Squadron Leader G. D. Stephenson, last Easter Monday, at Fakenham, did something which I should think is unique. He rode in five races, was unplaced in four, and won the first place in the last.

" Humphrey Chesterman is now writing novels. His style is marked by that finesse and studied technique which made him outstanding at Cranwell and won him the English Prize in the better old days, when life was freer and the gay humanities had not been displaced by the grim study of

war. However, it is some comfort that at Oxford at any rate they keep some proportion and have the mind and the time to grant a doctorate to P. G. Wodehouse—

*Ecce auctor magicus, quo non expertior alter
Delectare animos hominum risusque movere.*

—though it was a pity that Oxford did not at the same time confer an honorary M.A. on Mr. Jeeves.

" Squadron Leader M. W. S. Robinson has recovered from a breakdown in his health; Flying Officer Peter Crofts is back again in the Service after a short interregnum in civil life; Flying Officer A. D. Panton plays cricket for his station; Flight Lieutenant Piers Kelly was lately maestro of his Station Band; Flight Lieutenant M. P. Skinner gives lectures to Schools near his Station.

" Many Old Cranwellians will be glad to hear of the promotion of Sergeant F. B. Lewis, who was an Orderly at the College, and has for several years been the Queen's Orderly at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle.

" Air Vice-Marshal H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave, when I saw him last at Oxford, was progressing splendidly and most cheerful.

" At Fighter Command, Squadron Leader J. Mutch visits us occasionally; Wing Commander C. S. Riccard wields the Personnel Branch; Squadron Leader F. H. Tyson, whose Old Cranwellian clerk, Mr. F. Carter, has kindly typed this letter, has taken the place of Squadron Leader J. Norwood in Intelligence; Wing Commander I. Rodney and Squadron Leaders D. R. Evans and W. P. G. Pretty are Electrical, and Squadron Leader E. R. M. Walker, Navigational; Squadron Leaders C. E. J. Baines and D. N. Roberts are respectively in the Organization and Air Branches. Squadron Leader S. H. Hardy is on the Technical side. In his leisure he dispenses Lucullan hospitality—*bene coctus et bene conditus*—in the phrase of Cicero, who was desperately pleased that both his cuisine and his conversation had suited the precarious palate of Caius Julius.

" The Reverend A. McHardy every week does much to alleviate the Monday morning melancholia at these Headquarters. Near by, Squadron Leader C. W. Williams interprets our enemies' best-laid schemes; Wing Commander R. B. Jordan makes top scores for Radlett and has been asked to play hockey for Hertfordshire; Squadron Leader John Peel has long been Adjutant to the Auxiliary Squadron at Hendon.

" I must conclude this overlong letter. At Easter I spent three weeks in Greece and visited many of the lesser-known Greek islands. I climbed the slopes of Delphi, where I was unable to get 'the low down' on Danzig, as the Pythoness was not at home. However, I drank deeply of the Castalian spring, imbibing together with the poetic afflatus no doubt a certain amount of bubonic, malaria and dysentery. In Greece I found that



U/O JET Haile



F/C Sgt JA Holmes



F/C PG Crofts

College Journal Extracts - Autumn 1939 (7)

In his 'History of Royal Air Force Cranwell, Group Captain (ret'd) EB Haslam makes five references to an icon in College History, Capt Sir Rupert De la Bere 1st Baronet, KCVO. Wikipedia will advise you that he was a Conservative MP 1935-1950) and the 625th Lord Mayor of London. It will not tell you that he was the esteemed Professor of English at the RAF College from 1921 to 1938. This is the fourth of four consecutive slides containing a review De La Bere offered the OCA on the cherished alumni he recalled.

one Greek is equal to six Italians. On a fleeting visit to Troy I saw some of the soldiers of our gallant Turkish allies, who, despite their desperate equipment, no doubt would still fight as their fathers did at Gallipoli and Kut.

“ Before I end, I hope that some of you will find time to visit the excavations at Sempringham, near Sleaford. The site is a palimpsest and much comparatively late stuff has to be removed or discounted before the original Benedictine or Dominican Priory will be revealed.

“ I send you all my best wishes, and I hope *Hitlero volente* to revisit you soon. In fact, I think I shall come up to Cranwell d.v. or not.

All empire is no more than power in trust.

Dryden.

Covenants without the sword are but words.

Hobbes.

Time and the ocean and some fostering star
In high cabal have made us what we are.

William Watson.

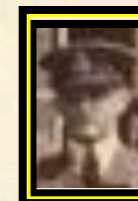
A thousand years scarce serve to form a state :
An hour may lay it in the dust.

Byron.

IN MEMORIAM

“ *Quis talia fando temperet a lacrimis?*”

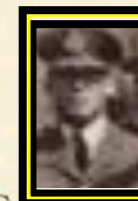
ROBERT ADRIAN GREY MORGAN.



Robert Morgan was educated at St. George's College, Weybridge. After a period in the City, where he worked hard in his spare time under a crammer, he passed into the College at the top of the September Entry in 1937, a place he steadily maintained. From the outset he was clearly marked out as a cadet of exceptional ability, high purpose, grace and charm. It is given to few to make so favourable an impression upon all with whom they come in contact, but his remarkable popularity sprang from wells of strength whence he drew the inspiration for a life that radiated sympathy, goodness and happiness.

Robert Morgan had realized the true values in life and we are grateful for his memory.

BERNARD ROBERT GUILLE.



Bernard Guille came from Queen Elizabeth's College, Guernsey and passed in sixth in a large entry of September, 1937. He had a keen brain and was quick to grasp fundamental principles. Naturally reserved, he preferred the quiet of his own room, where he loved to read good literature, having a bent for the English and French classics, or, in the company of a few intimate friends, he would enjoy music on the radio, for he loved good music. His friends respected him for the high ideals he had set himself and will long remember the quiet charm of his personality.

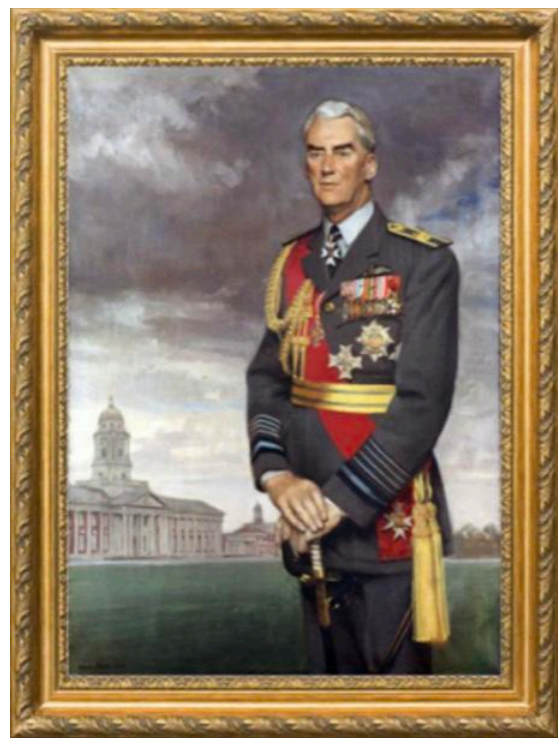
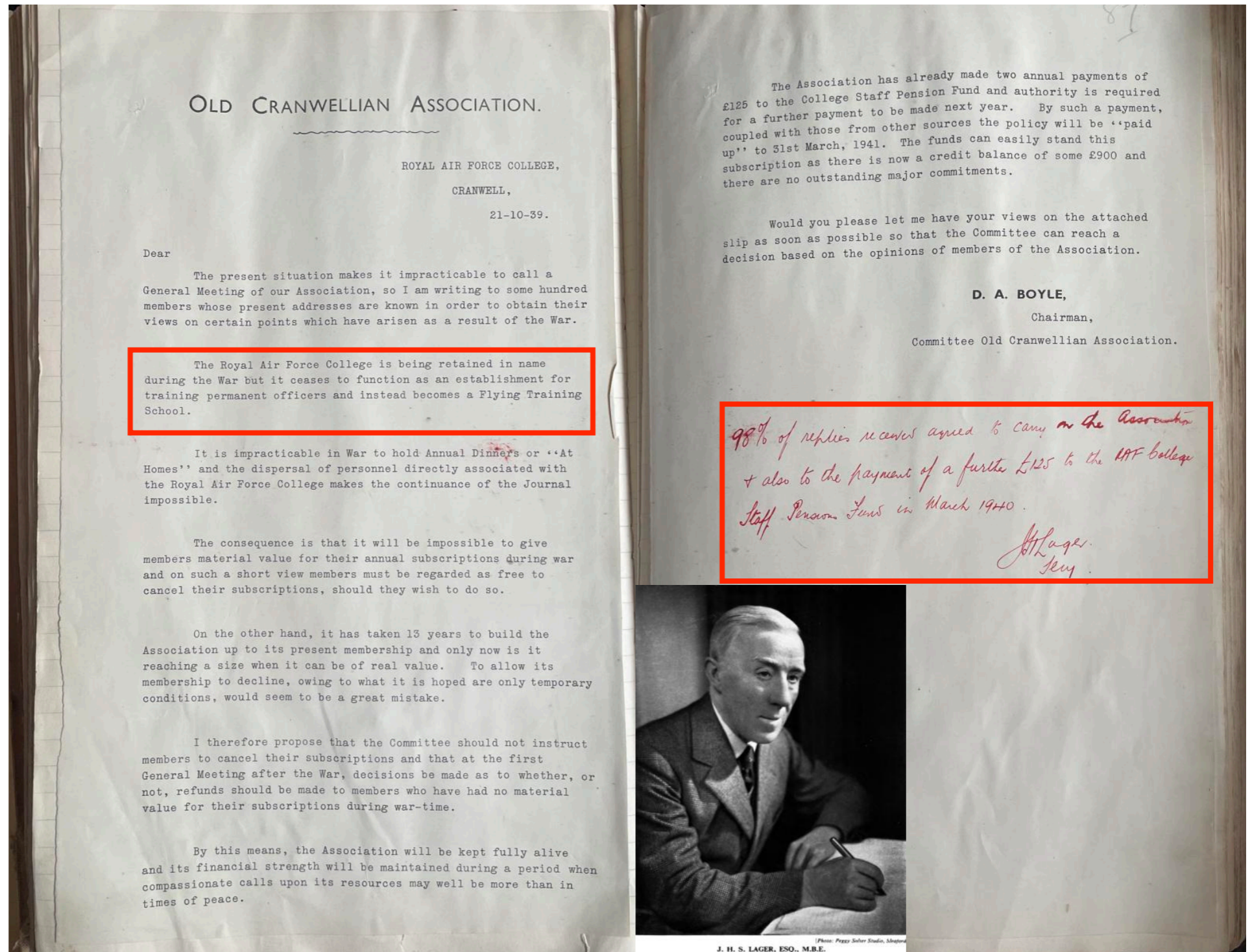
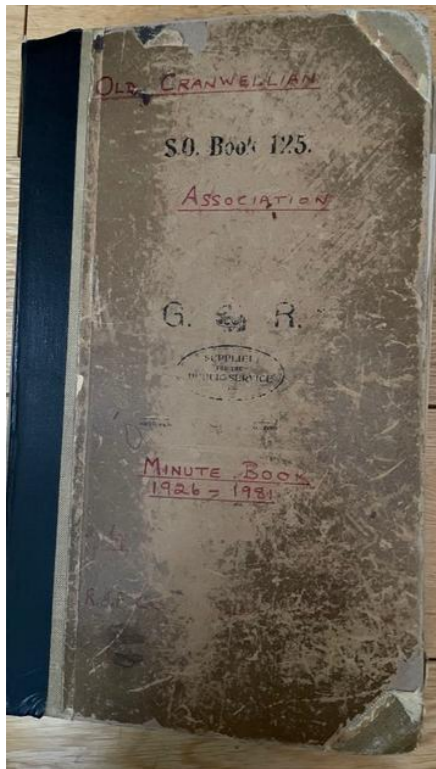
JOHN LAWRENCE ORBY HICKS.

John Hicks came to Cranwell from Gresham's School, Holt, at the beginning of the summer term, passing eleventh in his entry. As a freshman we were only just beginning to know him. We feel that by his untimely death the Entry has suffered a great loss.

No Photo
Only attended
the College for
two months

OCA Pauses to deal with WWII (1)

The outbreak of war posed obvious problems to the OCA, as portrayed by the Chairman at the time, one Sqn Ldr Dermot Boyle. His note to members below is contained in the OCA minutes, which is still held in safe keeping. The content of Sir Dermot Boyle's letter is self-explanatory and states clearly that the RAF College remained in operation as a Flying Training School. The response recorded by the OCA's Honorary Secretary, 'Harry' Lager, demonstrates the strength of feeling for the OCA after only 13 years of operation. Volume 2 of this tribute album starts with the reinstatement of the OCA at the end of WWII, and that of its main communications medium, the College Journal.



MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle

OCA Pauses to deal with WWII (2)

Correspondence between Longcroft, de la Bere and Lager - College icons - maintaining the financial records of OCA funds during WWII

Tel. No. HOLBORN 3434.
EXT. 1716

AIR MINISTRY,
ADASTRAL HOUSE,
KINGSWAY, W.C.2.

26th September, 1941.

Dear Lager,

Thank you for your letter of 22nd enclosing copy of the Balance Sheet. I thoroughly agree with the grants suggested by your Committee and am very pleased to see that they have been liberal towards the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund which at the present time requires every penny it can get.

Yours sincerely,
Longcroft

J.H. Lager, Esq.,
Royal Air Force College,
Cranwell,
Lincs.

22nd September 1941.

Dear Air Vice Marshal Longcroft,

As we cannot now convene general meetings of the members of the Old Cranwellian Association to discuss policy or make grants, the only two members of the Association stationed at Cranwell, Wing Commanders J.B. Wallis and D.J.P. Lee have formed themselves into a committee for this purpose. They have decided to make the undermentioned grants from Association Funds:-

R.A.F. Benevolent Fund	£100
R.A.F. Comforts Fund	225
Red X Prisoners of War	225
Parcels Fund	
R.A.F. Hospital Rauceby	£10
R.A.F. Hospital Cranwell	£10
Cranwell Graves Fund	25

and to invest a further £300 in Defence Bonds.

I know it is the wish of many ex-cadets that as much money as possible should be given to R.A.F. Charities from O.C.A. funds during the war period as no monies are now required for the Journal of the Mess Staff Pensions Fund.

As there is now no Commandant of the College I am seeking your sanction, as President of the Association, to these proposals as I feel I should have the blessing of higher authority. I enclose a copy of the last balance sheet and since then I have received a further £230 subscriptions. I hope yourself and Lady Longcroft are keeping well in these strenuous times.

Yours sincerely,
J.H. Lager

Air Vice Marshal Sir Charles
A.H. Longcroft, MCB, OBE, DSO, AFC,
6 Cornsought Square,
W.2.

It being impossible under present conditions to convene a general meeting Wing Commanders J.B. Wallis and D.J.P. Lee, as being the only members of the Old Cranwellian Association stationed at Cranwell, at a meeting held in the Secretary's office on 16/9/1941, decided to act as a committee to conduct the business of the Association and administer the disposal of surplus funds which may accumulate from time to time from the subscriptions of members.

It was agreed that up to one half of the annual income may be disposed of for the benefit of Royal Air Force Charities or charities from which personnel of the Royal Air Force derive benefit, the balance of income to be retained to meet post-war contingencies.

It was decided that grants as shown hereunder be made:-

	£.	s.	d.
R.A.F. Benevolent Fund	100.	0.	0
Red X Prisoners of War Fund	25.	0.	0
R.A.F. Comforts Fund	25.	0.	0
R.A.F. Hospital Rauceby	10.	0.	0
Comforts Fund			
R.A.F. Hospital Cranwell	10.	0.	0
Comforts Fund			
Cranwell Graves Fund	5.	0.	0

and that a further sum of £300 be invested in War Stock.

J.B. Wallis Wing/Cmdr.
D.J.P. Lee Wing/Cmdr.

Date.....18.9.1941.

ward 8
The Hospital
Halton
Bendover
hacks

Dear Lager,
Thank you for your letter of 22nd, which reached me at my new address. You will see from this that after a long spell of service - 26 years - I am now in sick leave. I fear that I have something wrong with one of my lungs, and that I may be here some time. It is a sad flow to me and I am not telling people about it, but am hoping for the best. Do perhaps you will be discreet in what you tell my friends at home.

I think it best to send a cheque to you I may increase it later, according to the state of my health. As it is only a small sum I should like it to be used at the discretion of you and your committee for the immediate alleviation of such needs by the widows or orphans of old

as well as as possible you may see that
might be an immediate need for £100, to
Henceforth the amount can be regarded
as laid up with the Benevolent Fund
against such a need by an old Cranwellian.

I leave the details to you, if I am not going
you too much trouble. Give my best wishes to
Steddy, ^{Lee, Wallis} Jarnell, Simpson, Green, Bell & King.

I am sorry Britain is not well. The coast
be badly off, as I have not heard from him
for some months.

I am with best wishes to you and yours,
I think I may be here a few weeks &
then perhaps I shall go to a sanatorium
you can imagine it is a sad time.

Yours sincerely,
Rupert de la Bere

P.S. I have not given you a rank as I do
not know whether you wish it.

Royal Air Force
Bentley
STAMMORF
Midx.

29th November, 1941.

Dear Lager,

I trust that you are keeping well. I send you and yours my best wishes and I should be glad if you would give my regards to all the people whom I know like Simpson, Snokall, "The Colonel", Bell the gardener, etc. I should be glad if you could tell me how Britain is getting on. I am afraid I have not much news for you. I see the Halahans occasionally. I also see Old Cranwellians at most of the stations that I visit.

I want your advice on this matter. I should like to present £50. to the Old Cranwellian Association to be used to assist immediately the wives or orphans of any Old Cranwellians who have been killed in the war. I do not know whether the idea is feasible or useful. It is such a small sum that I think perhaps it would be best for you to administer it at your discretion; but you may prefer to do it through the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. I should be very glad to have your advice on the matter.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
R. de la Bere

*Suggested cheque be sent
RAF Bene, Funds + carried
for the benefit of dependants
of ex-cadets*

J.H. Lager, Esq.,
Royal Air Force College,
CRANWELL, Lincs.

OCA Executives - 1926-1939

PATRONS	PRESIDENTS	VICE-PRESIDENTS (whilst Cmdts)	ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	HON SECS (Committee)
<p>MRAF Viscount Trenchard (1935-1956)</p>	<p>AVM Sir Charles Longcroft (1926-1956)</p>	<p>Air Cdre AE Borton (Gp Capt LHB Rees)</p> <p>Air Cdre FC Halahan Air Cdre AM Longmore Air Cdre WGS Mitchell Air Cdre HM Cave-Brown-Cave AVM JE Baldwin</p>	<p>INITIAL COMMITTEE:</p> <p>Plt Off GR Beamish (Proposer); Fg Off N Carter; Fg Off CJ Collingwood; Fg Off ESC Davis; Fg Off JG Hawtrey; Fg Off D Macfadyen; Fg Off HRD Waghorn; Plt Off RLR Atcherley; Plt Off HL Patch; Plt Off TN McEvoy; Plt Off EB Webb; Plt Off GL Worthington; T-C-Worsley (Co-opt).</p> <p>LATER MEMBERS:</p> <p>Lowe-Holmes (Co-opt); RR Hamblin; V Bruce Bennett; JM Mellor; JR Jones; EA Jones; DA Boyle (Co-opt); FV Beamish; NWF Mason; JW Gillan; HH Brookes (Co-opt); A Wall; JG Philpott (Co-opt); J Norwood; SHV Harris (Co-opt); VBJ <i>Jackson</i> (Co-opt); J Heber Percy (Co-opt); EC Hudleston; DJ Douthwaite; JAH Louden (Co-opt); A Constantine (Co-opt); J Mutch; CA Watt; GWF Heycock (Co-opt); SH Hardy; GRA Elsmie (Co-opt); LW Cannon; JBM Wallis; RB Coote; BT Shelley (Co-opt); CB Hughes; WK Beisiegel; PJH Halahan; JGW Weston; GP Charles; FM Denny; WR Beaman; RC Jones; RL Wallace (Co-opt); AW Geoghegan; CG Stowell; RA Sprague; WIH Burke; NC Walker (Co-opt); WJM Akerman; WH Kyle; Wightman; T-C-Worsley; Pretty; Hogan; Eeles; AD Messenger; GD Stephenson; LW Dickens; RHA Leigh; A King-Lewis; HJ Pringle; MH Garnons-Williams; BC Yarde; JRA Peel; HC Sawyer; WW Stainthorpe; CRDL Lloyd; DWF Bonham-Carter; CWM Ling.</p>	<p>Capt CC Blachi</p> <p>Harry Lager (1926-1934)</p>

Notes:

1. Some OCA Committee members were “co-opted” to stand in for elected committee members. Some of these later became fully elected members.
2. In 1936, the Cmdt and Asst Cmdl attended Committee Meetings.
3. In 1938, Committee Members started to include Senior Officers.

OCA Donations - 1926-1939

Although the OCA was set up primarily to establish and maintain contact between College alumni, the annual subscriptions funded many independent and joint initiatives to the benefit of the College. In proposing the formation of an “Association of Officers”, GR Beamish envisaged funds being raised to fund annual reunions. In reality, member subscriptions would fund many more initiatives from annual contributions to the College. Journal and College Sports funds to the one-off donations to fund the production of paintings (of College icons), and other College artefacts.

At one point, OCA members’ subscriptions funded supplementary pensions for long serving College staff. This ceased shortly after WWII when war pensions were introduced, but even then the OCA set up a Staff Gratuities Fund for much the same purpose.

The table below lists some of the main contributions made during pre-WWII years.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	SINGLE DONATIONS	EXPLANATION
College Journal subscriptions		The OCA part funded the production of College Journals, which in later years would consume to a significant proportion of OCA income to the extent the contribution had to be capped.
Sports Fund subscriptions		Like the College Journal subscriptions, OCA subscriptions to the College Sports Fund were made almost from the outset of the OCA.
Sgt Maj Morwood Presentation		The rationale is not clear, but contributions funded a car.
	Permanent Record of cadets	After much debate, the OCA actually funded the glass presentation case to hold the ‘College Roll’ funded from CHOM cadet subscriptions.
	Donations and retirement gifts to staff and relatives (e.g. Mrs Dawes)	Proposed and passed at the AGM on a case because basis.
War Loan Fund/Govt Stock		One of many regular investments to accrue interest.
Two OCA Prizes a year		One prize to be awarded at each graduation.
	Donation to Squash Court	Part payment to the cost of the “new” squash court, behind CHOM
	Trenchard and Longcroft paintings	Currently hanging to this day in CHOM Founders’ Gallery.
	History of RAF Cranwell book	OCA funds free copies to each OCA member
	Boxing coach	For the cadets. Boxing was strongly encouraged by the College.
	Fifth Horse	For the College riding school
College Staff Pension Fund		Instigated in 1938
	New College rowing boat	Funded in July 1939.

Volume 1 Summary

Viscount Lord Trenchard, the first RAF CAS, set up the RAF College as a centre of officer training excellence modelled on counterpart academies at Britannia, Dartmouth, and RMAS Sandhurst.

During the early 1920s, the continued independent existence of the RAF and its control of naval aviation were subject to a series of Government reviews. The Balfour Report of 1921, the Geddes Axe of 1922, and the Salisbury Committee of 1923 all found in favour of the RAF's continued existence, despite lobbying from the Admiralty and opposition in Parliament. On each occasion, Trenchard and his staff officers, supported by Christopher Bullock, worked to show that the RAF provided good value for money, and was required for the long-term strategic security of the United Kingdom.

So the future and very existence of the RAF was under constant threat during its formative years of the 20s and 30s. The product of the RAF College would have to meet exacting standards if the expectations of the RAF were to be met. Those expectations were articulated in no uncertain terms in Trenchard's foreword to the first College Journal of September 1920. Twenty-seven years late, he was able to acknowledge that, during WWII, the RAF and the College had met those expectations, to act as an inspiration for all future cadets to follow.

Clearly, the cadets of the 1920s and 30s got the message. Despite or may be because of the rigorous and strictly disciplined training regime they endured for two intensive years, they formed an unbreakable bond with the establishment now generally regarded as the RAF's 'Spiritual Home' with, at its epicentre, the iconic CHOM - *the College*.

Reading through the OCA Notes and the OCA AGM minutes, one cannot help but conclude that the 'pull' of the College - *alma mater* - and the College Journal were instrumental in maintaining that bond. The commitment and dedication of cadets once graduated, not merely to their professional responsibilities but also to the upkeep of the 'family', is self-evident from the progress made by an OCA in its own formative years. The OCA Notes and AGM minutes betray the unique camaraderie.

It was decided to form this Cadet College because it was realized from the first that such a College was the essential foundation of a separate Air Service. This College, in conjunction with the School of Technical Training for Boys at Halton, will have the making or marring of the future of this great Service, which was built up during the war by all the gallant Pilots and Observers and other ranks who fought through it, and won a name in the air second to none in the world. It always held, and finally conquered completely, the German Air Service. If it is to continue its great work, which I am convinced we all intend that it shall do, we all realize that it has to live up to its war reputation, and we must ensure by every means in our power that it does so.

We have to learn by experience how to organize and administer a great Service, both in peace and war, and you, who are at present at the College in its first year, will, in future, be at the helm. Therefore you will have to work your hardest, both as Cadets at the College and subsequently as officers, in order to be capable of guiding this great Service through its early days, and maintaining its traditions and efficiency in the years to come.

September 1920

H. TRENCHARD.

Who can deny that the boys of that day, who are the men of today, both at Cranwell and Halton, have made the Air Service for all time? Who can deny that those who were at its Colleges in those days have more than fulfilled their part in the history of the Air Force, and not only that, but in the life of the British Commonwealth? They saved it.



MARSHAL OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.
4th NOVEMBER, 1947.