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Obituary.

SINCE the publication of the December (1916) Magazine, the following Old Boys have made the supreme sacrifice for King and Country.

Sympathy with those so terribly bereaved, and gratitude to those who have laid down their lives for us, will, we are confident, flow from all who know Alleyn's.

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| (br) Bolton, F. R. | (b) Huntley, S. L. |
| Carter, R. V. | Jones, S. G. E. |
| Dean, A. R. | Judge, C. P. |
| Drysdale, J. D. | (r) Kipling, N. E. |
| Duck, L. S. | Panting, A. C. |
| (b) Elphick, D. | Repton, H. E. |
| Gott, A. E. | (br) Soper, L. G. A. |
| Hawkins, G. W. | (br) Taylor, R. S. L. |
| (s) Hubbard, A. W. | (s) Woolston, A. N. |

Details appear under the head of "House Notes" or "Old Boys' Notes."



IT is with sincere regret we announce that through failing health Mr. Reydam's has felt himself called upon to resign his position on the Staff of the School and to sever the connection that he has held for the past eighteen years. During this period he has had much to do with the modern language side of the School, his knowledge and experience finding ample scope in that department for their successful exercise.

At the outbreak of the War, when Belgium became the scene of indescribable horrors, his activities were enormously increased, as the influx into England of crowds of compatriots seeking refuge and support called forth his patriotic energies on their behalf. He devoted himself whole-heartedly to these new demands upon his physical powers with the result that his strength became over-taxed. However, under easier conditions of life he may recover some of his wonted vivacity and enjoy restoration to health. In all sincerity such is our hope. We trust, too, that he may live to see his country once more free and prosperous.

WE offer a cordial welcome to Mr. A. E. P. Voules, M.A. Oxon., who has accepted a temporary appointment at the School.

THE Mid-Term Service was held in the Chapel on February 28th. The Rev. Howard Nixon conducted the service and gave an address, which it was evident made a great impression on his hearers.

THE following new appointments have been made:—*House Prefects*: G. W. Peryer (Brading's); E. C. Robbins and G. V. Constantinidi (Brown's); H. W. Martin (Roper's); H. P. J. Clark (Spurgeon's), and H. A. Reid (Tulley's).

HEARTIEST congratulations to W. N. Palmer, who has been awarded an Open Mathematical Scholarship of £80 a year for four years at Queen's College, Oxford, and to R. D. Nightingale, who has passed into the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich.

THE following boys were successful at the London Matriculation Examination held in January : E. C. Robbins (first class), H. P. J. Clark and H. A. Reid.

WE acknowledge with thanks the following contemporaries : *The Westminster City School Magazine*, *The Alleynian* and *The Latymerian*.

Salvete.—*Form V. A.* : D. A. Young (c) *IV. A.* : W. W. Benson (r). *IV. C.* : C. Garner (br), J. F. Riches (s). *IV. F.* : C. A. Crutchett (t). *III. B.* : L. Buley (br), I. L. Glanville (b). *III. D.* : L. P. Constantinidi (br). *I. Upper* : B. R. Clarke (r), W. A. Westrup (b). *I. Lower* : A. Freedman (c), I. McLeod (b).

Valete.—J. PARSONS (t).—*Form VI. Upper*. London Matriculation, 1916.

A. E. SPEAKMAN (r).—*Form Matriculation A. House Prefect*. Football Colours, 1915, 1916.

S. T. HAMMOND (c).—*Form Matriculation B. Senior School Leaving Certificate*, London University.

Form Matriculation A. : E. H. Bulford, W. Griggs. *Form Matriculation B.* : A. E. Eddowes, A. W. Edwards, A. T. O'Hare. *Remove A.* : A. H. Gale. *Remove B.* : S. J. Buckland, V. S. Pritchett. *V. B.* : D. H. L. Venn. *V. C.* : E. R. Gale, S. J. Temple. *V. D.* : P. A. Hutton. *IV. A.* : D. A. Hobbs. *IV. C.* : P. H. Collins, D. H. Davis, L. H. F. Willis. *IV. D.* : D. M. Cumming, A. L. R. Ray. *III. A.* : L. H. Rogers. *II. B.* : C. W. Davis.

CALENDAR FOR THE SPRING TERM, 1917.

Monday, January 15th . . .	Spring Term began.
Wednesday, January 31st . . .	Prefects' Holiday.
Monday, February 12th . . .	Good Conduct Holiday.
Wednesday, February 21st . . .	Prefects' Holiday.
Monday and Tuesday, February 26th and 27th . . .	Half Term Holiday.
Wednesday, February 28th . . .	Mid-Term Service.
Thursday, March 8th . . .	Good Conduct Holiday.
Thursday, March 22nd . . .	Prefects' Holiday.
Saturday, March 31st . . .	Sports Day.
Thursday, April 5th . . .	Good Conduct Holiday.
Thursday, April 5th . . .	Spring Term ends.
Monday, April 30th . . .	Summer Term begins.

Football Results and Retrospect.

1st XI. *v.* Aske's School, won 2-1; *v.* Strand School, won 12-1; *v.* Old Boys, won 1-0; *v.* Latymer Upper School, lost 2-4; *v.* Aske's School, won 3-0; *v.* Bancroft's School, won 4-1; *v.* Hackney Downs, won 5-3; *v.* St. Olave's, won 4-0; *v.* Wilson's Grammar School, won 8-3; *v.* St. Olave's, lost 1-3.

THE School team started its season with a good nucleus of last year's colours, six members of the old eleven being still available. Though the team had a strong defence the forward line was rather weaker than usual, but on the whole the team was an improvement on that of last year.

During the season the School lost two out of ten games played. A fair number of goals was scored—42 against their opponents' 16. One of the closest games was that *versus* the Old Boys, who, in spite of many disadvantages turned out so strong a team that the contest became very close, resulting in a win for the School, 1-0. Probably the best game seen at the School for some time was that against St. Olave's Grammar School, which we won by four goals to nothing. This score, however, does not represent the remarkably even play. The game against Westminster City School was abandoned because of a thick fog.

The 2nd XI. won six games, and lost three.

The 3rd and 4th XI.s did consistently well, winning all their games.

On the whole we can say that this season has been a successful one, reflecting credit on all concerned.

W. N. P.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

E. L. WILLIAMS (Goal-keeper).—Played consistently well; knows when to go out to meet the ball; is inclined to kick when he ought to handle.

G. M. BRAND (Right back).—Plays a vigorous and effective game and kicks well with either foot; has been a very successful captain.

R. D. NIGHTINGALE (Left back).—Kicking good, but rather erratic in direction; uses his head well; inclined to go too far up the field.

G. B. KING (Right half).—Vice-Captain : Plays a neat game ; feeds his forwards successfully ; lacks weight.

A. E. OWEN (Centre half).—Generally plays a vigorous game ; good dribbler ; inclined to keep the ball too long ; good shot.

L. P. FLEMING (Left half).—Improved towards the end of the season ; good kick ; must learn to keep to his man and to use his head.

F. H. FARTHING (Outside right).—Has not been very successful ; lacks determination ; dribbles and centres well.

A. E. SPEAKMAN (Inside right).—Plays a vigorous, but not always effective game ; inclined to stray ; keeps well forward and is a fair shot.

A. H. MANN (Centre forward).—Energetic, but not very skilful in controlling the ball ; rather slow.

W. C. L. BURTON (Inside left).—Good left-foot shot ; passes well.

G. V. CONSTANTINIDI (Outside left).—Has been a very successful forward ; centres well but sometimes too late ; can shoot.

House Football Results.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

	1st team.	2nd team.	3rd team.	Total Points.
Spurgeon's . . .	15	7	8	30
Brading's . . .	12	7	6	25
Brown's . . .	6	8	10	24
Roper's . . .	9	6	2	17
Cribb's . . .	3	0	2	5
Tulley's . . .	0	2	2	4

RESERVES LEAGUE.

(1) Spurgeon's, 17 points ; (2) Brown's, 15 ; (3) Brading's, 10 ; (4) Cribb's, 9 ; (5) Tulley's, 7 ; (6) Roper's, 2.

FOOTBALL CUP.

First Round.—Brown's beat Cribb's, 6-2 ; Brading's beat Tulley's, 5-1 ; Spurgeon's and Roper's, byes.

Second Round.—Roper's beat Brading's, 1-0 ; Spurgeon's beat Brown's, 7-2.

Final.—Spurgeon's beat Roper's, 2-0.

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS.

FINALS.

- Second Teams.*—Roper's beat Tulley's.
Third Teams.—Roper's beat Spurgeon's.
Fourth Teams.—Spurgeon's beat Cribbs.
Fifth Teams.—Brown's beat Spurgeon's.
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Fives.

THE Open Singles have resulted in a victory for G. M. Brand, who has earned the right therefore to hold the Spurgeon Cup for the coming year.

Semi-Finals.—G. M. Brand beat R. D. Nightingale; R. V. Barham beat A. J. Farrington.

Final.—G. M. Brand beat R. V. Barham.

IN the final of the Senior Doubles G. M. Brand and R. D. Nightingale beat A. J. Farrington and L. P. Fleming.

BUT one match has been played, against the Old Boys who gained an easy victory over the School.

L. C. SOAR and R. V. Barham have been awarded their colours. G. M. Brand succeeds R. D. Nightingale as Captain.

Chess.

THE Inter-House competition which was held as usual in the Winter Term, resulted as follows: (1) Roper's (Champions), 14 points; (2) Brown's, 13; (3) Tulley's, 11½; (4) Brading's, 10; (5) Cribb's, 9½; (6) Spurgeon's, 2.

Owing to the difficulties and uncertainties of night travelling no School matches have been played.

Gymnasium.

IN December last the annual Inter-House Gymnastic Contest took place. Though the type of exercise was, perhaps, slightly less difficult than that set in previous years, the general standard was distinctly higher. The House placing was as follows: (1) Spurgeon's, 170 points (Champions); (2) Cribb's, 144; (3) Tulley's, 135; (4) Brown's, 128; (5) Roper's, 112; (6) Brading's, 78.

IN a further competition for the individual championship the following took part: M. S. Shapcott (s), W. J. S. Schibild (t), F. J. Schibild (t), H. L. Murché (c), A. J. Farrington (c), and P. A. Florence (r). After a keen contest Shapcott carried off the championship with 60 points, F. J. Schibild coming second with 51 points. As champion Shapcott became the possessor of a handsome silver medal which had been presented by Mr. Cribb.

THE Inter-House Boxing Competitions were held in February with the following results:—

Bantams: L. P. Constantinidi (br) beat J. S. Clark (t). *Feathers*: N. Lloyd (r) beat A. J. Turner (t). *Lights*: R. V. Barham (c) beat J. D. G. Bowie (b). *Middles*: A. J. Farrington (c) beat L. C. F. Hood (br). *Heavies*: H. P. J. Clark (s) beat G. V. Constantinidi (br). The House placings were: Cribb's, 6; Brown's, 5; Roper's and Spurgeon's, 3; Tulley's, 2; Brading's, 1.



BRADING'S.

SINCE the issue of the last Magazine the House has to regret the loss in the service of King and Country of two of its Old Boys, S. L. Huntley and D. Elphick.

HUNTLEY, S. L. (1911), brother of E. S. (of Spurgeon's), when war broke out joined the 58th Canadians, and after good service died on November 21st, 1916, of wounds received in September. Huntley will be remembered as School Gymnastics Champion for 1911 and a member of the School 1st XI., Cricket, 1910.

ELPHICK, D. (1908), brother of Sergt. H. F. Elphick, of the Queen's, and of A. Elphick, was a most enthusiastic member of

the 1st Surrey Rifles, and as a sergeant had spent many arduous and strenuous days at the Front, when he fell a victim of the unfortunate troop train accident in France on January 16th, 1917, while on his way to St. Omer for a course of instruction preparatory to taking up a commission.

BROWN'S.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the loss of three members of Brown's killed in action since the publication of the last number of the School Magazine, R. S. L. Taylor (1909—1911), L. G. A. Soper (1909—1912), and F. R. Bolton (1907—1912). They took an active part in the life of the House and are deeply regretted by all who knew them.

F. R. BOLTON will be remembered by many Old Boys as the assistant secretary of the Old Boys' Swimming Club and will be greatly missed when the times allow of the Club resuming its activities. The House has received several messages from Mr. Brown, and according to the latest, dated January, he is busily engaged in Mesopotamia and is in the best of health and spirits.

E. C. Robbins was awarded his Prefect's cap at the beginning of the Term, and G. V. Constantinidi at Half Term.

The House offers congratulations to J. E. Appleyard on his being awarded the Military Cross.

CRIBB'S.

CONGRATULATIONS to S. W. Robertson on gaining his House Football Colours, and R. V. Barham on securing his School Fives Colours.

We have done very well in the Gym. Competition, coming second in the whole competition and first in Boxing, thanks to Farrington and Barham, who won their respective weights.

We heartily congratulate Percy C. Richards on gaining the Military Cross.

Our late Captain, R. J. Fitter, has joined the H.A.C. and is quartered in the highly respectable precincts of the Tower of London.

ROPER'S.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Frank E. Watsham, who was killed in France, November, 1916. Watsham entered School in 1911 and left as recently as July, 1915. The sym-

pathies of the House are offered to his relations and friends in the loss they have sustained.

We have also to deplore the loss of Norman E. Kipling, killed in France. He was with us two years, 1909—1911, and was a useful member of the House. We beg to offer to his friends and relatives the assurance of our deepest sympathy with them in their trouble.

Congratulations to H. W. Martin upon his appointment as House Prefect in place of A. E. Speakman, who has left to "join up."

Speakman's departure has been severely felt by our first Football eleven, which had already been weakened by the loss of P. A. Hutton. Our chance of success in both League and Cup matches had this season been particularly good, but was very seriously affected by these adverse circumstances. The composition of the other teams naturally suffered in addition.

The House has been successful in the Chess Championship. The following played in the various games : A. E. Owen (Captain), A. W. Clarke, G. M. Brand, A. E. Speakman, and A. C. Williams.

SPURGEON'S.

THE House has achieved, since the last issue of the Magazine, notable successes. We were Champions in the Swimming Sports and in the Gymnastic Competition. We are top of the Football League and continue to hold the Cup, beating Brown's in the semi-final and Roper's in the final.

Our Captain, R. D. Nightingale, who has been so long and gloriously associated with the House, and has contributed so largely to its success, is leaving for Woolwich in March, and L. P. Fleming, from whom we expect much, will take his place.

We regret to announce that A. W. Hubbard was killed in Mesopotamia on January 25th, and that A. W. Woolston, Lance-Corporal in the H.A.C. (bomber), met his death in a small raid in France on January 31st. Both were well-known and respected by many boys at present in the House who all send their heartfelt sympathy to the parents.

Mesopotamia.

MR. CRIBB has received from Mr. Brown a long and interesting account of his experiences in this benighted country. In his description he says : " After staying in Basra some weeks I

got orders to proceed to Nasirayah on the Euphrates to join my Regiment. We embarked on a shallow draught paddle steamer for the first part of our journey to Kurnah, which is the traditional site of the Garden of Eden. It is a dismal and foul-smelling hole with just a few of the usual type of Arab houses on the bank and the rest reed huts.

“ Next morning we shifted our kit into small mahailas and drew rations for ten days. The boat was about 40 feet by 8 feet, and as we numbered four officers and their servants, together with a crew of four, it was a pretty tight fit. After being deserted by a tug which gave us a friendly tow for twenty miles we were left to our fate and crawled up stream at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles per hour, the wind and current being against us, and our only means of progress being the long poles which the crew used for punting. Next day we reached Hamar Lake, where we met fifty other craft either wind-bound or unable to proceed owing to the shallowness of the water which in places was only fifteen inches deep. For three dreary days we struggled to get over fourteen miles of water, towed by the crew who were stark naked in the stream. After a night at Hakika we boarded a stern-wheeler and got to Nasirayah. Between these two places the Euphrates looks a fine river, being about four hundred yards wide, but it is so shallow that only boats drawing less than four feet of water can get along. The banks are covered with date gardens and there is considerable cultivation all the way. Between Nasirayah and Bagdad the country is dependent on the rivers and its creeks, and produces two crops in the year when irrigated. Amara is a prosperous town justly famous for its beautiful gardens, and between it and Kut the river is full of extraordinary twists and turns. It is easily understood that the rivers are everything to the country ; all communication is carried on by water as roads can hardly be said to exist. All through the campaign it has been the rivers and the climate we have had to fight rather than the Turks or Arabs. All supplies and stores for the troops have to be carried by water in the small mahailas and other small boats, hence the depth of the river is an important consideration. Nearer the mouth we have some of our old friends the L.C.C. penny steamers which came out from England under their own steam. What a strange use for those boats over which the rival parties squabbled so bitterly a few years ago ! During April floods prevail, owing to the melting of the snows in Armenia ; from May to October the heat is great, the mercury rising to 130° , but October and November are cool and pleasant. The completion of the railways

now well in hand will banish many of our difficulties and permit us to employ more men.

“The population is mainly Arab, but there are also Chaldeans, Armenians, Persians, Jews, and negroes, and the colour ranges from coal-black, through black and tan, and *café au lait*, to almost pure white. The Arab is a beast in every way. He does no work, is a thief and a liar, and as treacherous an animal as you can find.

“The children up to about twelve are bright and intelligent and would appear to present good material to work on, but experience shows that above that age they begin to deteriorate, and by the time they are eighteen or so they are pure wasters. The women are hideous, and Mahomet knew something when he ordained that they should keep their faces covered. They are, however, good workers, and in this respect can give points to the other sex.

“The buildings are of sun-dried bricks and slime, built round a courtyard and having a flat roof. In some parts they construct dwellings of reeds which are ingenious, cool and clean. Except the date palm, the trunk of which is fibre and not wood, there is no timber in the country, and all that is wanted has to be imported.

“Wheat, barley, maize and oats are grown. Dates, of course, form an important branch of industry and a tax of half a rupee produces nearly £4,000,000 a year. The soil of the country is mud and will grow anything, and under proper irrigation could be made a second Egypt.”

So ends a very interesting personal narrative which will help us to understand the recent success at Kut which, in another part of his letter, Mr. Brown describes as “Kut of unhappy memory.”

War Honours for Old Boys.

SINCE the publication of the December Magazine the following Honours have been awarded or announced:—

MILITARY CROSSES.

1. Lieut. Archibald Robert Dean, Australian Imperial Force (Inf.).

“He led a bombing attack with great gallantry and determination. Later, although severely wounded, he continued at his post and held the position gained. He set a fine example to his men.”—(*Gazette.*)

2. Temp. Lieut. (acting Capt.) Eric Gordon Bowden, R. W. Surrey Regt.

“He led a successful raid against the enemy’s trenches with great gallantry, and inflicted many casualties. He has at all times set a fine example.

3. Temp. 2nd Lieut. Percy Crawford Richards, R.F.A.

“At great personal risk he extricated a man who had been buried in close proximity to a burning ammunition dump.”—*(Gazette.)*

4. 2nd Lieut. J. E. Appleyard, R.E.

5. Lieut. W. J. Boutall, Lond. Regt.

6. Capt. T. G. Robinson, Royal Berks.

FURTHER HONOURS.

1. Lieut. F. H. Kirby, V.C., R.F.C., Honorary Captaincy. He has since been promoted, and is now Lieut.-Col., R.F.C.

2. Lieut. Howard McGlashan, R.N.R., commended for services in Mine Sweeping operations.

3. Mentioned in Despatches :—

Capt. C. J. Bolton, H.A.C.

Lieut. W. H. Reynolds, Lanc. Fus.

Capt. J. Stephenson, R.A.M.C.

Lieut. G. Nicol, R.E.

AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Private W. A. Sandwich, M.G.C.

Congratulations !!!

Appleyard (of Brown’s) left in 1915 ; Boutall in 1906 ; Bowden (of Spurgeon’s) in 1909 ; Robinson in 1897 ; Dean in 1896 ; McGlashan in 1898 ; Kirby in 1884 ; Bolton in 1896 ; Reynolds (of Tulley’s) in 1909 ; Richards (of Cribb’s) in 1909 ; Stephenson (of Spurgeon’s) in 1909 ; Nicol in 1902 ; and Sandwich (of Tulley’s) in 1909.

Alleyn War List.

THE following names of Old Boys who are serving in the War have been received since the publication of the EDWARD ALLEYN MAGAZINE in December, 1916, when the total reached 1,317. The number to date—February 22nd, 1917—is 1,417, and of those holding commissions, 354.

The names are preceded by the dates of leaving Alley's and, in some cases, by the distinguishing House initials.

Mr. Brading will be glad to receive at the School any additions, corrections, etc.

1899. Adams, C., H.A.C.
 1900. Admans, L. S., Cadet, Inns of Court O.T.C.
 1909. (t) Angel, A. A., M.G.C.
 1905. Armfield, H. L., Rifn., 15th London (C.S.R.).
 1904. Avila, Frank L., Lce.-Corpl., Tr. Res. Bn.
 1899. Barker, P. M., Corpl., Canadian Field Artillery.
 1915. (s) Beagley, F. P., Pte., The Buffs (E. Kent Regt.).
 1916. (s) Booer, J. R., Wireless Op., R.N.V.R.
 1915. (br) Bradfield, H. W., Trpr., Rough Riders.
 1913. (c) Burnham, C. J.
 1909. (t) Butler, P. S., Pte., New Zealand Regt.
 1897. Carter, R. V., Corpl., R.M.L.I. (R.N.D.).
 1910. (b) Chalk, J. V., Gunner, R.F.A.
 1913 (b) Chappell, S., Pilot, R.F.C.
 1910. (t) Clark, H. T. J., Pte., Claims Commission, Boulogne.
 Cousins, Cadet, O.C. Bn.
 1904. Cove, A. F., Gunner, R.F.A.
 1901. Cove, W. J., A.S.C.
 1911. (b) Dando, C. E., Gunner, R.F.A.
 1910. (r) D'Arcy, P. E., Cadet, Inns of Court O.T.C.
 1896. Dean, A. R., Lieut., Australian Imperial Force.
 1914. (b) Demont, B. E. C., Pte., R. West Kent.
 1901. Edmed, W. J.
 1916. (t) Farthing, H. H., Cadet, R.M.A. (Woolwich).
 1905. Fitt, P. R. J., Rifn., Artists Rifles.
 1916 (c) Fitter, R. J., Pte., H.A.C.
 1913. (t) Freeman, E. R., R.N. (Transport).
 1914. (r) Gates, A. A., Pte., H.A.C.
 1898. Gott, A. E., 2nd Lieut., R. Warwick Regt.
 1898. Gott, J. H., Middlesex Regt.
 Gottheiner, Canadian E.F.
 1895. Greenfield, W., Canadian E.F.
 1899. Haddow, N. A., Rifn., 16th London (Queen's Wrs.).
 1915. (c) Harrison, O. W.
 1896. Haselgrove, B. T., Pte., H.A.C.
 1892. Hauff, O. W., R.F.A.
 1913. (r) Heron, V. H.
 1914 (b) Hewitt, E. L. B.
 1915. (b) Hicks, H. R.
 1905. Hodges, H. M., Lce.-Corpl., L.R.B.
 1914. (r) Hope, E. L., Cadet, Inns of Court O.T.C.
 1898. Horne, J. H.
 1909. (c) Humphries, W., Pte., H.A.C.
 1910. (br) Jackson, S. H., Corpl., H.A.C.
 1914. (c) Jones, R. F., Rifn., Artists Rifles.
 1900. Judge, A. P., Lce.-Corpl., Brit. Columbia Regt.
 1898. Judge, C. P., Pte., Brit. Columbia Regt.
 1899. Kempson, H. L., Rifn., Artists Rifles.

- 1915 (t) Keyes, F., Rifn., Artists Rifles.
 1911. (b) Lavender, A. H., Gunner, R.F.A.
 1914. (s) Lucas, H. D., Pte., Cambridge Regt.
 1908. (b) Manning, A. H., Pte., Roy. Fus.
 1913. (s) McCarthy, R., Lce.-Corpl., Roy. Fus. (Tr. Bn.).
 1907. (b) Mersh, C. T., Motor Dr., Australian A.M.T.
 1904. Moss, H. W., Pte., H.A.C.
 1914. (r) Moyser, T., A.B., H.M.S. *Victory*.
 1901. Muggridge, H. G. C., Corpl., R. W. Kent Regt.
 1903. Napper, F., R.N.A.S.
 1891. Osborne, S., R.G.A.
 1891. Osborne, P. G., R.E.
 1910. (s) O'Shaughnessy, H. E., Pte., H.A.C.
 1893. Over, E. D.
 1899. Over, G. C. W., Pte., 16th London (Queen's Wrs.).
 1901. Over, R. S., R. W. Kents.
 1912. (r) Paterson, G., Rifn., Artists Rifles.
 1912. (t) Peacock, E., Sapper, R.E. (Lond. Elec. Eng.).
 1894. Perkins, S. W., Rifn., Artists Rifles.
 1915. (r) Playne, S. H., Pte., H.A.C.
 1910. (b) Potter, R. B. McD., Cadet, Inns of Court O.T.C.
 1899. Powell, J. H., Cadet, Artists Rifles O.T.C.
 1898. Purdue, T. V., Lce.-Corpl., A.S.P.
 1915. (r) Raybould, L. H., R.F.C. (Off. C. Wing).
 1896. Ricards, F. A.
 1899. Ricards, L. C., A.S.C.
 1893. Richardson, H. G. E., R.F.A.
 1914 (b) Ridley, A. G., Cadet, Inns of Court O.T.C.
 1905. Ridley, J. W., Driver, A.S.C.
 1895. Rogers, W. H., Cadet, Artists Rifles O.T.C.
 1916. (br) Rooke, S. T., Cadet, R.M.A. (Woolwich).
 1902. Russell, C. E. S., 2nd Lieut., R.F.C.
 1905. Russell, J. E., 2nd Lieut., R. W. Surrey (Queen's).
 1915. (s) Rutland, J. H.
 1914 (br) Scott, W. S., Pte., Northumberland Fus.
 1894. Scougal, W. J.
 1907. Sewell, L. F.
 1903. Sharpe, N. C. N. (N. C. Nelson), London Camel Corps, E.E.F.
 1912. (b) Skinner, W. A., Artists Rifles.
 1904. Slingo, P. E., Lieut., R.E.
 1912. (br) Soper, L. G. A., Pte., H.A.C.
 1916. (r) Speakman, A. E., Pte., H.A.C.
 1886. Spring, J. M., 1st Cl. P.O., R.N.
 1909 (t) Stanton, J. C., Pte., The Buffs (E. Kent Regt.).
 1900. Talbot, R. W., Cadet, Inns of Court O.T.C.
 1901. Theobald, S. K., Bombr., R.F.A.
 1904. Toogood, A. A. H.
 1904. Toogood, R. C. L., Rifn., Artists Rifles.
 1914. (b) Tosen, J. L., Pte., A.S.C. (M.T.).
 1898. Vier, A. J., Air Cr. (2), R.N.A.S.
 1914. (br) Wiggzell, W. F., Rifn., 15th London (1st Surrey Rifles).
 1909. (c) Willis, H. A. E., Corpl., R. W. Kent Regt.
 1908. (b) Wise, E. W.
 1914. (br) Wooster, C. H., Rifn., Artists Rifles.

The Alleyn War Fund.

THE Committee responsible for the management of the Fund, after the experience of its working during the last twelve months, desire to submit the following report which they hope will prove satisfactory to all the readers of the Magazine and particularly to the subscribers, who are naturally interested in the scheme for sending assistance to Old Boys, who have suffered in the War, or their dependants.

The Committee are pleased to be able to announce that the calls on the Fund have so far been only nine, one of which is still under consideration. The other eight are described in detail below, the number of dependants, and the value of the assistance thus far rendered being given.

Every case brought before the Committee receives sympathetic consideration, and when approved becomes a charge on the Fund for a specified period, after which it is subject to renewal or revision according to circumstances.

The Committee plead for continued support in view of the possibilities arising from the resumption of hostilities in the War.

They take this opportunity to thank all subscribers, and especially the present boys of the School, who may like to know how much their regular weekly contributions are appreciated.

		Amount of grant.		
		£	s.	d.
Case 1.	Widow with two children	14	15	0
„ 2.	Widowed mother with two daughters.. .. .	20	15	0
„ 3.	Widow with one child	14	15	0
„ 4.	Widow with one child	14	15	0
„ 5.	Widowed mother with one daughter.. .. .	15	15	0
„ 6.	Mother with helpless husband and two daughters, one being monomaniac	12	15	0
„ 7.	Widow with one child } Only recently placed			
„ 8.	Widow with two children } on the Fund.			
„ 9.	Mother with one child . . Under consideration.			
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Old Boys' Notes.

WE have to regret the loss of the following Old Boys recently announced :—

R. V. CARTER (1897), Corporal of the R.M.L.I. (R.N.D.), fell on July 14th, 1915.

A. R. DEAN (1900), brother of F. R. and of G. A., came from Australia as a member of the Australian Imperial Force (Inf.), was wounded in August, 1916, and died of his wounds on December 3rd. Lieut. Dean held the Military Cross, under circumstances described on another page.

J. D. DRYSDALE (1901), a Lieutenant of the Lincolns, was killed in action on October 23rd, 1916.

L. S. DUCK (1906), a Sergeant of the 1st Surrey Rifles, after long and meritorious services at the Front, was killed on May 23rd, 1916. Long "missing," his fate has only recently been determined.

A. E. GOTT (1898), 2nd Lieut. R. Warwick Regt., fell in action July, 1916. He and his brother J. H. (now serving in the Middlesex Regt.), will be well remembered as long-distance runners.

G. W. HAWKINS (1901), Lieut., K.R.R., soon after the outbreak of war, came home from China and rendered good service with the Rifles. He fell on November 15th, 1916.

C. P. JUDGE (1898), of the British Columbia Regt., came over with his brother A. R. (1900) to do his bit. He fell in action July, 1916.

A. C. PANTING (1906), 2nd Lieut., R. Munster Fus. (transferred to R.F.C.), was killed on January 13th, 1917, when acting as "observer."

H. E. REPTON (1905), a Gunner in the R.F.A., fell in action on March 14th, 1916.

JONES, S. G. E. (M.C.) 1902, Co.-Sergt.-Major, 6th London Regt., was killed at the entrance of his dug-out on February 28th, 1917.

Another Old Boy—D. W. Boyd—writes in very appreciative terms of Jones's coolness under fire and of his solicitude for his men's safety. These qualities had gained for him the Military Cross.

We have welcomed at the School recently 2nd Lieut. W. G. Wright, 2nd Lieut. H. G. Nightingale, Corpl. U. P. Jonckheere, L.-Corpl. of Horse F. R. Himing, Cadet W. L. Gopsill, Cadet W. A. Skinner, and 2nd Lieut. F. L. Clark.

Interesting letters have been received from Private E. L. Moon, Rifn. R. W. Church, 2nd Lieut. A. G. Goodall, Lieut. D. V. Sutherst, Rifn. D. W. Boyd, Lieut. G. H. L. Mason, Private F. B. Young and Driver Mersh.

We can assure the writers that news from them is indeed welcome, and that the letters are passed from hand to hand and read and appreciated by many more than those to whom they were originally addressed.

Want of space alone, prevents the inclusion in the Magazine of extracts from their letters. Best wishes to all.

EVERY one connected with Alleyn's will be pleased to read the following notice from the *Times* concerning an Old Boy :—

“ ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE.

“ The King has been pleased to give directions for the following promotions in and appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George :—

“ G.C.M.G.

“ SIR GEORGE VANDELEUR FIDDES, K.C.M.G., C.B., Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies. Entered Colonial Office in 1881. Promoted First Class Clerk, after long service as Private Secretary, in 1896. Appointed Imperial Secretary and Accountant to Sir Alfred Milner, High Commissioner for South Africa, in 1897. Secretary to the Transvaal Administration, 1900. Returned to Colonial Office as Principal Clerk in 1902. Became Assistant Under-Secretary of State in 1909 and Permanent Under-Secretary of State in February, 1916.”

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MARRIAGE.—At St. George's Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, Cicely A. Dodds, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Dodds, of Newcastle, to Arthur G. Webb, B.Sc., third son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Webb, of Highgate, London.

Alleyn Old Boys' Club.

IN these days of trouble and general disorganisation there is practically nothing to record in the way of Club doings. No meetings are held except occasional business meetings of the Committee, the various officers who were acting in the early days of the War (or rather such of them as are still available) carrying on the work of the Club in the meantime.

A number of members have, unfortunately, lost their lives. Their names have been duly chronicled in this and previous issues of the Magazine ; but the Club takes this opportunity of tendering its sympathy to the relatives in their sad losses.

A large proportion of the members of the Club are on active service—exactly how many it is impossible to say.

No Report has been issued for the year 1916, but it may be mentioned that ninety-nine new members were elected, while three members resigned. The total membership of the Club at the end of the Club year was about 700.

During the current Club year the following twenty-two Old Boys have been elected to membership :—H. Allen, R. A. Blackshire, S. J. Buckland, E. H. Bulford, D. M. Cumming, A. A. M. Durrant, W. A. E. Eddowes, H. H. Farthing, E. R. Gale, W. Griggs, S. T. Hammond, H. R. Hicks, H. G. Hobdell, D. W. Kent, H. G. M. Laing, W. J. Marshall, S. T. Rooke, C. W. L. Stanton, C. A. Town, W. M. Wallis, A. H. Wright, F. B. Young, and there are ten more awaiting election at the next Committee Meeting.

The Hon. Secretary would remind those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions that these are now overdue and should be sent without further delay. He is much too busy at present to send out individual reminders. Incidentally he would like to mention that he has received two postal orders for 2s. 6d. each from members who gave no name nor other clue to their identity. If they will communicate with him he will be pleased to send them their receipts.

Extracts from Letters written by Captain Eric Bowden.

THIS is indeed an eventful day and you can take it from me that everything is going finely. This afternoon I sat for three hours watching the whole progress of the fighting through my field glasses, and a more marvellously interesting and fascinating scene it is impossible to imagine. We had a panoramic view of the country for miles round, the sun was shining gloriously, and our guns were thundering away both behind and in front of me, while the enemy shells were bursting everywhere—in fact, I often had to jump down hurriedly into the trench. You mentioned a wood in one of your letters a week or two back. That is close to us and now consists of a lot of broken stumps, few over five or six feet high, and hundreds of dead bodies which no one can bother about burying. Not the least excitement of the afternoon was watching the hosts of German prisoners being fetched in. They passed right by us, and there was no doubt about their relief at being captured, and it seemed strange to see friends and foes alike all chatting amiably together. These prisoners cannot be persuaded that we have any navy, and one man anxiously inquired

whether the boats by which they were to be sent across to England would be specially marked so that the German submarines would know that there were German prisoners on board, and accordingly refrain from sinking the vessels. I marvelled at the intensity of our artillery fire. It was wonderful—the noise was indescribable—only think, every kind of gun firing “rapid” simultaneously.

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One day we received orders to dig ourselves in preparatory to an attack at a place which rather took our breaths away, for it was on the further side of a village which we were not even then certain was ours or the Huns'. We went, and I must admit that that four miles trek through our own trenches across “No Man's Land” and through the aforesaid village (which we discovered had been captured by us) was a bit warm. We had to dig hard to get under cover by daylight. We just managed it, and when dawn broke the attack was launched. Well, thank goodness, I am not in the German Army. I have had ample reasons for coming to the conclusion that the Boche is brought to his knees, and I feel, as do all of us, that glorious wild elation which can only be felt by the side that is winning. My company is composed of some of the most splendid and fearless boys you could ever wish to meet. Two have been recommended for D.C.M., and the C.O. is delighted. We've had a pretty warm time. I haven't closed my eyes for fifty-seven hours. I am writing this in a little hole we have made in our brand new self-made trench, far beyond all the old original German trenches, and I have been more or less buried twice since I began writing this. You cannot imagine how glorious it feels to be right in the front going forward, forward. It is a wonder this book in which I am writing has not got shell shock considering the number of times it has been sent flying with me on top of it. You ought to see me now. Oh, what a vision! My face and hands are all begrimed. I have got a lovely naval beard, am wearing a Tommy's tunic and an awful old steel hat. I give you my word the “tout-ensemble” is a perfect scream.

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We have been on the move, and for over eighty hours I had not closed my eyes and was feeling about done. I had my valise laid down in my tent and slept straight off for twenty-two hours. I now feel quite chirpy and none the worse for my unusual experience. I suppose that during the past week we have gone through pretty well all the hardships it is possible to endure out here—lack of food, water (a terrible thing—worse than I ever

dreamt of), no sleep, shell fire, which defeats any efforts of the imagination, and sights more ghastly than I ever thought of witnessing; and yet here we are (not all of us, I am afraid) still carrying on with our little glee parties and merry-makings. I must tell you one of my experiences during the last few days, which I am never likely to forget. I was standing looking at the body of a dead German officer lying at my feet, when all of a sudden there was a whizz, a terrific thud, and a huge bomb lay in the road about four yards away from me, dropped from a Taube which we saw scudding overhead. The beastly thing did not explode—if it had—

The German dread of the bayonet is pitiful and at the same time amusing to behold. It is only their heavy artillery that is carrying on the fight, and that is not a patch on ours; their infantry is played out and "fed up," and their aircraft pitted against ours is ludicrous. My word, what a lot we owe to our airmen! They are simply magnificent, and the whole system of the Allied aerial service is splendidly organised. While the sky is fairly dotted with the familiar mark painted on the bottom of each Allied aeroplane it is quite an event to see the evil-looking cross of the Boche planes over our lines, and when one does venture forth he is not usually long in the air. I saw one; he came creeping over in and out of the clouds as if ashamed to be seen, and then in a minute as if springing from nowhere the luckless Hun was surrounded by a swarm of angry hornets with the comforting sign of the Allies—the tricolour ring on their under planes. We soon heard the distant tap, tap, tap, of many Lewis guns high up, and we hadn't long to wait for what we were sure would happen. Down came the Fokker like a stone, turning over and over as he came. No, the Germans may be clever, but their aircraft as a fighting factor is a dismal failure.

COPY for the next issue of the Magazine must be in the hands of the Editors, Mr. E. F. P. Carrick, Allyn's School, and Mr. A. J. Hudson, 25, Wavertree Road, Streatham, S.W., not later than Friday, June 22nd, 1917.

THOSE boys who are leaving the School this Term are recommended most strongly to join the Old Boys' Club. The subscription is 1s. per annum for the first two years after leaving School, and subsequently 2s. 6d. per annum. Members are entitled to a copy of the Magazine without further charge. Full particulars can be obtained on application to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. J. Hudson, 25, Wavertree Road, Streatham, S.W.