BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER 1954-1.

MR. R. M. PAGE

The death occurred on Tuesday at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), after an illness of three months, of Mr. Ralph Maxey Page, better known as "Max" Page, of 22 Newnham Street, Bedford. The funeral service will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedford, at 10 a.m.

Mr Page retired in 1950 after 38 years as an inspector for the Royal Insurance Company at the Bedford branch. On his retirement he was presented with an oak clock to commemorate his long service with the Company.

Born in Bedford, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page, of Bromham Road. He was educated at Bedford Modern School (1898-1904) and while at school played cricket for the 1st XI. He was also an all-round athlete.

After leaving school he continued to play cricket for Pyghtle Works in the Bedford and District League. During the 1914-18 War he served in the Motor Transport, Army Service Corps, and on the cessation of hostilities returned to Bedford and played cricket for the County.

Mr. Page gained many batting prizes, being noted for his hard hitting, and was a Vice-President of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club.

Cricket was not his only love for he was also a keen billiards player and in 1914 won the first of many cups for billiards.

As a Freemason Mr. Page was initiated in the Russell Lodge and received the honour of London Grand Rank. He was founder and Past Master of the Old Bedford Modernian Lodge and was also a member of the O.B.M. Club.

Many Bedfordians and visitors to the Swan Hotel at Christmas time also knew Mr. Page, for he used to carve the famous boar's head.

In 1937-38 he was President of the Bedford Insurance Institute and was Vice-President until his retirement. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Booth and family wish to express their thanks to the doctor, the doctors and staffs of the Bedford General Hospital (South and North Wings and Clapham Branch), the Bedfordshire Nursing Association, the clergy of All Saints', the Red Cross, the W.V.S. Home Help Service, all neighbours, and kind friends for their sympathy and kindness during their recent sad loss; also for all floral tributes.

Mr. H. Cox and family, 48 Cauldwell Street, Bedford wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy, and for the beautiful flowers.

The daughter of the late Mrs. Mary Ann Fall, 15 Pilcroft Street, Bedford, wishes to thank all friends and neighbours and members of St. Mary's Darby and Joan Club for their kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful flowers.

Mr. T. Fields and family, 45 Marlborough Road, Bedford, wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kindness shown to them in their sad bereavement and beautiful floral tributes; also grateful thanks to the doctor. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

Mrs. Henman and family, of 19 Ellis Road, Bedford, wish to thank all relatives, friends, and neighbours for their kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy during their sudden bereavement; also for the beautiful flowers. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

The daughter of the late Mrs. Alice Mary Langford wishes to thank all friends for their kindness and sympathy; also for floral tributes. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

Mr. McKie and family, of Ravensden, wish to thank all friends and neighbours for the kindness and letters of sympathy in their recent bereavement; also for the beautiful flowers.

Mr. C. Nichols and daughter wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for sympathy received in their sad and sudden loss; also for the beautiful flowers. Also the doctor for his unfailing attention. Please accept this, the only intimation.

Mrs. Stevens and family, of 33 Cauldwell Street, Bedford, wish to thank doctors and nursing staff, and also friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and sympathy in their sad bereavement. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

Mr. C. Wright and family wish to take this opportunity of thanking the many friends for their letters of sympathy and floral tributes. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

BIRTHS

GILBERT.—On 2 October, to Hilda (née Ashcroft) and Harry R., a daughter (Irene Rose), sister for Harry and Lynne.

HARPIN.—On Sunday, 3 October, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to Audrey and Ken the precious gift of a son (Roderick Paul). Sincere thanks to maternity staff.

MCLEOD.—On 5 October at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing) to Mary (née Horne) and Tony, a daughter (Vanessa Lynn). Grateful thanks to doctors and staff.

PHILIPS.—On 24 September, to Bridget (nee Street) and David, twin sons (James Frederick and Richard John).

REID.—On 3 October, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to Gladys (nee Ager) and John, the precious gift of a daughter (Janice). Sincere thanks to maternity staff.

STOREY.—On 27 September at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to Edna (nee Gregory) and Les the precious gift of a son.

WATKINS.—On 5 October, in Singapore to Eva (née Devereux) and Peter, a daughter (Susan Elizabeth).

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs. A. V. Boyes, 16 Parsonage Road, Amesbury, Wilts, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fensome, 137 George Street, Bedford.

The marriage arranged between Doris Cooper and Ernest Cox will take place at Wilstead Methodist Church at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday 16 October. All friends welcome at the Church.

The engagement is announced between Sidney George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, of 24 Gifford Road, Bedford, and Dianne Mary, only daughter of Mrs. Wakeham and the late Mr. Wakeham, of 57 Chatsworth Road, Brondesbury, London.

The engagement is announced between Robin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hill, of Moggerhanger, and Charmine, younger daughter of Air-Commodore Mrs. G. R. M. Rhind, of Willington.

The engagement is announced between Jeffrey Keep, 71 Howbury Street, Bedford, and Irene Purbrick, 72 Festival Road, Potton, Beds.

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, 57 Westbourne Road, Queen's Park, Bedford, and Mary, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Buckle, 10 Collie Road, Bedford.

The engagement is announced between Malcolm, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Juffs, 11 Albert Place, Houghton Conquest, and Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, 40 Bedford Road, Cranfield.

The engagement is announced between Robert [illegible] son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] of [illegible] Stroudsburg, [illegible] and Margaret, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Brett, of Manor Cottage, Wilstead.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Owen, 6 Allen Close, Queen's Park, Bedford, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Geoffrey, youngest son of Mr. F. Spavins and the late Mrs. Spavins, 14 Albert Street, Bedford to their youngest daughter, Patricia.

The engagement is announced between David Oliver, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Woodward, of Brookside Farm, Maulden, and Betty Joan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clarke, of Chaul End, Caddington.

MARRIAGES

ORMAN—OP DEN CAMP.—On 4 October 1954, at Moggerhanger Church, Dudley Montague Orman, of Bedford, to Wilhelmina op den Camp, of Rotterdam, Holland.

WAINWRIGHT — VINCENT.—On 2 October 1954 at Renhold Church, Gordon W. Wainwright, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wainwright, 192 Castle Road, Bedford, to Barbara J. Vincent, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Vincent, Top End Farm, Renhold, Bedfordshire.

SILVER WEDDING

AMBIDGE—TYRRELL.—On 7 October 1929 at St. Nicholas Church, Great Yarmouth by the Rev. Noel Porter, Frederick Ambidge to Mildred Tyrrell. Present address: 17 Cutcliffe Grove, Bedford.

BUTCHART—THOW.—On 4 October 1929, at St. Roque's Church, Dundee, by the Rev. George Douglas, Lawrence Butchart to May Low Butchart Thow, present address 47 Cauldwell Street, Bedford.

DIAMOND WEDDING

LARKINS—BURN.—On 8 October 1894, at the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, Willington, Bedfordshire, by the Rev. Augustus Orlebar, Walter J. Larkins to Martha Burn. Present address: 356 Goldington Road, Bedford.

DEATHS

BATT.—On 2 October, Florence Edith, late of 24 St. Peter's Street, Bedford, aged 84 years.

BRINKLOW.—On 7 October 1954, Walter Charles, beloved husband of Ellen Brinklow, 35 High Street, Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire, aged 77 years. Funeral service Monday, 3 p.m., at Houghton Conquest Methodist Church.

COOK.—On 29 September, at her home, 28 Foster Road, Kempston, Bedford, Florence Laura (Flo), passed peacefully away after a long illness patiently borne.

CROUCH.—On 6 October at a London hospital, Kate Crouch, 50 High Street, Harrold, aged 50 years. Funeral service, Monday 11 October, at Golders Green Crematorium, 2.30 p.m. No flowers by request.

FALL.—On 30 September 1954, Mary Ann Fall, 15 Pilcroft Street, Bedford, aged 83 years.

HESKETH.—On 30 September 1954, at 34 Chaucer Road, Bedford, Mary Sophie Hesketh, in her 102nd year.

LACK.—On 2 October 1954, Margaret, widow of Albert Edward Lack, 124 Dudley Street, Bedford, aged 82 years.

MAYES.—On 1 October, Amy Blanche Mayes, dearly beloved wife of F. W. Mayes, 92 Castle Road, Bedford, aged 77 years.

MOSELEY.—On 5 October, Maud Emma Moseley, 60 Stanley Street, Bedford, aged 77 years.

NELL.—On 6 October 1954, Edith Jane Nell, 1 The Dell, Kempston, Bedfordshire, and late of Bromham, aged 85 years. Funeral service Saturday, 9 October, 11.30 a.m., at Bromham Church.

PAGE.—On 6 October 1954, Ralph Mosey Page, beloved husband of Daisy, 22 Newnham Street, Bedford, aged 65 years. Funeral service, Saturday 9 October, 10 a.m. at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedford.

RABY.—Suddenly on 7 October 1954, Albert Edmund, beloved husband of Annie Raby and father of Dick and Fred, of 7 Spring Road, Kempston. Aged 65 years. Funeral service on Monday 2.30 p.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration.

SMITH.—On 4 October 1954, Mildred Alice, widow of William Taylor Smith, 2 Dudley Street, Bedford, aged 67 years.

SPAKES.—On 6 October, Thomas Daniel Cosford, at The Cottage, Bromham Road, Biddenham, Bedford, aged 69. Cremation at Cambridge. No flowers.

WOODHEAD.—On 5 October 1954, at a Bedford nursing home, Emily Alice, widow of Arthur Godfrey Woodhead, 52 Acacia Road, Bedford. Aged 72 years.

IN MEMORIAM

AMES.—Treasured memories of our dear little Michael, who passed away 5 October 1951, aged 8 months.—Daddy, Mummy, and Lesley.

BETTS.—Treasured memories of a dear husband, Albert Betts, passed away 12 October 1951.—From his devoted wife Charlotte, 118 Mile Road, Bedford.

BRACE.—In loving memory of a dear mother and grandma, Minnie Jane Brace, who passed away 5 October 1952.—From Nellie and family, 1 Little Thurlow Street, Bedford.

BRAYBROOKS.—In ever-loving memory of mother, 7 October 1944. Evelyn.

DANES.—Loving memories of our dear father, Joseph Sutton, who passed away 11 October 1952. Resting where no shadows fall.—From his children.

EVANS.—In loving memory of Harry, who passed away 8 October 1950.—From his loving wife, Rose, Sid, and Doris.

FELTON.—Treasured memories of our dear daughter and sister, Josie, who left us 14 October 1951. We who love her sadly miss her; In our hearts she is always near. Remembered, longed for, always bringing many a silent tear.—From her loving mum, dad, sisters, and brother.

HOUSDEN.—Silent thoughts and treasured memories always of a dear wife, mother and gran, who died on 13 October 1951.—From her loving husband, daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

IBBETT.—In ever-loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, Ann Ibbett, who entered into rest on 10 October 1946. Affectionately remembered by her children and grandchildren.

JOHNSON.—In ever-loving memory of the dearest wife, mother, and grandma, Lizzie Johnson, who died 9 October 1946.—From her loving husband, daughter, and grandchildren, Colmworth.

KIMBER.—Time passes, but loving memories remain of a dear husband and father, Alfred Herbert, who left us, 8 October 1949.—From May and Freda.

KIMBER.—In loving memory of a dear father and grandad who left us 8 October 1949. We loved you too dearly, to ever forget.—Your Doris, Don, and Elisabeth.

KING.—Time passes, but loving memories remain of a dear sister and mother, Connie, who passed away 9 October 1951. How we miss her smile and loving ways. From May, Bert, John, and Colin, Wilstead.

KINNS.—In loving memory of dear brother, Walter Kinns, who passed away 9 October 1945. Worthy of everlasting remembrance.—From sister Flo.

LOGAN, A. N.—Always remembering our darling Alan, 7 October 1948.—Mummy, daddy, and Ian.

MORRIS.—Treasured memories of a dear mother and grandma, Jane Morris, who died on 7 October 1950; also of a dear dad and granddad, Joseph Morris, who died on 10 November 1950. These words are written with deep regret, by those who loved them and cannot forget.—From daughter Elsie and granddaughters Sheila and Mavis.

MORRIS.—In loving memory of our dearest grandma, Jane Morris, who passed away 7 October 1950. We miss her smile and loving ways. With her we spent some happy days.—From Rene, Reg, and Richard.

NOAH.—In memory of a dear wife and mother, who passed away 7 October 1953.—From her loving husband and son, Mary and Michael, 53 King Street, Kempston.

OLIVER.—In loving memory of a dear mother and nannie, Alma Oliver, who passed away 7 October 1952.—From her son and daughters and grandchildren.

PARROTT.—In loving memory of a dear mother and nanna, who passed away 10 October 1953.—From Bert, Win, and Phyllis.

PARSONS.—In loving memory of a dear mother and grandma, who died on 6 October 1949. Too dearly loved to be forgotten.—From her loving son Charlie, also Agnes and grandchildren Marjorie, Ronnie, and John.

PEER.—Remembering our brother, Arthur C. Peer, who did not return from the Somme, 8 October 1916. Hearts still mourn our gentle lad. King.

PELL.—With sweetest memories of darling mother, so dearly loved by us all, and so sadly missed.—Ivy.

ROLLS.—In loving memory of our dear sister and auntie. Sadly missed.—From Reg, May and Janet.

ROLLS.—In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, and nanny, Ada Nellie, who passed away 12 October 1953, aged 49 years. Sadly missed.—From Stanley, Shirley, Brian and Kaye.

SPRING.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, who passed away on 7 October 1952. Sadly missed by all.—Cecil, Betty, Ann, Reg, 1 Ampthill Street, Bedford.

SPRING.—In loving memory of our dear daughter, Edith May, who passed away on 7 October 1952. Never forgotten. Always in our thoughts.—From loving mum and dad, Stagsden, Bedfordshire.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 19 JULY 1940-1.

F/O PANTON MISSING AGAIN

Bedford Airman who Won the D.F.C.

News was received on Monday that Flying-Officer A. D. Panton, D.F.C., of Bedford, is missing after taking part in operations against the enemy. This is the second time he has been reported missing, the first notification being published in May.

On the first occasion, Flying-Officer Panton had a narrow escape from death after making a forced landing in Belgium and he made his way back to England after thrilling adventures. He fought six Messerschmitts over the German-Belgian border, and after a terrific fight his machine caught fire. The crew were unable to use their parachutes, so F/O Panton landed the machine in flames. Sergt.-Observer J. Christie of Brechin and Air-Gunner R. W. Bence of Reading, who were in the plane with him, were both wounded. With some difficulty he got Christie out, burning his face and hands in the process, and then, with Bence hanging on to his shoulder he was able to get into a wood near by. They hid there until the coast seemed clear. Then they crawled out and commandeered a car in which they drove to Brussels. From the Belgian capital Flying-Officer Panton went into France and then got back to England.

Flying-Officer Panton was awarded the D.F.C. for gallant service early in the war. According to a London newspaper he brought down his aeroplane in France when it was riddled with bullets and had part of his engine shot away.

An Old Bedfordian well known in sports circles, Flying-Officer Panton, whose wife, formerly Miss Eileen Isabel Lumley, lives at 75 Bromham Road, Bedford, was in the town as recently as Saturday last, and on the preceding Saturday his son, Stephen Allistair Lumley, was christened in St. Martin's Church, Bedford. His parents live at Chawston House, Chawston.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 9 AUGUST 1940-2.

FLYING-OFFICER PANTON

ALIVE AND WELL, BUT A PRISONER OF WAR

After being reported missing for a second time, it is now known that Flying-Officer A. D. Panton, D.F.C., of Bedford, is a prisoner of war. Flying-Officer Panton's life has been full of excitement since the war began and he has had some remarkable escapes.

The third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Panton of Chawston House, Bedfordshire, A. D. Panton was at Bedford School from 1925 to 1935, when he left to go to the Royal Air Force College at Cranwell. The day before war broke out, he was married to Miss Eileen Isobel Lumley of Bedford. A son was born in June.

Flying-Officer Panton was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in March of this year for bringing his plane to safety when it was riddled with bullets and had part of the engine shot away.

He was first reported missing in May, but within a fortnight news was received that he was safe and sound after a narrow escape from death when his machine was brought down in Belgium. It was on 15th July that he was reported missing again. On Wednesday morning his wife had a letter from him saying that he is alive and well and is a prisoner of war. There has been no official notification of this fact yet from the Air Ministry.

Flying-Officer Panton's eldest brother, Colin Langley Panton died in France on 6th June from wounds received in action. He was thirty years of age and was at Bedford School from 1924 to 1927.

A.D.PANTON

First names in full: ALASTAIR DYSON
Date of birth: 2nd NOVEMBER 1916
Place of birth: CALCUTTA
School: BEFORD
University or college: Royal Air Force College, CRANWELL

Left or right-handed batsman Rt-hand
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: —
Year of first class debut:
Teams played for:
First class -

Second class - Beds CCC 1946 - 1947

Others - Royal Air Force;
Hong Kong.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)
Scrum-half for Bedford RUFC 1937-8

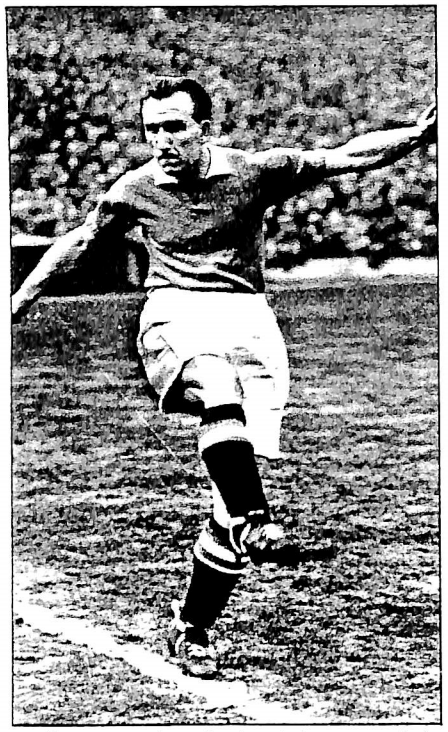
Occupation: R.A.F. (Retired)
National Trust.

Thank you for your help.

months later, and then became an automatic choice in the first-team for nine seasons until differences of opinion with manager Dave Sexton led to his departure. His flair and opportunism made him one of the most exciting players of his generation. High-spirited, and often unpredictable, off the field, he was not the easiest of players to handle and at times his irresponsible actions landed him in trouble with the authorities. But, equally, it must be said that he was not always sympathetically handled and it makes little

sense that a player of such rare ability was recognized so infrequently at international level. In October 1966 he broke a leg and missed the rest of that season through injury. After an interval of more than four years he returned to Chelsea, at the age of 31, but some of the old magic, and pace, was missing and he was unable to retain a first-team place. After retirement, he coached at Butlin's holiday camps (from 1986), was Portsmouth Youth-team coach (1988) and, latterly, coached in the Far East and Gambia.

PARSONS, Eric George (1950-1956) Outside-right
Born: Worthing, 9 November 1923.
5ft 7in; 10st 4lb.
Career: West Ham United, Chelsea (December 1950, £23,000), Brentford (November 1956, free transfer), Dover (July 1961).
Honours: England 'B' international (2 caps), Football League Championship medal 1955. Also 1 FA Charity Shield appearance 1955.
Chelsea debut: 2 December 1950. Appearances: League 158, FA Cup 18; Goals: League 37, FA Cup 5.
Parsons was a fast, clever outside-right who, after a

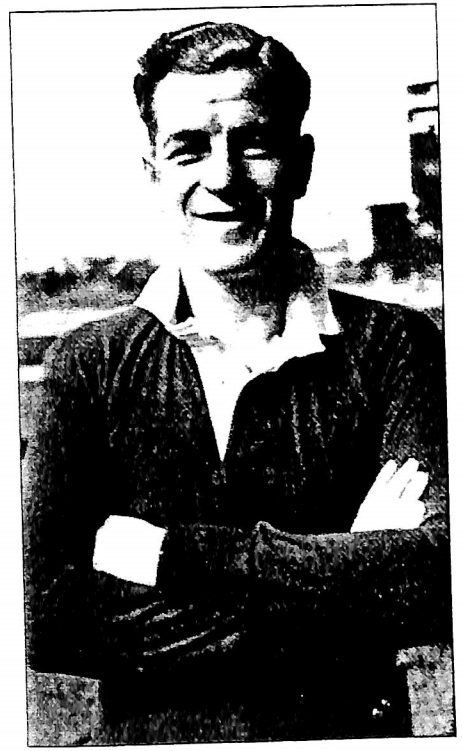


cartilage operation, developed into one of the outstanding players of the 1954-5 Championship team. An ever-present in that side, he scored many vital goals, as well as laying on others, especially for Roy Bentley. A firm favourite with the Chelsea crowd, who affectionately nicknamed him 'The Rabbit', he played nearly 500 senior games despite losing several seasons through World War Two at the start of his career.

PATES, Colin George (1979-1988) Defender/Midfield
Born: Carshalton, 10 August 1961.
5ft 11in; 11st.
Career: Chelsea (July 1979), Charlton Athletic (October 1988, £430,000), Arsenal (January 1990), Brighton & Hove Albion (loan).
Honours: England Youth international, Second Division championship medal 1984, Full Members' Cup winners' medal 1986.
Chelsea debut: 10 November 1979. Appearances: League 284(1), FA Cup 20, League Cup 32, Full Members' Cup 9; Goals: League 10.
Pates first came to Stamford Bridge as an apprentice in July 1977. A talented central defender who played in all 11 England Youth internationals in the 'Little World Cup' tournament of 1980-81. He quickly established himself as a member of Chelsea's first-team squad and was appointed captain in April 1984, for the last few matches of the Second Division championship season. He also played in midfield on occasions but was happiest in his defensive role, operating on the left-side.

PATON, John Aloysius (1946-1947) Outside-left
Born: Glasgow, 2 April 1923.
5ft 8in; 11st.
Career: St Mungo's Academy, Dennistoun Waverley, Glasgow Celtic, Chelsea (November 1946, £7,000), Glasgow Celtic (cs 1947), Brentford (September 1949), Watford (July 1952).
Chelsea debut: 7 December 1946. Appearances: League 18, FA Cup 5; Goals: League 3.
A Press photographer by profession, Paton was a Chelsea player for less than one season but was the recognized first-choice outside-left during his short stay. With clever footwork and accurate crosses, his play produced goals for others and, after returning north of the border, he again came south to play a further 200 games or so in English football. Watford manager (1955-56).

PAYNE, Joseph (1938-1946) Centre-forward
Born: Bolsover, 17 January 1914; Died: 22 April 1975.
6ft; 12st.
Career: Bolsover Colliery, Biggleswade Town, Luton Town (cs 1934), Chelsea (March 1938, £5,000), West Ham United (December 1946, part-exchange Harry Medhurst), Millwall (September 1947), Worcester City (October 1952).
Honours: England international (1 cap), Third Division South championship medal 1937.
Chelsea debut: 12 March 1938. Appearances: League 36, FA Cup 11; Goals: League 21, FA Cup 2.



The statistic that Joe Payne scored 110 goals in his 118 League games is an impressive one. Even so, it does not tell the full story of this remarkable player who scored ten goals on his first appearance at centre-forward, for Luton Town against Bristol Rovers in April 1936. His Chelsea career was truncated by the outbreak of World War Two and, later, by injury. A fine header of the ball and blessed with powerful and accurate shooting from either foot, he was a lethal finisher. As Sergeant Payne (RAF), he scored 50 goals (39 games) in the wartime 1943-4 season and 40 (29 games) in the following campaign. Sadly, he played little football after the ending of hostilities despite several brave attempts to overcome injury. He also played Minor Counties cricket for Bedfordshire.

PEARCE, Ian (1990-) Central Defender
Born: Bury St Edmunds, 7 May 1974.
Career: Chelsea (associated schoolboy, July 1990).
Chelsea debut: 11 May 1991. Appearances: League 0(1).
After a handful of games for the Chelsea Juniors towards the end of the 1989-90 season, Pearce was signed as an associated schoolboy at the start of the following term. A tall, commanding defender, with the ability to move forward, he first earned promotion to the Reserves and then made a brief first-team appearance in the final fixture of the season, at Villa Park, a few days after his 17th birthday.

PEARSON, Frank (1905-1906) Centre-forward
Born: Manchester, 18 May 1884.
5ft 9½in; 12st 7lb.
Career: Preston North End (1899), Manchester City (June 1903), Chelsea (October 1905, £250), Hull City (October 1906), Luton Town (May 1907), Rochdale (September 1908), Eccles Borough (February 1909).
Chelsea debut: 14 October 1905. Appearances: League 29, FA Cup 1; Goals: League 18.
After an outstandingly successful first season for Chelsea, when he frequently captained the side, Pearson was, surprisingly, allowed to move on and was subsequently never able to reproduce his best form.

PEARSON, George William M. (1926-1933) Outside-left
Born: West Stanley, 1907.
5ft 2in; 10st 11lb.
Career: West Stanley, Bury (Trialist), Chelsea (February 1926), Luton Town (June 1933), Walsall (September 1934).
Chelsea debut: 3 April 1926. Appearances: League 197, FA Cup 18; Goals: League 33, FA Cup 2.
Pearson came to Stamford Bridge from his native North-East via Bury, where he had been a trialist. Succeeding Bobby McNeil (the last survivor from the 1915 Cup Final team), he took over the left-wing position and became an automatic choice for the next six seasons. One of the smallest men ever to play for Chelsea, he was extremely fast and direct with a powerful shot and his most successful season with the club was that of 1929-30, when Chelsea returned to the First Division after an absence of six seasons.

PHILLIPS, John Thomas (1970-1980) Goalkeeper
Born: Shrewsbury, 7 July 1951.
5ft 10½in; 10st 10lb.
Career: Shrewsbury Town (November 1968), Aston Villa (October 1969), Chelsea (August 1970, £25,000),

T.G. PAYTON

First names in full: THOMAS GRANVILLE
Date of birth: DEC. 31ST 1892.
Place of birth: STAPLEFORD - NOTTS.
School: " "
University or college: — —

Left or right-handed batsman: RIGHT-HANDED.
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: RIGHT ARM
Year of first class debut:
Teams played for:
First class -

Second class - BEDFORDSHIRE

Others - LUTON TOWN
DUNSTABLE TOWN.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

Two brothers who played for Nottinghamshire C.C.
W.R.D. PAYTON - about 25 years.
A.I. PAYTON " 3 "
W.E.G PAYTON. ~~played~~ SON of W.R.D.
Cambridge and Derbyshire

Occupation: ENGINEER - RETIRED.

Thank you for your help.

T. G. PAYTON

11. BARTON AVENUE
DUNSTABLE
BEDS.

13 SEPT. 76.

Dear Mrs Webb,

I apologise for the delay in answering your letter, I am now 83 years old, but still very interested in cricket.

You were correct in assuming I am the T. G. PAYTON who played for Bedfordshire C.C. in 1925.

Unfortunately I was only able to play in 1 match as I was an executive in an Engineering Works and could not have the time

off to play. I have filled in your enclosed form and hope this will be of interest to you.

My good wishes to you

Yours Sincerely

T J Layton

Edinburgh Evening Dispatch : Saturday 20 January 1945.

DEATH OF MR B. L. PEEL

Popular Grange and Scottish Cricketer

The death occurred yesterday at 215 Colinton Road, Edinburgh, of Mr B. L. Peel, a former Edinburgh Academy master. An Englishman by birth, Mr Peel spent all his adult life in Edinburgh, and had the distinction of representing Scotland on the cricket field—against Australia in 1909 and South Africa in 1912. He was a prominent member of the Grange Club for many years, and a bowler and bat of outstanding ability.

Educated at Bedford School and Hertford College, Oxford University, he had a distinguished career as a student, and was appointed classical master at Edinburgh Academy in 1905. He was a gifted teacher, gave services as games master, and was house master of Mackenzie House for some years until his retirement in 1941. He taught English as well as Latin and Greek.

When war broke out in 1914 he joined up and received a commission in the Cameron Highlanders. He was wounded in the lungs and suffered from the effects for the remainder of his life, but was a fine example of the type who keep cheerful and never inflict their complaints on others. Only those who knew him intimately were aware of his disability. His recreational interests became gradually less and less strenuous, and latterly he had to be content with the gentle pursuits of bird-watching and stamp collecting. Golf, fishing, and shooting were among his earlier forms of recreation.

Mr Peel, who was in his 64th year, was unmarried.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 1945.

THE LATE MR. BERTRAM PEEL

Former Bedford School Cricket Captain

One of Bedford School's best cricketers nearly half a century ago, Mr. Bertram Lennox Peel died in Edinburgh on Friday, aged 63. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. Edward Lennox Peel, and was in the School XI for three seasons, being captain in 1900. He made three centuries for the School, where he was a scholar from 1894 to 1900, and altogether he compiled 1,097 runs as a member of the Eleven.

While a student at Hertford College, Oxford, he played cricket for the Harlequins and the Authentics, and he later had the distinction of being in the Scotland XI. From 1924 until the early part of the war Mr. Peel was a classical master at Edinburgh Academy.

Mr. Peel was the eldest of six brothers who attended Bedford School. C. Lawrence Kinloch Peel (1894-02) and Denis H. Peel (94-05) also played in the School XI for three seasons, D. H. being captain in 1905. Lawrence was awarded the C.B. in the King's Birthday Honours List last year. Capt. Geoffrey Peel, (1902-13) and Sec.-Lieut. Ambrose E. Peel (1906-16), both of the Bedfordshire Regiment, were killed in action in the last war. Ronald T. Peel, C.B.E., M.C., was at the School from 1900 to 1911.

FREDERICK BAKER NEWCOMB
Entered the School in 1865.
Left in 1874.
Died on 3rd March, 1945.
Aged 88.

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BERTRAM LENNOX PEEL
Born, 19th April, 1881.
Entered the School, January, 1894.
Left, July, 1900.
Died at Edinburgh on 19th January, 1945.

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ROBERT ROBERTSON-SHERSBY-HARVIE
Born, 22nd June, 1890.
Entered the School, September, 1901.
Left, July, 1909.
Died at Brownlee, Carluke, on 21st December, 1944.

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JOHN LINDSAY STRONACH
Indian Police (retired).
Born, 15th March, 1886.
Entered the School, May, 1902.
Left, July, 1903.
Died at Fleet, Hants., on 29th January, 1945.

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SAMUEL WILKS
Born, 24th July, 1894.
Entered the School, September, 1906.
Left, July, 1914.
Died at Worcester Park, Surrey, on 30th January, 1945.

Roll of Honour

EDWARD MALCOLM ANDREWS
Major, M.C., Highland Light Infantry.
Born, 13th August, 1921.
Entered the School, September, 1935.
Left, December, 1938.
Died of wounds received in Western Europe, March, 1945.

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JOHN DENNIS FRANCIS ARMSTRONG
Lt.-Colonel, R.A.M.C.
Born, 16th January, 1912.
Entered the School, January, 1926.
Left, July, 1930.
Killed on active service in Burma, December, 1944.

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STEPHEN DION BOOTH
Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
Born, 20th October, 1923.
Entered the School, September, 1939.
Left, April, 1942.
Killed in action in Burma, December, 1944.

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ANTHONY HARLEY BRINDLEY
Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
Born, 6th July, 1923.
Entered the School, September, 1936.
Left, July, 1941.
Killed in action, September, 1944.

RICHARD DOUGLAS CARTER
Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
Born, 22nd December, 1906.
Entered the School, January, 1920.
Left, April, 1924.
Killed in action, April, 1944.

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JAMES EDWARD VINCENT DOUGLAS
Lieutenant, East African Engineers.
Born, 10th July, 1921.
Entered the School, January, 1929.
Left, November, 1939.
Accidentally killed in Burma, January, 1945.

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ALBERT DONALD GLIDEWELL
Lance-Bombardier, Royal Artillery.
Born, 4th November, 1918.
Entered the School, September, 1930.
Left, July, 1935.
Killed in action in North-West Europe, January, 1945.

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GEORGE JAMES GOODCHILD
Lieutenant, Royal Artillery.
Born, 18th May, 1916.
Entered the School, May, 1930.
Left, July, 1933.
Killed in action in South-East Asia, December, 1944.

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PHILIP HENRY (PETER) LAWLESS, M.C.
Special Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* with the American First Army.
Born, 9th October, 1891.
Entered the School, May, 1905.
Left, April, 1910.
Killed in the Remagen bridgehead on 10th March, 1945.

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JOHN ALEXANDER LINDSAY-WHITE
Lieutenant, Gordon Highlanders.
Born, 5th May, 1913.
Entered the School, September, 1923.
Left, July, 1932.
Killed in action in Burma, February, 1945.

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JOHN COLIN MESSENT
Captain, Royal Tank Regiment.
Born, 13th November, 1916.
Entered the School, September, 1924.
Left, December, 1933.
Killed in action in Western Europe, January, 1945.

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JAMES FINDLAY MUIR
Flight-Lieutenant, R.A.F.V.R.
Born, 8th May, 1914.
Entered the School, September, 1927.
Left, July, 1932.
Killed in action, April, 1944.

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BRIAN KINDER NICE
Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
Born, 8th December, 1922.
Entered the School, September, 1936.
Left, July, 1940
Killed on active service, January, 1945.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 7 MAY 1954-1.

THE LATE MR. C. L. K. PEEL

Mr. C. L. K. Peel, C.B., formerly Principal Assistant Secretary of the Post Office, who died in hospital last week, was the son of Mr. Edward Lennox Peel, of Bedford. He was born in 1883 and was educated at Bedford School (1894-1902), of which he was an exhibitioner, and Balliol College, Oxford, where he held a classical scholarship. In 1904 he took a First in Classical Mods, and was awarded a Craven Scholarship. In 1906 he took a Second in *Lit. Hum.* and passed the Higher Division examination for the Civil Service, entering the service of the Post Office. At Bedford School he was in the Cricket XI for 1900-01-02 when F. G. Brooks was captain.

CLK Peel – Died in hospital after an operation on 27 April 1954 formerly Principal Assistant at the Post Office. Exhibitioner at BGS. & classical Scholarship at Balliol.

DN 29 April Cremation Mortlake
Sat 1 May 10.20 AM.
Middx Cuttings Times Obit 8 May p 2
Service conducted by Rev AW Curtis – Died in Middlesex Hospital on 27 April "He was particularly interested in cricket both in Ealing and at Lords

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At BGS 1894-1903
BGS XI 1900-1902

Barb XI 1902-1904
NA on WarList

1926 Secretary's Office, GPO London EC
(Kenmore, Mount Avenue, Ealing W5) - Same address for RT
1911 Ditto
1934 Ditto (51 Mount Avenue)

Rowing

The 1st VIII are rowing as follows: Bushell (bow), Ward (2), Plewman (3), Gallwey (4), Wynn-Williams (5), Young (6), Williams (7), Robertson (stroke), Steele (cox). They are a light but lively combination, and should race well.

The other three crews in lightship are also light. The 2nd VIII, stroked by Parker, are neat and well together. The 3rd VIII are stroked by Simpson, and the 4th VIII by Abbott.

The first event of the season will be the annual races between the 3rd and 4th VIIIs and the Oundle 2nd and 3rd VIIIs on the Thursday preceding the Exeat.

In addition to the above there are two Maiden VIIIs and four Educational VIIIs, and from these it is hoped to produce four crews for the Maiden Eights in the Bedford Regatta.

V.F.D.L.

OLD BEDFORDIAN NEWS

In Memoriam

HERBERT FRANCIS BYGOTT
Born, 20th November, 1906
At the School from May 1919 to July 1925
Died on 6th April, 1954.

A friend writes :—

"H. F. Bygott, M.A., died on 6th April, in Llandough Hospital, Cardiff, after a brief illness. From Wadham, where he was President of the Boat Club, he went to Wycliffe Hall to study Theology. While there he came to know Dr. Buchman, and later felt guided to give up a promising career to devote his whole life to the work of Moral Rearmament. He travelled in South Africa, America, and many European countries, winning youth and workers to a passionate loyalty to Christ. His humble love for Britain, life, and all men, breathes through the many poems he wrote under the inspiration of his Master, of Whom he sang :

'There is that beauty :
That He, though free to choose, freely gave all
That we might, through His sufferings, become
The ransomed, free, unfettered sons of God.'

"Many memorial services have been held, London, Bristol, Johannesburg and Longden (Staffs.), where his father was vicar, and he now lies buried. He leaves a dearly-loved wife and two children."

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ARTHUR STANLEY CANTRELL.
Brigadier, Royal Marines (retired).
Born, 8th May, 1883
At the School from May 1897 to July 1900
Died at Little Bardfield, Essex, on 22nd May, 1954.

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CHARLES CHARNOCK-SMITH
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., J.P.
Born, 25th November, 1871
At the School from September 1882 to July 1890
Died at Stroud, Glos., on 11th May, 1954.

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HUGO GRAHAM DE BURGH
Lt.-Colonel, Royal Artillery (retd.), O.B.E., M.C.
Born, 16th October, 1894
At the School from September 1908 to April 1910
Died on 19th March, 1954.

Sir CHARLES EDWARD FITZROY
Solicitor for H.M. Customs and Excise, 1929-41.
Born, 19th January, 1876
At the School from September 1887 to July 1893
Died at Looe on 4th April, 1954.

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DUDLEY STEVENS GRAHAM
Lt.-Colonel, Indian Army (retd.)
Born, 28th November, 1880
At the School from May 1896 to December 1898
Died at Hove on 23rd April, 1954.

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GEORGE M. MORRIS
Brigadier-General, C.B., D.S.O.
Born, 22nd August, 1871
At the School from May 1886 to April 1890
Died at Litton Cheney, Dorset, on 24th April, 1954.

Brigadier-General G. M. Morris, C.B., D.S.O., was gazetted to The Devonshire Regiment in 1890 and became a Captain in the Indian Army in 1901. During the 1914-18 War he served in Mesopotamia, and in 1918 was Temporary Brigadier-General Commanding the 55th Infantry Brigade there. He was mentioned in dispatches twice, made D.S.O. in 1917, and C.B. in 1919.—*The Times.*

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ROLAND MORTON
Born, 31st August, 1904
At the School from January 1919 to December 1921
Died at Great Billing, Northamptonshire,
on 31st May, 1954.

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CHARLES LAWRENCE KINLOCH PEEL
C.B.
formerly Principal Assistant Secretary of the Post Office
Born, 24th January, 1883
At the School from January 1894 to July 1902
Died on 27th April, 1954.

The son of Edward Lennox Peel, of Bedford, C. L. K. Peel was educated at Bedford School, of which he was an exhibitioner, and at Balliol College, Oxford, where he held a classical scholarship. In 1904 he took a First in Classical Mods. and was awarded a Craven Scholarship. In 1906 he took a Second in *Lit. Hum.* and passed the Higher Division Examination for the Civil Service, entering the service of the Post Office. He was appointed a first-class clerk in 1913 and in 1929 he was made an Assistant Secretary. From 1939 to 1944, in which year he was made a C.B. and retired, he was Principal Assistant Secretary.—*The Times.*

C. L. K. Peel was an esteemed and valued Vice-President (and ex-President) of the Bedford School Holborn Boys' Club. The Club sent a wreath to his funeral and was represented by Dr. E. F. Piercy, O.B.E., and W. M. Liesching (both Vice-Presidents). They also represented the Old Bedfordians Club.

Coming O.B. Club Events

O.B. Week

Monday, July 19th :
CRICKET—O.B.s *v* Gentlemen of Bedfordshire.
Tuesday, 20th July :
CRICKET—O.B.s *v* Fighter Command.
Wednesday, 21st July :
CRICKET—O.B.s *v* Incogniti C.C.

THE TIMES: THURSDAY 19 JULY 1945.

Obituary

FALLEN OFFICERS

"THE TIMES" LIST OF CASUALTIES

We have received news of the death of the following officers in addition to those whose names have been published in the official list:—

THE ARMY

MARRIOTT, Capt. C. D. W., Cambs Regt.
PERSSE, Brig. S. H., D.S.O., Indian Army.
PRINCE, Lieut. D. R., D.L.I.

SIR WILLIAM MALKIN

SENIOR LEGAL ADVISER TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir William Malkin, G.C.M.G., C.B., K.C., legal adviser to the Foreign Office, was a passenger in the Liberator aeroplane of Transport Command which left Montreal for London on July 3, the search for which has now been abandoned. He was just crowning his career by assisting in the creation of the United Nations Organization, and was looking forward to release and leisure in a year's time. At the age of 62 he had already stayed on two years after the time when he might have retired.

Herbert William Malkin went from Charterhouse to Trinity, Cambridge, where he got a first in the Classical Tripos, and came to the Foreign Office in 1911 four years after his call to the Bar. Here he joined Sir Cecil Hurst and the partnership was the more fruitful because their respective strong points were in many ways complementary. Work on Anglo-American claims and a conference at Spitzbergen filled up much of his time before 1914. The 1914-18 war was a busy time for Foreign Office lawyers, with all its neutrality and Prize questions. The peace conferences followed; they went on for four years and Malkin was at them all, including Lausanne and the Washington Naval conference. In Paris he sometimes fainted under the stress of the work. He became the Senior Legal Adviser to the Foreign Office in 1929 when Hurst went to The Hague Court, and thenceforward his official life covered most events in his country's foreign affairs, for there were few developments of importance on which his advice was not sought. The years from 1936 to 1939 were especially worrying years, with the Abyssinian affair and the question of the application of the Covenant: Hitler's dispatch of armed force into the Rhineland, and its relation to Locarno; Czechoslovakia (he went to Godesberg with Mr. Chamberlain in 1938) and the rather frenzied treaty making and abortive schemes of 1939. He attended most assemblies of the League of Nations, where as a rule the legal adviser was the only official who was a delegate. Then came the 1939-45 war, and it gave Malkin some quiet satisfaction that he was one of the few persons who knew by experience what had to be done quickly when the country was suddenly involved in war. But the early part of the war especially was a hard time for him.

Malkin had a big part in planning for the new world organization and the new International Court. At San Francisco as one of the draftsmen he was among the few who were able to see as a whole the work of that crowded conference. This was the last of several visits to the United States, a country and people for which he had a great affection. The decorations he received are a testimony to the value placed on his services. He was made a C.M.G. in 1918, a C.B. in 1923, and was advanced to K.C.M.G. in 1930 and to G.C.M.G. in 1937. In 1913 he married Margaret, only child of R. Burnet Morris.

W. E. B. writes:

In Malkin, his clear, logical mind and legal knowledge were simply instruments at the disposal of tremendous common sense and a (partly intuitive) good judgment, backed by great experience. He got through unperturbed an enormous amount of work by an economy of effort, because it was as rare for him to say or write a word which was unnecessary or obscure as it was for him to make a mistake. He had that gift of detachment which prevents a man from pursuing a line just because it has somehow become his line. He was very seldom angry and never rattled. These qualities, combined with an obvious integrity and sincerity, gained him the respect of all and the affection of many of his colleagues, British and foreign. He seldom tendered advice until it was asked for, but it was almost always sought. Patient and tolerant always, and often quietly amusing, he was an ideal colleague.

His private life was marked by the same qualities. There was the same discarding of the superfluous. He only concerned himself with things good or enjoyable in themselves and, as Lady Malkin also possesses this characteristic and the same tolerance, their life was a marvellously harmonious partnership. There were no futile worries in their house at Gerrard's Cross and all real troubles were accepted with complete patience. This cutting out of the useless, both in official and private life is probably the reason why, though never a man of strong constitution, he was never absent through overstrain in the whole of a long and arduous official life, including the long hours of war-time. Malkin owned Corrybrough House and a grouse moor at Tomatin, and there he showed—generally with a houseful of really congenial friends—how he could enjoy life.

Malkin did many remarkable acts of kindness in the most unobtrusive way, and characteristically used here too his unerring judgment. His common sense, sincerity, integrity, patience, and unselfishness were the foundations of a character which in many ways recalls Giles Winterborne of Hardy's novel, "The Woodlanders," and the final sentence of the book: "He was a good man and did good things."

MR. R. T. PEEL

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INDIA OFFICE

Mr. R. T. Peel, C.B.E., M.C., Assistant Secretary, India Office, must be presumed to have lost his life with Sir William Malkin in the Liberator aeroplane of Transport Command, missed on a flight to London from Montreal.

Roland Tennyson Peel, born on October 9, 1892, fourth son of the late Edward Lennox Peel, was educated at Bedford and at Hertford College, Oxford, where he graduated in arts. He served in France with the 6th Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders (T.A.), from May, 1915, to September, 1917, and he was awarded the M.C. in January, 1918. In July, 1919, he was posted to the India Office as an assistant principal, and later was made resident clerk. He served successively as assistant private secretary to the Secretary of State and as private secretary to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary. Some time after reaching the grade of principal he acted as assistant secretary of the Judicial and Public Departments. From the close of 1937 he has been secretary of the External Department, which deals at Whitehall with India's foreign affairs. He was admirably fitted for this position by his knowledge of, and keen interest in, international affairs, especially of the East, and his retentive memory for detail. In 1939 he was made C.B.E. He went to San Francisco on the staff of the United Kingdom delegation, to which he gave valuable assistance. In 1931 he married Marjorie Lillian, daughter of the late Mr. Lionel G. Thomas, and had a son.

A colleague writes:—

It is hard for us to realize that we shall not again see among us Roland Peel or Beryl Hibberd, who went with him as his secretary to the San Francisco conference. There, as the messages of sympathy testify which have been received from his colleagues in the United Kingdom delegation, and from the Indian delegation, with whom it was his function to maintain liaison, he quickly endeared himself to a new circle of friends. We who know the record of his service know full well how valuable a servant the State has lost, for Peel was in the prime of his powers: his full knowledge of the intricate problems with which, as head of the External Department of the India Office, he had to deal, his sound judgment, and his capacity for lucid exposition will be hard indeed to replace; but it is as a friend that we shall all miss him and as a friend that we mourn his loss.

Outside his official work he had a lively interest in such a variety of directions as made him welcome in any company; not many know how much of his scanty leisure he gladly devoted during the war to his A.T.C. group, into which he put unbounded energy and enthusiasm, and of which he was the justly popular C.O. A good cricketer and golfer (he and his wife, herself an international player, made a formidable pair in mixed foursomes), and a keen fisherman, his chief pleasures perhaps were in life in the open air.

COL. D. C. CAPEL-DUNN

Colonel D. C. Capel-Dunn, O.B.E., chief secretary of the Joint Planning and Intelligence Committee of the Ministry of Defence, is missing in the Liberator aeroplane, search for which is now abandoned.

Before the 1939-45 war he was a captain in one of the Territorial Battalions of the Essex Regiment. During the war, after passing a staff course, he worked at the War Office for a time before going to the Ministry of Defence. He was promoted temporary lieutenant-colonel in May, 1942, and acting colonel in June, 1944.

SECRETARIAL STAFF

A number of other passengers in the Liberator aeroplane must now be presumed dead:—

Miss Joan Margaret Cole-Hamilton, M.B.E. (Foreign Office), an acting clerical officer, born in 1917, joined the Foreign Office as a shorthand-typist in 1938, and was posted to Norway in 1939. She received the M.B.E. in 1941 for her services during the evacuation of Norway. In 1942 she went to Moscow with Mr. Eden and the British delegation, and she also went to the Dumbarton Oaks Conference.

Miss Agnes Mary Collard (Foreign Office), an acting clerical officer, was born in 1915, and joined the Foreign Office as a shorthand-typist in 1937. She served in Berne from 1938 to 1942, and was present at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference.

Miss Beryl Hibberd (India Office), who was about 23, was a shorthand typist who joined the staff at the India Office as a temporary Civil servant at the beginning of the 1939-45 war, and had proved so efficient that she was specially selected as personal assistant to Mr Peel in Washington.

Miss Mabel J. C. Scupham (Foreign Office), who was 40 years old, was an acting clerical officer, who joined the Foreign Office as a shorthand typist in 1929. She had been to Yalta and earlier conferences, including Geneva.

Miss Doreen Smith (Foreign Office), aged about 20, joined the Foreign Office as a shorthand typist 18 months ago. She was returning from her first conference abroad.

Miss P. M. S. Spurway (Cabinet Office), who was 36 years old, was a private secretary in the Cabinet Office, where since 1941 she had been on loan from the Charity Commissioners' Office.

THE TIMES: SATURDAY 7 JULY 1945.

FRIENDLIES 1901 MAY-JULY

A LIBERATOR MISSING

BRITISH OFFICIALS ON BOARD

SAN FRANCISCO STAFF

The Air Ministry announced yesterday that a Liberator of Transport Command carrying Sir William Malkin, two other British officials, and six women members of the Whitehall staffs home from San Francisco, which left Montreal on July 3, was missing.

Yesterday evening news agency reports from Halifax, Nova Scotia, announced that rubber dinghies containing survivors had been sighted from the air, 250 miles from Newfoundland, and that rescue vessels were hastening to the spot. Later, however, a Reuter message from Halifax stated:—

It has been definitely established that the dinghies sighted off Newfoundland belonged to members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, who have now been rescued, and not to the Liberator aeroplane which was flying from Montreal to Britain carrying delegates from the San Francisco conference. The search for the Liberator is still going on.

The number of airmen rescued was five, according to another report.

The Air Ministry announcement said that the following passengers were on board:—

Sir William Malkin, G.C.M.G., C.B., K.C. (Legal Adviser to the Foreign Office), Colonel D. C. Capel-Dunn, O.B.E. (Office of Minister of Defence), Mr. R. T. Peel, C.B.E., M.C. (India Office), Miss M. J. C. Scupham (Foreign Office), Miss J. M. Cole-Hamilton, M.B.E. (Foreign Office), Miss A. M. Collard (Foreign Office), Miss D. Smith (Foreign Office), Miss B. Hibberd (India Office), Miss P. M. S. Spurway (Cabinet Office).

The crew was as follows:—

Captain G. P. Evans (pilot), American citizen; Second Captain J. W. Ross (co-pilot), American citizen; C. P. J. Meagher (radio operator), Canadian citizen; Flying Officer R. M. Patterson (navigator), R.C.A.F.; G. B. Swaney (flight engineer), American citizen; Acting Sergeant W. T. Keates (flight clerk), R.A.F.

SIR WILLIAM MALKIN

Sir William Malkin, who was born in 1883, was educated at Charterhouse and at Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1907 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple (of which he became a Bencher in 1941), and in 1911 he entered the Foreign Office, to which he became Legal Adviser in 1929.

Mr. Roland Tennyson Peel, who was 52 years old, was educated at Bedford and at Hertford College, Oxford. He joined the India Office in 1919, and since 1937 had been secretary of the external department which deals with India's foreign affairs.

Colonel D. C. Capel-Dunn was a captain in The Essex Regiment, T.A., before the war. After passing a staff course he was at the War Office before going to the Ministry of Defence. He reached the rank of acting colonel in 1944.

SURREY TIMES: 3 AUGUST 1945

PYRFORD

THE LATE MR. R. T. PEEL

Memorial Service at Pyrford Church

There was a large congregation at Pyrford Church on Saturday afternoon, when the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Hamilton, conducted a memorial service for Mr. Roland Tennyson Peel, C.B.E., M.C., of Dunraven, Madeira Road, West Byfleet, who was one of the party lost in a Liberator aeroplane while returning from the San Francisco conference, on a flight to London from Montreal.

Mr. Peel was Assistant Secretary, India Office, and he went to San Francisco on the staff of the United Kingdom *delegation, to which he gave valuable* assistance. He gained his M.C. in the last war, in which he served in France with the 6th Batt. Seaforth Highlanders (T.A.). He was a great friend of many in Byfleet and Pyrford and had devoted much time and energy to the welfare of No. 11 (Brooklands) Squadron Air Training Corps, of which he was a very popular C.O.

The hymns, 'O God, our help' and 'Abide with me,' were sung. The Rev. C. A. Hamilton paid tribute to 'a man who was soldier, civil servant and athlete.' He said here was a man who had, indeed, done well. The best years of his life were given to his work in the India Office, where his experience would be badly missed in such times as these. The Vicar also spoke of Mr. Peel's unobtrusive and successful work for the Air Training Corps.

The family mourners were the widow, Mr. C. L. K. Peel (brother), Mrs. Peele and Mrs. Mawhood (sisters), Mr. J. Mawhood (nephew), and Mrs. Thomas. Among others attending were Sir Findlater Stewart and Lady Stewart, Sir David Monteath, Lt.-Col. D. de M. S. Fraser (representing the Secretary of State for India and Burma), Sir Cecil Kisch, Mr. F. Grist, C.I.E., Mr. J. P. Gibson, Mr. G. H. Baxter, Mr. A. Dibdin, Mr. P. A. Harrison and Mr R. E. Field (all from the India Office), Col. and Mrs. Vickery, Squadron Leader P. R. Whittington (district inspecting officer, A.T.C.), Flying Officers B. J. Evre, H. L. Christie and M. W. May (No. 11, Brooklands Squadron, A.T.C.), Mr. E. J. H. Edenborough, Mrs. Crisoin Warmington, Mrs. Lamarque and Mr. G. Lamarque, Mr. M. Clauson, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hallett, Mr. C. J. Henry, Mr. H. A. F. Rumbold, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Baker, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs Pearson, Mrs. Tringham and Miss Colchester.

Bedford House

The following contributions are acknowledged with thanks :—

	£	s.	d.
Anon., per H.A.H.	2	5	0
H. L. David	1	1	0
Anon., per Sir Richard Wells ...	10	5	0
Anon., per Head Master	0	2	6
Ashburnham	7	16	7
Bromham	7	15	0
Crescent	6	2	0
Paulo-Pontine	5	14	9
St. Cuthbert's	7	0	0
St. Peter's	3	11	6
Lower School	12	4	0
Preparatory School	13	11	6
	£77	8	10

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As a result of the 1st XI match on Saturday, June 23rd, a sum of £24 15s. 0d. has been forwarded to the Holborn Boys' Club. P.W.G.S.

Old Bedfordian News

In Memoriam

ALAN JOHN BELL
General Manager, Pekin Syndicate Ltd.
Born, 17th February, 1903.
Entered the School, September, 1913.
Left, December, 1919.
Died at Chungking, China, as the result of an accident, on 6th May, 1945.

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HERBERT L. G. BUTT
Born, 27th May, 1873
Entered the School, September, 1886.
Left, December, 1891.
Died in Argentina on 9th September, 1944.

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JAMES EDWARDS HARDEN
D.L., J.P.
Born, 24th August, 1873.
Entered the School, May, 1888.
Left, December, 1890.
Died at Tandragee, Northern Ireland, on 17th May, 1945.

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WILLIAM ALEXANDER HILL-LEWIS
Born, 18th September, 1883.
Entered the School, September, 1893.
Left, July, 1895.
Died in South Africa, 1944.

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HERBERT KLUGH
B.A., D.S.C.
Late Professor of Mathematics at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.
Born, 14th January, 1862.
Entered the School, September, 1876.
Left, July, 1878.
Died at Guildford on 9th April, 1945.

ARTHUR MACLEAR
Born, 20th December, 1873.
Entered the School, January, 1890.
Left, December, 1892.
Died at Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex, on 20th April, 1945.

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EDWARD HARRY MARTIN
Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Ceylon.
Born, 31st July, 1892.
Entered the School, September, 1899.
Left, July, 1911.
Died at Badulla, Ceylon, on 11th June, 1945.

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ROLAND TENNYSON PEEL
C.B.E., M.C.
Born, 9th October, 1892.
Entered the School, September, 1900.
Left, July, 1911.
Presumed to have lost his life when returning from the San Francisco Conference in a Liberator of Transport Command on 3rd or 4th July, 1945.

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GEORGE WINNINGTON VERNON PEGGE
M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Born, 14th May, 1905.
Entered the School, May, 1916.
Left, July, 1924.
Died on 4th April, 1945.

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HUGH CHARLES TRIMNELL
Born, 22nd July, 1913
A Master on the Staff of the Lower School from September, 1943, to July, 1944.
Died suddenly at Cambridge on 22nd April, 1945.

Roll of Honour

ROBERT GUY BLACKBURN
Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
Born, 28th June, 1923.
Entered the School, September, 1934.
Left, July, 1939.
Killed in action, 19th August, 1944.

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ALBERT STANLEY CHARLES BLINCOW
Lieutenant, The Bedfs. and Herts. Regt., serving with the Queen's Royal Regt.
Born, 22nd July, 1919.
Entered the School, September, 1927.
Left, July, 1938.
Killed in Italy on 16th September, 1944.

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GEORGE HARVEY WESTON BOND
Lt.-Colonel, 1st Gurkha Rifles.
Born, 27th July, 1907.
Entered the School, September, 1921.
Left, April, 1924.
Died of wounds in Burma, March, 1945.

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CHARLES STUART BURNETT
Air Chief-Marshal, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Born, 3rd April, 1882.
Entered the School, May, 1895.
Left, July, 1899.
Died at Halton, on 9th April, 1945.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Commandant of Central Command, Air Training Corps, who died in hospital at the age of 63, had a distinguished career in the

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ARTHUR MACLEAR. Born, 20th December, 1873; entered the School, January, 1890; left, December, 1892; died at Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex, on 20th April, 1945.

EDWARD HARRY MARTIN, Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Ceylon. Born, 31st July, 1892; entered the School, September, 1899; left, July, 1911; died at Badulla, Ceylon, on 11th June, 1945.

Edward Harry Martin was born on July 31st, 1892, in Ceylon, and entered the Preparatory School for the Michaelmas Term in 1899 in the then newly-made lowest form, I_6. He left at the end of the Summer term, 1910, having reached the top form of the Engineering side, thus passing through the School from one end to the other. He became a member of Trinity College, Dublin, where he took his B.A. and also a degree in engineering. He served throughout the last war as a Lieutenant in the R.G.A., and was on active service in France from February, 1915, to October, 1916, when he was invalided home. In 1921 he joined the Public Works Department in Ceylon as an engineer, and was appointed Superintending Engineer on October 29th, 1942, when he was engaged in important war-work. He married in January, 1915, and had three sons, two of whom, Robert and Terence, were members of the School at the outbreak of the present war. R.R.M.

HENRY JOHN MULRENAN. Born, 22nd June, 1872; entered the School, January, 1887; left, July, 1889; died at Tunbridge Wells on 16th October, 1945.

FREDERICK BAKER NEWCOMB. Entered the School in 1865; left in 1874; died on 3rd March, 1945, Aged 88.

BERTRAM LENNOX PEEL. Born, 19th April, 1881; entered the School, January, 1894; left, July, 1900; died at Edinburgh on 19th January, 1945.

ROLAND TENNYSON PEEL, C.B.E., M.C. Born 9th October, 1892; entered the School, September, 1900; left, July, 1911. Presumed to have lost his life when returning from the San Francisco Conference in a Liberator of Transport Command on 4th July, 1945.

Mr. R. T. Peel, C.B.E., M.C., Assistant Secretary, India Office, must be presumed to have lost his life with Sir William Malkin in the Liberator aeroplane of Transport Command, missed on a flight to London from Montreal.

Roland Tennyson Peel, born on October 9th, 1892, fourth son of the late Edward Lennox Peel, was educated at Bedford and at Hertford College, Oxford, where he graduated in arts. He served in France with the 6th Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders (T.A.), from May, 1915, to September, 1917, and he was awarded the M.C. in January, 1918. In July, 1919, he was posted to the India Office as an assistant principal, and later was made resident clerk. He served successively as assistant private secretary to the Secretary of State and as private secretary to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary. Some time after reaching the grade of principal he acted as assistant secretary of the Judicial and Public Department. From the close of 1937 he has been secretary of the External Department, which deals at Whitehall with India's foreign affairs. He was admirably fitted for this position by his

knowledge of, and keen interest in, international affairs, especially of the East, and his retentive memory for detail. In 1939 he was made C.B.E. He went to San Francisco on the staff of the United Kingdom delegation, to which he gave valuable assistance. In 1931 he married Marjorie Lillian, daughter of the late Mr. L. G. Thomas, and had a son.

A colleague writes: It is hard for us to realize that we shall not again see among us Roland Peel or Beryl Hibberd,' who went with him as his secretary to the San Francisco conference. There, as the messages of sympathy testify which have been received from his colleagues in the United Kingdom delegation, and from the Indian delegation, with whom it was his function to maintain liaison, he quickly endeared himself to a new circle of friends. We who know the record of his service know full well how valuable a servant the State has lost, for Peel was in the prime of his powers: his full knowledge of the intricate problems with which, as head of the External Department of the India Office, he had to deal, his sound judgment, and his capacity for lucid exposition will be hard indeed to replace; but it is as a friend that we shall all miss him and as a friend that we mourn his loss.

Outside his official work he had a lively interest in such a variety of directions as made him welcome in any company; not many know how much of his scanty leisure he gladly devoted during the war to his A.T.C. group, into which he put unbounded energy and enthusiasm, and of which he was the justly popular C.O. A good cricketer and golfer (he and his wife, herself an international player, made a formidable pair in mixed foursomes), and a keen fisherman, his chief pleasures perhaps were in life in the open air.

FRANCIS JAMES POPHAM, Lieut.-Colonel, D.S.O. Born, 4th February, 1871; entered the School, November, 1879; left, December, 1889; died on 16th December, 1945.

The Times published this tribute from its Golf correspondent: "Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Popham, D.S.O., was one of the founders of the Senior Golfers' Society in 1926, and had been its honorary secretary and treasurer from that time till a few weeks before his death. He had toured with teams of British Seniors in the United States, Canada, and South Africa, and was almost as well known to many Senior golfers there as he was to those at home. The flourishing state of the society was largely due to his perennial energy and enthusiasm and many individual members owed him a debt of gratitude for pleasant and friendly matches."

GEORGE WINNINGTON VERNON PEGGE, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Born, 14th May, 1905; entered the School, May, 1916; left, July, 1924; died on 4th April, 1945.

LESLIE RUTHVEN PYM, Member of Parliament for Monmouth. Born, 24th May, 1884; entered the School, May, 1895; left, July, 1903. died at Abergavenny on 17th July, 1945.

Mr. Leslie Pym, who was Conservative M.P. for Monmouth since 1939, was appointed Comptroller of the Household in the Government which Mr. Churchill formed in May after the Labour and Liberal Ministers had withdrawn from the Coalition.

Sergeant Charles Pepper
Nottinghamshire
16th Bn The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)
Died 13 September 1917
Aged 42
Right-handed Bat/Right-arm Medium

'If he wasn't playing cricket he was talking about it.
A love of the game second to none'

Charles Pepper was born on 6 June 1875 at Youghal, County Cork, Ireland, but moved to England with his parents when he was still a young boy and quickly proved himself a fine athlete, showing a special aptitude for cricket. His talent was appreciated by Rye Cricket Club, Sussex and he was employed as a professional by them while still a teenager. Later he also played for Brechin in Scotland. As an all-round sportsman, he also represented Bedford Town FC and Notts County FC. He married and had four boys.

Pepper made 7 first-class appearances for Nottinghamshire between June 1900 and August 1901, having been noticed in the match between Nottinghamshire Colts and Yorkshire Colts where he scored 57 not out, carrying his bat throughout the innings, although Yorkshire Colts went on to win by an innings and 8 runs. His first appearance for Nottinghamshire was against Middlesex at Lord's in the County Championship on 11 June 1900, when he scored 17 and a duck and caught Bernard Bosanquet off the bowling of Percy Mason for 19. Nottinghamshire winning by six wickets. He went on to play against, Kent, Gloucestershire, Essex and Derbyshire. He made his final first class appearance against Lancashire at Old Trafford, Manchester on 22 August 1901. He scored 40 not out and 26. Lancashire won by 7 wickets. During his first class career he made 162 runs his highest score being 40 against Lancashire. He also took 3 wickets for 72 and made 2 catches. He also played five times for Bedfordshire in the minor counties and represented Nottinghamshire against the West Indies on 9 July 1900 at Trent Bridge Nottinghamshire, scoring 14 in his one innings and taking two wickets. Nottinghamshire won by an innings and 27 runs. After leaving Nottinghamshire he joined Darlington, playing with them as a professional between 1902 and 1904.

At the outbreak of the war Charles enlisted in the ranks of the 16th Bn Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) (Chatsworth Rifles) as private 32476. His abilities quickly came to notice and he was promoted to sergeant.

He travelled out to France with his battalion in April 1916 and was killed by a shell whilst standing outside battalion headquarters on 13 September 1917, together with his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Noel Houghton. Charles's brother, Regimental Sergeant Major John Pepper, informed Charles's wife of his death. She had already lost a brother and eight cousins during the war. He was buried together with his Colonel with full military honours; they are still side by side to this day. Over 200 officers and men attended and the last post was played.

Two officers later wrote to his widow. The first recalled:

> When I joined the battalion last December your husband was my platoon sergeant and I always found him brave and cheery soldier that could be relied on.

Another who had played cricket against him during peacetime said:

> we never missed a suitable opportunity of chatting about our cricket experiences during the good old days …

He is commemorated at the la Clytte Military Cemetery, Grave reference II. D. 5 (Lieutenant Colonel Noel Houghton is II,D.2)

Batting and fielding averages

	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
First-class	7	12	3	162	40*	18.00	0	0	2	0

Bowling averages

	Mat	Balls	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	5w	10
First-class	7	114	72	3	3/23	24.00	3.78	38.0	0	0

Page 197 **REV. H. J. MALTBY**
It is believed that he did not have a second christian name. He was at Repton from 1833 to 1835, obtained his B.A. at Cambridge in 1841 and was ordained at Lincoln on March 14th, 1841. He married Eliza Adeline Surplice in Nottingham in 1842 and moved to Ash Grove in Shropshire, then 35, Park Street, London and then Kidbrook Lodge in Blackheath, where he died on April 7th, 1869 aged 50. There is another Rev. H. J. Maltby who was the contemporary of the above, but it is virtually certain that the Reptonian is the cricketer.

Page 198 **W. MARSHALL**
He received a joint Testimonial with G. Shaw and F. Dalling from Nottinghamshire C.C.C. in 1934 and Marshall was given £173.17.2d. After retiring as groundsman, Marshall was appointed caretaker of the pavilion.

Page 199 **P. MASON**
He was born on March 19th, 1873 (not 1874). He was also engaged at Bootle in 1902.

Page 200 **R. J. MEE**
He was also engaged at Church in 1901 and was at Accrington in 1894.

Page 201 **P. W. H. MILES**
He retired from the Army in 1902 and died in Bude, Cornwall.

Page 201 **E. MILLS**
He died on January 25th (not 26th) 1899 at Cossall.

Page 202 **F. MOORE**
He was born in 1827.

Page 203 **F. MORLEY**
On page 207 in his career record the total number of 5 wickets in an innings should read 121 (not 211).

Page 209 **REV. W. MUSTERS**
He died at Cassencary, Creeton, Kircudbrightshire.

Page 211 **W. NIX**
A match for his benefit was played at Derby, Gentlemen v. Players, on September 17th, 1881. At that date he had been engaged by South Derbyshire C.C. for 40 years.

Page 217 **W. C. OATES**
He resided at Besthorpe, Newark, but died at Bromhead Nursing Home, Lincoln.

Page 218 **J. OSCROFT, JUN.**
He had a second christian name: Thomas.

Page 224 **W. PADLEY**
Born in 1842 (not 1846). He died at the Nottingham Workhouse, Bagthorpe, on July 21st, 1904. His occupation was that of a miner.

Page 224 **G. PALING**
Born in 1836. He was also engaged at Oxford in 1871.

Page 226 **C. H. PARR**
He was definitely still living in Radcliffe in 1919.

Page 230 **H. PARR**
He had a second christian name: John.

Page 231 **S. PARR**
He died in Nottingham.

Page 232 **W. R. D. PAYTON**
His third christian name is not on his birth certificate.

Page 234 **J. G. PEARSON**
He was landlord of the Harrow Inn, Boughton when he died. He was also a good soccer player, being captain of Worksop F.C.

Page 235 **J. H. PENNINGTON**
He was also at Durham in 1902. He is not the Notts. County footballer of the same name, though a contemporary of his.

Page 235 **C. PEPPER**
He was born at Pinxton in Derbyshire on November 25th, 1875. He was engaged at Brechin from 1897 to 1900, at Kendal from 1904 to 1905 and at Worthington of Burton on Trent from 1906 to 1914. He was a right-hand bat. His height was 5 ft. 11 in. and weight 11 st. He died in France on September 13th, 1917. He had a second christian name: Beardmore, but this was not on his birth certificate.

Page 237 **G. E. POWER**
He died at Brampton House, Hucknall Torkard on October 29th (not 19th), 1904.

Page 239 **G. RATCLIFFE**
This is George Ratcliffe born 1856. He played for Derbyshire in 1887 to 1889 and died in Nottingham on March 7th, 1928.

Page 242 **H. REYNOLDS**
He had a second christian name: Smith.

Page 243 **H. RICHARDSON**
He was engaged at Liverpool from 1885 to 1889. He resided at 25, Ragdale Road, Bulwell on his death.

Page 244 **T. L. RICHMOND**
He was born in 1890 (not 1892).

Page 246 **J. RILEY**
Also engaged at Scarborough in 1897, in which year he resided at Annesley Woodhouse. Other engagements were Bradford 1893 to 1895. It is believed that James Riley died on December 18th, 1923 at Franklin Road, Jacksdale, but this may be another of the same name.

Page 247 **G. L. ROBINSON**
Also engaged at Sale 1895 to 1897.

Page 255 **J. SEATON**
In his first ten years with the Werneth Club he hit 3,297 runs at an average of 29·91 and took 563 wickets. His genial personality made him a great favourite. After retiring from cricket he was employed as a textiles machine labourer and resided at 31, Stuart Street, Oldham, where he died of chronic bronchitis on October 14th, 1918.

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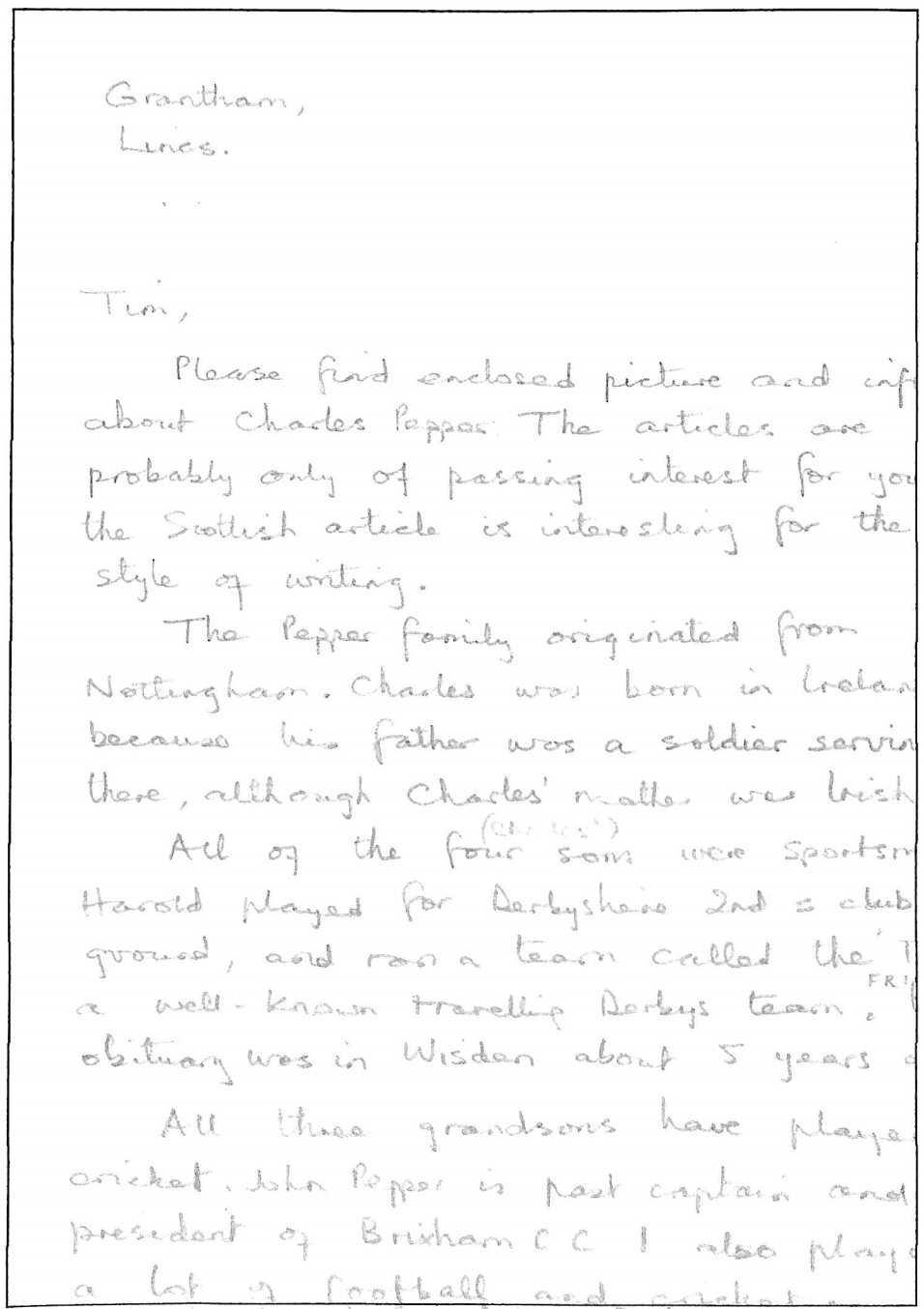
Charles Pepper was a professional cricketer at Darlington CC before the 1st World War. This is his story.

Darlington Hero, Charles Pepper

How the research developed

A letter from Bill Pepper to Tim Dobson



Grantham,
Lincs.

Tim,

Please find enclosed picture and inf
about Charles Pepper. The articles are
probably only of passing interest for you
the Scottish article is interesting for the
style of writing.

The Pepper family originated from
Nottingham. Charles was born in Irelan
because his father was a soldier servin
there, although Charles' mother was Irish

All of the four (Charles') sons were Sportsm
Harold played for Derbyshire 2nd s club
ground, and ran a team called the 'T
a well-known travelling Derbys team. FR
obituary was in Wisden about 5 years

All three grandsons have playe
cricket. John Pepper is past captain and
president of Brixham CC I also play
a lot of football and cricket.
Michael played for Belper, Derbys
None of the above is probably o
much interest to you. I am glad
you have written about Charles, though and
I think it is wonderful that over
100 years on he is still remembered

Regards,

Bill Pepper

A while ago whilst writing the history of our club, I came across the story of Charlie Pepper the Darlington professional before the Great War.

After much research I discovered he had actually been an allround sportsman playing cricket for Nottinghamshire CCC and football for Notts County both as a professional.

He sadly died at the Battle of Pascendale in 1917.

The club online history has more about this brave man.

His Grandson, Bill stumbled across an article in the Feethams Flyer about his Grandfather. He has since written to me (see left) and sent me some photos and cuttings about Charlie.

We are indebted to Bill Pepper for his help with our history.

Charlie Pepper will remain alive in the hearts of all Darlington Cricket Club people for ever.

Charles Pepper, Cricketer and Hero 1875-1917

Charles Pepper was professional at Darlington in 1902 and remained at the club until 1904. An Irishman by birth, he grew up in Youghall, County Cork where he was born on June 6th 1875. He moved to England as a young boy and soon showed enormous talent for the game.

As a teenager he was employed as a professional with Rye cricket club in Sussex and then Brechin in Scotland. Obviously an all round athlete he was also a footballer player for Bedford Town FC.

It was reported that he was a careful batsman with a "good array of shots all round the wicket" His favourite shot being the leg glance.

He could bowl either medium pace or leg breaks. He was brilliant at varying his pace, something we think of as a modern addition to a bowler's armoury.

Having topped the club's batting and bowling averages in 1902 he was re engaged the following year. A very popular player, he saddened many when he then accepted an offer from Bedfordshire and left the club.

It is reported that many local cricket lovers were sorry to see him go.

He was a Nottinghamshire cricketer and played ten times for them around the turn of the century.

When was broke out Charles joined up with his local regiment, The Sherwood Foresters (Sergeant 32476 Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

He was part of the initial force sent to France at the start of the Great War as the Sherwood Foresters served with distinction in the major battles of world war one. He rose through the ranks from private to Sergeant.

At the battle of Paschendale (the third battle of Ypres) in 1917 the Foresters were to play a major part in General Hague's "big push". The battle began in July and was known as The Battle of the Mud. ***Continued on page 3***

The grave of Charlie Pepper at the cemetery in La Clytte

On July 18th a ten day barrage of shells was fired over the German lines. Three thousand artillery guns fired over four million shells. Therefore, the German army in the area fully expected a major Allied attack - so any vague hope of surprise was lost, as was true in any attack that started with a major artillery bombardment.

The infantry attack started on July 31st . The Germans, as happened at the Somme, were fully prepared and the Allied attack, launched across a eleven mile front, made only small gains. Then in the early days of August, the area was saturated with the heaviest rain the region had seen in thirty years. The area in Flanders became effectively a swamp. Tanks, sent forward to help the infantry, simply got stuck. Infantry soldiers found movement very difficult. The impact of the artillery bombardment had destroyed the drainage systems of the region which greatly added to the problem. The shell craters made by the Allied shelling filled with water and did not allow advancing men the opportunity to hide in them. The fields through which men should have gone became impassable.

These were fought between September and October 1917. These gave British forces the advantage in the territory to the east of Ypres. Haig became convinced that German morale was on the verge of collapsing and ordered that the offensive be continued to Passchendaele Ridge.

It was on 13th September that Charles Pepper was killed in action and he was buried in Belgium at La Clytte Military Cemetery. He died bravely in an action by the 16th battalion of The Sherwood Foresters, The Notts and Derby Regiment. ***Below are articles published during the war years relating to Charles Pepper and reporting on his death ion action.***

A GREATER GAME.

BURTON SPORTSMAN-SOLDIER.

SERGEANT C. PEPPER.

Sergeant C. Pepper, of 63, South Uxbridge Street, is a very well known local sportsman, being the professional to Messrs. Worthington and Co.'s Cricket Club, and an old Notts. County player. In 1914 he won the "Burton Daily Mail" batting prize, given by Colonel R. F. Ratcliff, M.P. A native of Nottingham, Sergeant Pepper came to Burton several years ago, and had played with Messrs. Worthington's team for nine years. He enlisted on April 29th of last year in the 16th (Sportsmen's) Battalion Sherwood Foresters, and has been in France some months.

32476 Sergt Charles PEPPE
Burt
Sherwood Foresters 16
KIA 13/09/1917 Fr / Flande

BC 27/09/1917 Pg.4 Col. 5 Pos. M

SERGEANT PEPPER.

Letters received by Mrs. C. Pepper, South Uxbridge Street, from an officer an the Regimental Chaplain pay warm tribut to her husband, Sergeant Charles Pepper, the Notts and Derby Regiment, who wa killed with his Colonel, as stated in thes columns, on September 18th. The chaplai in referring to the great loss, says: "It mus always be a comfort to you to remembe how bravely and faithfully he has done h duty. He and his Colonel lie side by side i a peaceful little cemetery, in a pretty countr village a few miles behind the firing line. A our officers and men who were not engaged a the time in the trenches attended the funera —more than 200 being present. Bugler played the Last Post, and I cannot tell yo how impressive it sounded; there wer sixteen. The cemetery is beautifully kept and you may be sure the grave will be mos carefully tended. I know how sadly you husband will be missed out here." Th letter from the officer says: "When I joine the battalion last December your husband was my platoon sergeant, and I always found him a brave and cheery soldier, and one that could always be relied upon. He was very popular with Lieutenant ——, who had played cricket against him in civil life, also myself. We never missed a suitable oppor tunity of chatting about our cricket experi ences in the good old days."

On the more refined cricket field, Sgt CHARLES PEPPER of South Uxbridge Street had achieved distinction as a professional. A fine footballer with Notts County, he had few equals locally with bat or ball. As a young man he had been spotted by Arthur Shrewsbury, a fine player himself and a keen judge of others, who was instrumental in his signing as a professional for Rye C. C. in Sussex. He then transferred with success to Scotland and then played a number of County Championship level games for Nottinghamshire. On the move again he played for Bedfordshire after a career-threatening injury and then in the Lancashire League made 99 against the full County team and took 85 wickets

Sgt Charles Pepper

n' by John Redfern.

at an average of 11. Finally, he became the pro for Worthington and Co`s C.C. in Burton and entertained many a visitor to the Branstone Road Ground. In France two of his officers had played cricket against him in civilian life and, as one of them wrote to his wife, *"we never missed a suitable opportunity of chatting about our cricketing experiences in the good old days."*

An interesting piece written about fallen sporting heroes from the war years by a gentleman called John Redfern.

Thanks to Bill Pepper for sending this to us.

I will include the whole aricle on the website

www.dcchistory.com

we shall remember them...

Remembering the fallen heroes who played for Darlington CC and gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

We will remember them....

For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Killed.

FORMER LOCAL PROFESSIONAL

Regimental Sergeant John Pepper has written to Mrs. Charles Pepper, of South Uxbridge Street, stating that her husband and his brother, Sergeant Pepper, was killed by a shell in Belgium, along with his colonel, on Thursday, and that both were buried on Saturday, the funeral being attended by 8 officers and 150 men, and given full military honours. Rifleman Pepper—"Charlie," as he was familiarly known in cricketing circles—volunteered in the Sportsman's Battalion, afterwards transferring to the Sherwood Foresters. He had been out in France about eighteen months, and was 42 years old. He leaves a wife and four boys, three of whom are in the Parish Church choir. Mrs C. Pepper has lost in the war her husband, a brother, and eight cousins, while four other brothers are still with the Colours.

Sergeant Pepper had been the professional for Worthington and Co's. Cricket Club for several years prior to the war. He had few equals locally with bat or ball, and he was a great favourite with players and spectators alike. Both on and off the field he was courtesy itself, and his quiet, unassuming manner won for him many friends. He showed that he had the making of a good professional shortly after leaving school. He had every opportunity of becoming proficient, for he joined the Nottingham Forest Wanderers—a club of some repute, which had from time to time turned out many good players—and it was while with this team that he made 75 not out against the Notts. Castle at the age of seventeen years. This was a splendid performance, because on that occasion there was some good bowling. So well did he acquit himself while in the Wanderers that he came under the eye of the late Arthur Shrewsbury, who, himself a remarkable player, was a keen judge of the capabilities of others, and it was through his instrumentality that Pepper was engaged as professional for the Rye (Sussex) C.C. Here he knocked up a century with the attack coming from Cyril Bland, who was qualifying for Sussex, and who will be remembered locally as having for some seasons assisted Allsopp and Sons and Tutbury as professional.

Pepper transferred his services to Brechin, Scotland, where he played against Frank Sugg's English Eleven, and made the top score of 45 not out against the bowling of out against Grange, Scotland's premier club, and the following day took eight wickets against Leith Caledonians for 40 runs. He also played against Lord Glamis's Eleven at Glamis Castle, Forfarshire, opposed to several of the best Scotch cricketers, and once captured eight wickets for 20 runs and made 40 in the same match."

In the meantime Notts were casting an envious eye upon him and he had a trial with them in the Notts v. Yorkshire Colts' match, and made a very successful debut, carrying his bat through the innings for 57 runs. The following season he made 85 at Sheffield against the Yorkshire Colts, and this success was followed by a good trial with the County Eleven, Pepper appearing against Middlesex, Essex, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, and Lancashire. In the latter match he made 67 for once out, whilst he took three wickets for 21 runs against Essex at Leyton. These could be considered very creditable performances considering the class of cricket he was engaged in. Desiring a change Pepper subsequently migrated to Darlington, where he still kept up his reputation, and came out at the top of both batting and bowling averages. Whilst playing against Tynemouth, however, he met with an accident, injuring his side whilst bowling very fast, after taking four wickets very cheaply.

He then qualified for Bedfordshire, and made a few centuries for them in their club and ground matches, two notable successes being 135 against eighteen of Biggleswade and 100 against Bedford Grammar School. For some reason or other he could not settle at Bedford, and he then went to Kendall, where he stayed until he joined Worthington and Co's. club. For Kendall he did some really excellent work, both with bat and ball, and at this time was considered the best bat in North Lancashire. His best performances, perhaps, were 99 not out v East Lancashire (Lancashire League team), 99 v. Lancashire, and 79 not out v. Barrow-in-Furness. As a consequence he materially helped his club, and they won the North Lancashire League Cup in the year 1905. Besides this excellent batting, he also obtained 85 wickets at an average of 11 each. Every frequenter of the Branstone Road ground knows what excellent work Pepper accomplished for Worthington and Co. during his connection with the club. He also rendered signal service to the Burton C.C. on numerous occasions, a

from Scottish magazine

An article that appeared in a Scottish Magazine during 1900. Charles played successfully there for Brechin for several years

CRICKET PROFESSIONALS OF SCOTLAND.

CHARLES PEPPER, Brechin C.C.

I suppose the good folks of Brechin have played cricket on the village green for decades, but up till a few years ago the qualities of the ancient town, as far as the exposition of the game goes, were hid behind a bushel. I'm not so sure about the past of Brechin cricket, but I'm positive about the future, and the horizon appears very bright. It was last year that I began to take Brechin seriously, for, lo and behold! one Saturday evening came the news that the men of Brechin had met and vanquished, yea, literally mopped the floor with Scotland's premier team, The Grange. That was a glorious day in Brechin; the long bottled-up enthusiasm bubbled over, and the dawn of a new era was heralded with all the exuberance and manifestations of delight that are evidenced at—let me see now—well, a municipal election. There must be some factor at the back of this rise to fame, and it requires not the wisdom of a seer to distinguish the agency that has been at work. His features are presented to my readers on this page, and he rejoices in the name of Charles dish. (N.B.—I have permission from Charles to become jocular at this stage.) He hails from Nottingham, famed for lace and William Gunn, and, as an inheritance, in due course became a cricketer. That grand old batsman, the pride of Nottingham, ay, of the world — Arthur Shrewsbury secured Pepper his first engagement at Rye, in Sussex. The young man did magnificently there, bagging over 100 wickets at about nine runs per wicket; and wasn't Charley a proud fellow when he scored exactly the century against a rival Sussex club, in whose ranks was Cyril Bland, the now famous Sussex bowler. This was the beginning, and in 1897 he trekked northwards, over the Border, to the land of brown heath and shaggy wood, or as much of the heath and wood as can be found in the Cathedral town of Brechin. I positively hate quoting figures as evidence of prowess, but just to show how he came to the front, I must give his batting averages for the three years he has been in the club's service:—1897, 16.00; 1898, 24.00; and 1899, 32.42. There's no getting over these figures, they sort of speak eloquently "on their own," and it does not require a man of keen vision, aided by a pair of double-distilled patent magnifying microscopic eye-glasses, to distinguish the improvement. He is such a good, all-round man, that it's a toss up whether I give preference to his batting or bowling. Personally, I like to see him at the wicket, all eagerness and up to every dodge. He plays a straight bat, with a barn-door defence if he chooses, but he gets set so quickly that he really never requires to funk the bowler, as the said bowler generally gets enough to do watching his best balls cut, slipped, or driven with an ease which lends grace to his batting. Charles is a painstaking bat, and if he takes it into his head, he'll stay at the wickets all day, and a bit of the next, just to show the opposition he can do it. Of course, he is not like the railway stationmaster, who batted against the porter at the wayside station for six weeks, but what I want to get at is the difficulty bowlers have to shift him. Just take, for example, this year, a week or two ago when playing for Notts Colts against Yorkshire ditto, he went in first, and though he had an injured hand, carried his bat right through the innings for 57 runs. That proves my argument, me lud! He bowls an apparently easy ball, but you have only got to face an over to realise how deceptive he is—you begin to wish you had played croquet instead. Along comes a slow, then a medium with the least show of side on, then, my stars! down whizzes the express, and you have got to look mighty slick to stop the last-mentioned engine, or else it stops your career for the time being. In 1897 Frank Sugg brought a strong English eleven North, and one match was played at Arbroath. Schofield Haigh and Johnny Briggs had quite a hot time, a picnic in fact

CHARLES PEPPER.

feather to his cap. He is not a mammoth scorer, but if there is one man in Scotland that can break up a bowler to atoms better than the Brechin pro., please introduce me. He falls to be numbered amongst the select coterie who have captured all ten wickets. It was on the 26th day of August last year that Lord Glamis captained a powerful team, including L. M. Balfour Melville, E. S., and Tom Hainsworth, against the pride of Brechin, but Charles cleared out the lot and retired for a small lemon with the whole bag of tricks at a cost of 43 runs—there's a picture for you! I could go on till the millennium telling of the good things he has done, but I've said enough to show what a really good fellow he is with bat and ball. The effect of his good work has been felt in the team which he coaches, and when the history of the club comes to be written up in after years, the name of Charles Pepper deserves to be recorded in big type, for he laid the foundation-stone. The pity is he won't be long with us (for we do want such men in poor, benighted Scotland), as his county calls for him. We do not grudge him the promotion to the company of Shrewsbury and Gunn, but we will miss him. A right good fellow, and a gentleman to boot, quiet and unassuming, yet the jolliest and most sociable when the battle's lost or won, he is a prime favourite in Brechin, and when he goes to the wicket the good folks light their pipes and settle down to see him give the bowlers pepper—and somehow or other he generally manages to get there—and that's all that's required. R. D. M.

C Pepper

Charles Born 25 November 1875 Pinxton, Derbyshire
[Or 6 June 1875 at Youghal, County Cork, Ireland]
Killed in Action d 13 September 1917 Near La Clytte, Belgium

Type of player Right-handed batsman and right-arm medium paced bowler

Education Not known

Main Teams **Nottinghamshire 1900- 1901** – 7, 12, 3, 40*, 162, 18.00, - - 2 2 -, 114 balls, 72, 3, 24.00, 3/23. Pepper made 7 first-class appearances for Nottinghamshire between 1900 and 1901, having previously scored 57 not out in the match between Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire Colts, carrying his bat throughout the innings. He made his first-class and county championship debut v Middlesex at Lord's on 11 June 1900 when he scored 17 and a duck and caught Bernard Bosanquet off Percy Mason's bowling. He went on to make his final first-class appearance against Lancashire at Old Trafford on 22 August 1901 when he scored 40 not out – his highest score for the county – and 26.

Bedfordshire 1903 – 5, 7, 3 21*, 54, 13.50, - - 2 3 -, 86 balls, 46, 3, 15.33, 2- 10. Once qualified for the county, Pepper played five matches for Bedfordshire in 1903. Though scoring centuries for the Bedfordshire Club and Ground side, his record in the Championship was limited. His debut match was v Hertfordshire at the Bedfordshire Grammar School Ground on 3,4 August when he scored a duck and caught [Arthur] Butcher off the bowling of George Wharmby. Against Staffordshire at the same ground on 5,6 August he scored 11and bowled 6-2-19-0 in the second innings. Versus Cambridgeshire at Fenner's on 12,13 August he scored 21 not out – his highest score – 3, and in the first innings bowled 1-0-2-1 and 4.2-1-10-2, the latter being his best innings bowling performance. Against Oxfordshire at the Grammar School ground on 15,14 August he scored 3 not out and bowled 3-9-15-0 in the second innings , and held two catches in the Oxfordshire first innings. In his last match v Oxfordshire at Iffley Road, Oxford on 21,22 August, he scored 16 not out and a duck.

Cricket Teams He first came to notice playing for Nottingham Forest Wanderers in 1895. In 1896 Arthur Shrewsbury secured for him the role of professional at Rye CC. From 1897 to 1900 he served as professional at Brechin CC Scotland. He was on the Nottinghamshire Ground Staff in 1901 and was professional at Darlington in 1902 during which time he qualified for Bedfordshire in 1902-1903. [One source suggests he may have played for Kendal in 1904-1905.] He was then professional at Worthington and Company at Burton on Trent from 1906 to 1914.

Military Career At the outbreak of the War, Pepper enlisted in the ranks of 16th battalion Sherwood Foresters as a private. Recognition of his capabilities led to him quickly being promoted to sergeant. He travelled out to France with his battalion in April 1916. He was killed by a shell while standing outside the battalion headquarters on 13 September 1917 together with his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Noel Houghton. He was buried together with his Colonel with full military honours at the La Clytte Military Cemetery, Belgium. Over 200 officers and men attended and the 'last post' was sounded.

For a batsman of such promise in his early days and, indeed, much success in his later career, it is strange to note that at no time was Payton selected for England or the Players or the North or any Test Trial, or even the most minor of cricketing tours abroad. His only first-class matches outside Nottinghamshire were two in the Blackpool Festival of 1923 when he scored 28 and 15 and 0 and 10. He took no catches and did not bowl. After leaving Nottinghamshire he coached at Eton College in 1931 and at Repton from 1932 to 1935. Nottinghamshire gave him two benefit matches—namely, v. Yorkshire at Trent Bridge, July 23rd, 25th and 26th, 1921, when he received £825 and v. Derbyshire at Trent Bridge, July 12th, 14th and 15th, 1930, when the receipts were £253-1-4 and the expenses were £253-13-1.

In 1919 he compiled the score of 187* for Banksfoot v. Great Horton, this being the highest score ever made in the Bradford League. He was a right-hand bat and excellent outfield, about 5 ft. 9 in. in height and weighed 10 st. Born in Stapleford on February 13th, 1882, he resided in Beeston where in his later years he had a sports outfitters' shop and where he died on May 3rd, 1943, not May 2nd or 21st, and is buried in Beeston. His brother Albert Payton also appeared for Nottinghamshire as did his son the Rev. W. E. G. Payton. Another of his brothers, Thomas Payton, represented Bedfordshire.

JOHN PEARSON

John Pearson's only important match was for Nottingham Old Club v. Sheffield at Darnall in 1822, when he scored 0. He also, however, appeared for the Old Club v. Fallowfield Club on the Forest in 1823, scoring 1. It is believed that he is the same cricketer as the John Pearson who played for Chilwell between 1814 and 1823. No details of this cricketer could be obtained.

JOSEPH GARSIDE PEARSON

Born in Worksop on March 26th, 1860, Joseph Garside Pearson was a good batsman and change bowler. He appeared in the Colts XXII in April 1882 when he had two fair innings of 12 and 17, and in 1883 when he captained the side. In the former year he played for XXII Colts of England v. M.C.C. at Lord's. On July 27th, 1883, he hit 123* for Worksop v. Notts. Forest and the following day 54* for Worksop v. Mansfield Woodhouse. These two innings gained him a place in the Nottinghamshire side v. Surrey at the Oval on August 6th, 7th and 8th, 1883. He scored only 1, but returned the remarkable bowling figures of 3·1—2—1—3, remarkable because he rarely bowled in club cricket.

He did not play again for Nottinghamshire and he died on January 18th, 1892, at Boughton of carcinoma. By occupation he was a plumber.

He was buried in Worksop Priory churchyard where his gravestone still lies (1969).

PHILIP JOHN SHERWIN PEARSON-GREGORY

Born at Harlaxton Manor near Grantham on March 26th, 1888, P. J. S. Pearson-Gregory was educated at Eton and appeared in the XI in 1906 when he headed the batting averages. He proceeded to Brasenose College, Oxford, and played in the Freshmans match of 1907 and the Seniors match of 1908. He did not, however, become a member of the University XI and his first-class debut

was made for Nottinghamshire v. Middlesex at Lord's on June 30th, July 1st and 2nd, 1910; rain, however, allowed only four hours' play and he neither batted nor bowled. His only other first-class matches were for Nottinghamshire in 1914, against Yorkshire at Trent Bridge when he scored 48 and 71 and his final first-class match v. Sussex at Hove on June 29th, 30th and July 1st, when he did not bat or bowl. Being a professional soldier restricted his county cricket, but he appeared with success for the Household Brigade, scoring 185 v. Eton Ramblers and 178 v. Royal Fusiliers, both in 1912. His name is also found in the Eton Ramblers XI, I Zingari and Lenton C.C. A right-hand bat, usually first wicket down, and slip field, he resided at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, and it is believed that his qualification for representing Nottinghamshire was the ownership of property in Lenton and Nottingham. His height was 6 ft. 1 in. P. J. S. Pearson-Gregory died on June 12th, 1955, following an operation in London and is buried in Suffolk. His father was T. S. Pearson of Oxford and Middlesex.

JOHN HENRY PENNINGTON

The birth and death section in *Wisden* gives Pennington's date of birth as June 24th, 1881, but this could not be verified from the registers at Somerset House. A left-arm medium-pace bowler, John Henry Pennington was a member of Notts. Forest C.C. and had his first professional engagement with Durham City C.C. in 1901. His first-class debut came on August 11th and 12th, 1902, for Nottinghamshire v. Derbyshire at Trent Bridge, but this was his only county match that season and in 1903 he made three appearances. During 1904 Pennington placed his name in the record books by having 223 runs hit off his bowling in a single innings—the match being Nottinghamshire v. South Africans at Trent Bridge; he did, however, take 7 wickets. 1905 was Pennington's last year for Nottinghamshire and his final match came v. Essex at Leyton on August 10th, 11th and 12th. His complete first-class record for the County reads:

	M.	*Ins.*	*NO*	*Runs*	*HS*	*Aver.*	*100s*	*50s*	*0s*	*ct.*	*st.*
Batting	18	24	8	89	18	5·56	—	—	7	8	—

	I.	*Overs*	*Mdns.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Aver.*	*5i*	*10m*	*B/W*
Bowling	26	457·3	87	1,345	41	32·80	3	—	67

He resided most of his life in Newark where he followed the occupation of a commission agent and he died in Newark on January 2nd, 1942, of coronary embolism.

CHARLES PEPPER

Born in 1875 or 1876, Charles Pepper resided in Nottingham in 1900. He was a medium pace bowler and useful bat, being particularly strong on the off-side. First mention of his name in the *Nottingham Guardian* comes in 1895 playing for Forest Wanderers C.C. and in 1900 he played both in the Colts XXII and v. Yorkshire Colts at Trent Bridge. In the latter match, Pepper carried his bat through the completed Nottinghamshire innings for 57*. His first-class debut came v. Middlesex at Lord's on June 11th, 12th and 13th, 1900. In 1901 Pepper joined the Nottinghamshire ground staff and played in the final four county matches that year, achieving most in his last game v. Lancashire at Old Trafford

when he hit 40* and 26. This was his last first-class match. Also during 1901 he hit 85 v. Yorkshire Colts—an innings marked by a patient and resourceful defence—and 50 for Nottinghamshire Club and Ground v. Leicestershire C. & G. His complete first-class record is as follows:

	M.	*Ins.*	*NO*	*Runs*	*HS*	*Aver.*	*100s*	*50s*	*0s*	*ct.*	*st.*
Batting	7	12	3	162	40*	18·00	—	—	2	2	—

	I.	*Overs*	*Mdns.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Aver.*	*5i*	*10m*	*B/W*
Bowling	3	19	5	72	3	24·00	—	—	38

In 1902 Pepper took an engagement with Bedfordshire C.C.C. and in 1903 made three appearances for that county.

No information relating to his career after 1903 could be obtained.

ARTHUR PIKE

Wisden for 1895 commented:

"It is not easy to understand why the Nottinghamshire Committee should have thought fit to dispense entirely with Sherwin but in Pike they were fortunate in finding quite an adequate successor to the veteran wicket-keeper. Pike played in the Colts match on Easter Monday and both behind the stumps and as a batsman made a very favourable impression, but the authorities seemed for some reason or other reluctant to give him a full opportunity and the season was well advanced before his position as wicket-keeper to the XI could be regarded as secure. In many matches he kept wicket extremely well and at the Oval on the August Bank Holiday his display against Surrey was brilliant."

Having such praise for his doings in 1894, Pike's future in county cricket seemed assured, but after five games in 1895 he damaged a finger so badly that he missed the rest of the season. During 1896 and 1897 he played in almost every Nottinghamshire match, but in 1898 his matches were confined to six, thereafter Oates was preferred. Pike's last match for Nottinghamshire was v. Surrey at the Oval on August 7th, 8th and 9th, 1899, and his complete record for Nottinghamshire reads:

	M.	*Ins.*	*NO*	*Runs*	*HS*	*Aver.*	*100s*	*50s*	*0s*	*ct.*	*st.*
Batting	65	99	20	1,127	66	14·26	—	3	14	98	27

His highest score of 66 was hit v. Middlesex at Trent Bridge in 1896. Apart from Nottinghamshire games his only other first-class match was for M.C.C. in 1901 when he scored 1 and 0, caught 3 and stumped 2. It is believed that his first engagement was with Nottingham Commercial, in 1894 he was with Leyland C.C. and in 1895-1906 at Lord's. In the summer of 1906 he was taken seriously ill and on September 5th of that year A. O. Jones' XI played G. Robey's XI at Trent Bridge for his benefit. In 1902-03-04-05 Pike was on the first-class umpires list. His height was 5 ft. 8 in. and weight ? st. According to Ashley-Cooper, Pike played in Staffordshire in 1907, but this appears most unlikely since the player named Pike in the Staffordshire XI of that year did not keep wicket and Arthur Pike had been forced to leave the M.C.C. staff in 1906 through ill-health. He died in Keyworth on November 15th, 1907, having been born there on December 25th, 1862. He was related to William Lane Pike who represented Nottinghamshire Colts in 1880 and 1881 and was also a native of Keyworth.

H—— PORTER

H. Porter of the Hyson Green Club represented Eleven Players of Nottinghamshire v. Six Gentlemen of Nottinghamshire and Five Players of England at Trent Bridge on July 4th, 5th and 6th, 1842, scoring 0* and 16. In 1843 he appeared for Nottinghamshire v. Hampshire at Southampton, scoring 6* and 1, and v. M.C.C. at Lord's failing to score in his single innings.

His highest recorded score was 28 in a Hyson Green Club practice match in 1842. He first appears in a match score for Next XXII v. Old Club on August 22nd, 1831, and his career in local cricket extended until 1854. No particulars of this player could be obtained.

GEORGE EDWARD POWER

On August 31st, 1876, during the first innings of Surrey v. Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, R. Tolley, a member of the Nottinghamshire team, fractured his finger whilst attempting a catch. G. E. Power went on to the field as substitute and was allowed to bat in place of Tolley. He scored 3 and caught 1; this was his only first-class match. George Edward Power was born in Highgate on May 16th, 1849, and in 1876 resided in Lewisham, Kent, though he appeared often for Nottingham Amateurs in 1875. He was educated at Great Ealing School, North London School and Guy's Hospital, and in 1874 he scored two centuries for the latter, one against Surrey Club. His height was given by Haygarth as 6 ft. 5 in. and weight 13 st. 12 lb. He was a M.R.C.S. Edinburgh. G. E. Power died on October 19th, 1904.

ALFRED PRICE

Born in Ruddington on January 5th, 1862, the son of Walter Price, Alfred appeared in the Colts XXII in April 1882 and again in April 1883. In the first of these matches Alfred scored 18 in 90 minutes, being "very patient and cautious." He played for Nottinghamshire in only three first-class matches, all in 1887, his debut being v. Sussex at Hove on July 21st, 22nd and 23rd when he made 34 in his single innings. His other games were v. Gloucestershire (Trent Bridge), scoring 0, and v. Yorkshire (Sheffield), scoring 3 and 2. He took one catch for Nottinghamshire but did not bowl. Previously Alfred Price had appeared once for Liverpool and District in 1884, twice for the North v. South at Lord's in 1884 and 1885, and once for Lancashire v. Oxford University at Oxford in 1885. These were his only first-class matches and his complete first-class record reads:

	M.	*Ins.*	*NO*	*Runs*	*HS*	*Aver.*	*100s*	*50s*	*0s*	*ct.*	*st.*
Batting	7	12	—	110	37	9·17	—	—	2	6	—

Among his professional engagements were Liverpool C.C. in 1883-84-85-86-87-88 and Bedford County School in 1889. His height was 5 ft. 8½ in. and weight 10 st. 8 lb. He resided in his native village at least until 1888, but details of his death could not be obtained.

DUKINFIELD'S NEW PROFESSIONAL.

Photo. by F. A. Bourne, Eastbourne.

FRANK E. PESTELL,

Dukinfield Cricket Club hold a record for good professionals. Without going back in ancient history, Tom Caseley, now of Middleton, and Sam Bent, have been good all-round men, and served the club faithfully and well. The latter decided some time ago to have a change, so that the club were faced with the task of securing a capable successor, and have been fortunate in securing a promising young cricketer in the person of Frank E. Pestell, who this season has been playing with Eastbourne C.C. in the South.

Frank Pestell will come to Dukinfield with excellent credentials, his recommendation being by F. W. Rice, a one time famous cricketer. According to an extract taken from a Southern paper, Pestell is a left-hand bowler, medium to fast, with a fine action, taking a fairly long run, and a high delivery. Pestell, who is only 23 years of age, was born at Elstow, in Bedfordshire, and attended the village school there. At the early age of 14 he left school, and assisted on the ground staff at the Grammar School, where he picked up many points. Hobbs, the now brilliant Surrey and England batsman, was at that time on the Grammar School staff, and took young Pestell in hand, and his early success can in some way be traced to him, as he taught him the leg break and innumerable other "tricks of the trade." When still quite young Pestell played with the young professionals of Surrey against a team of young amateurs, and took five wickets for 32 runs, a performance which caused the Surrey committee to offer him a place on the ground staff, in order that he might qualify for them. But being still young it was deemed best for him to stay in Bedford, and assist his county in the Minor Counties Championship. When at Bedford he was under the care of G. Wharmby, than whom with the exception of Barnes there is no better player in the Minor Counties competition.

Pestell has proved one of the most promising professionals in the South of England, capturing 113 wickets at a small cost. Against the London and Westminster Bank he secured all the ten wickets for 47 runs, while at Tunbridge Wells, against a crack team of Kentish gentlemen he bowled throughout the innings, taking seven wickets for 47 runs. A short time ago, against the M.C.C. and Ground, Pestell had the satisfaction of clean bowling Braund first ball. The subject of our sketch was offered a trial at Brighton, with a view to joining the Sussex staff, and has also been asked to join the Worcester Club. But he is anxious to play in League cricket, which he prefers to county. Pestell is a quiet, undemonstrative man, a person of most regular habits, and can bowl almost all the day without slackening his pace very much or tiring. He takes a great interest in other kinds of sport, and in the winter is a keen follower of football. In conclusion, we trust that Frank Pestell will have a most successful season with the Dukinfield Club.

(Brel Wood) .....

*Mr. C. S. Cockburn's b c COURAGEOUS, by Chaucer—Miss Tailor (green and French grey stripes) (F. Hunt). .....

*Doubtful starter.

NORTHERN ECHO 27 JULY 1914

LITTLE BETTING ON ST. LEGER

An attempt was made yesterday morning in London to bet on the St. Leger, but little business was transacted. Odds of 4 to 1 were offered on the field, and there were nominally two favourites. Peter the Hermit, however, was the only one supported. Kennymore opened at 3's to a minor sum, and then 9 to 2 was booked and offered. Bar these two and Hapsburg 10 to 1 was offered.

N.Y. & S.D. LEAGUE.

CLUB AVERAGES.

DARLINGTON.

BATTING.

		Times out.	not	Most in an inn.	Total Total	
James	4	2		91	132	66.
R. Healey	13	3		100	459	48.9
G. P. Gore	10	1		76	347	38.5
L. Blackburn	10	2		61	184	23.
J. A. Hebdon	6	3		34*	61	20.1
A. Goodrich	10	3		34	154	19.2
C. W. Burnip	11	1		85	181	18.1
T. S. Walton	12	1		48	175	15.10
A. Common	10	1		35	141	15.6
H. Chapelhow	12	0		47	153	12.9
W. J. Dobson	7	1		22	70	11.4
T. E. Gregory	6	1		20	38	7.3
F. Pestell	7	1		9	26	4.2
C. Thompson	5	1		14*	16	4.

BOWLING.

A. Goodrich	207.4	47	536	58	9.14
R. Healey	30.3	2	114	11	10.4
F. Pestell	223	47	628	60	10.28
J. Hebdon	46.5	5	159	5	32.4

NORTON.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Times not out.	Most in an inns.	Total runs.	Avg
C. L. Townsend	13	3	68	339	33.9
H. Hearsides	16	5	70*	327	29.6
J. P. Rutherford	12	1	60	276	25.1
N. S. A. Harrison	11	2	43*	211	23.4
A. Wilkinson	13	2	40	185	16.9
T. R. Gratey	7	1	53	90	15.
W. L. Stephenson	15	1	47	188	13.6
G. Pinder	13	0	46	158	13.2
R. Teasdale	9	4	23*	61	12.1
E. Harrison	7	2	21*	60	12.
A. B. L. Crosby	9	0	40	87	9.6
G. L. Rutherford	7	0	11	41	5.6
J. McLaughlin	4	1	14*	17	5.2

BOWLING.

G. Pinder	212.2	50	610	64	9.34
A. P. Rutherford	84	13	276	22	12.12
H. Hearsides	107.1	13	343	26	13.5
E. Harrison	199.4	37	569	40	14.9

Batsmen with less than four innings, and bowlers with less than five wickets are not included in the averages.

QUOITS FOR £20.

A quoits match for £10 a-side was decided at the Middleston Moor Grounds, Spennymoor, on Saturday, between M. James, of Middlestone Moor, and J. Kitchen, of Leasingthorne, who played 41 up at a distance of 10 yards on the sward. The latter was in receipt of 7 start, but his opponent won easily by 18 chalks. Scores: Kitchen, 41; James, 23. This was followed by a match for £5 a-side between W. Green, of Middlestone Moor, and J. Kelly, of Chilton. Kelly was in receipt of 10 start in a game of 41 up. Green won by 19 chalks. Scores: Green, 41; Kelly (10 start), 23.

C. B. FRY'S NEW ROLE.

Mr. C. B. Fry, the famous Oxford triple blue, has been gazetted an honorary lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve.

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AN EXCITING FINISH.

VICTORY SNATCHED AT THE WINNING POST.

THE TEES REGATTA.

The chief feature of the Tees regatta at Stockton on Saturday was the race over a mile course between the Tees (Stockton) and Middlesbrough Amateur Boating Clubs for the Tees Cup. The Stock club had won the trophy six years in succession, and they were expected to do so again. They, however, gave their supporters a fright.

The Tees crew held the advantage in the earlier stages but nearing the halfmile

F. Pestell, the Darlington pro., who took seven wickets ofr 37 runs against Stockton on Saturday.

QUOTATIONS GLADLY GIVEN.

EASTBOURNE CHRONICLE SAT 11 SEPT 1909

All Responsibility Undertaken.

THE PAST CRICKET SEASON.

Eastbourne C.C. Averages.

Appended are the Eastbourne Cricket Club results and averages for the past season:

Matches played, 36 .... Won, 11 .... Lost, 12 .... Drawn, 13

BATTING.

	No. of Times inns.	not out.	Total runs.	Most in inns.	Avrg.
Hands, P.	5	1	248	127	— 62
Poyntz, E. S. M.	15	2	597	116	— 45·92
Matheson, E.	14	3	372	102	— 33·81
Smith, E.	6	1	167	77	— 33·40
Lott, Horace	15	6	288	58	— 32
Sproston, S. W.	9	1	251	96	— 31·33
Pearce, B. G.	12	4	244	110	— 30·50
Pretty, H. C.	8	1	201	94	— 28·71
Scott, J. G. C.	17	0	469	133	— 27·58
Rogers, R.	6	0	164	89	— 27·33
Scott, B. J.	10	1	234	72	— 26
Fox, H. G.	15	4	273	57	— 24·72
Harrison, W.	5	0	120	37	— 24
Brown, C. R.	5	2	70	30	— 23·33
Macdonald, W.	9	0	207	82	— 23
Molineux, G. K.	12	0	271	57	— 22·58
Slater, P. H.	5	0	112	57	— 22·40
Harrington, Capt.	5	0	100	38	— 20
Carr, J.	5	1	77	52	— 19·25
Saville, S. H.	7	0	135	71	— 19·22
Carr, L.	13	1	226	51	— 18·83
Postell	22	10	226	63	— 18·83
Cancellor, G. W.	17	4	243	39	— 18·69
Khan, Abdul Karim	5	2	54	35	— 18
Grimes	18	6	207	46	— 17·25
Piggott, T. B. C.	19	0	147	56	— 16·33
Tudor, O. C.	7	0	101	24	— 14·14
Harrison, G. C.	5	1	57	34	— 14·25
Marsh, G. F.	12	2	135	31	— 13·50
Lambert, C. N.	5	0	67	25	— 13·40
Shuter, L. A.	5	1	49	28	— 12·25
Haynes, B. W.	6	0	72	35	— 12
Richards, Major	5	0	59	29	— 11·80
Bacon, W. H.	27	0	306	51	— 11·33
Scott, H. S.	8	0	75	28	— 9·33
Griffiths, H. T.	6	1	44	22	— 8·80
Hands, R. A. M.	5	0	37	22	— 7·40
Wagener, F. G.	30	5	150	25	— 6·36

The following also played in less than five innings:

Poyntz, Capt. H. S.	3	0	215	115	— 71·66
Paul, E. P.	3	1	96	55	— 48
Carr, P.	4	1	91	52	— 30·33
Atkinson, Rev. F.	3	0	98	53	— 32·66
Browne, Rev. H. R.	4	0	93	62	— 23·25
Samms, W. J.	3	0	49	36	— 16·33
Tudor, R. G.	3	0	48	39	— 16
Sedgwick, A. V.	3	0	42	26	— 14
Bartlett, H. T.	4	1	36	18	— 12

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Hands, P.	22·4	2	58	8	— 7·25
Postell	188·5	100	1402	103	— 13·80
Grimes	181·5	30	627	42	— 14·92
Smith, E.	180	21	650	39	— 16·82
Harrison, W.	93·4	15	325	18	— 18·05
Browne, C. R.	42	2	224	12	— 18·65
Tudor, O. C.	54·2	9	153	8	— 19·12
Pretty, Dr. H. C.	111	12	356	17	— 20·94
Poyntz, E. S. M.	63	4	229	10	— 22·90
Lambert, C. N.	22	5	71	3	— 23·66
Piggott, T. C. B.	107·2	20	474	20	— 23·70
Molineux, G. K.	142·1	30	431	18	— 24·11
Wagener, F. G.	309	54	953	37	— 25·75
Matheson, E.	42	8	149	5	— 29·80
Le Couteur, P. H.	22	4	94	3	— 31·33
Carr, J.	76	11	297	9	— 33
Hands, R. H.	41	2	173	5	— 34·60
Saville, S. H.	38·4	1	178	5	— 35·60
Gilman, J.	21	2	72	2	— 36
Sproston, S. W.	30	3	120	3	— 40
Wolfson	24	2	132	3	— 44
Poyntz, Capt. H. S.	20·1	2	113	2	— 56·50
Sedgwick, A. V.	40	4	133	2	— 66·50
Samms, W. J.	90·5	17	850	15	— 23·73

The following bowled less than 20 overs:

Roberts	17·3	1	75	4	— 18·75
Lott, H.	14	1	78	2	— 39
Macdonald, W.	8	0	47	2	— 23·50

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH ROOM.

When St. Anne's Church Room was built 14 years ago the funds collected did not admit of the completion of the plan. It was therefore resolved to build a single large room, and to leave the rest to a future date. It is now considered that the time has arrived when an effort should be made to collect the balance of the money required, and to finish the work. With this in view a meeting was held in St. Anne's Church Room on Thursday afternoon. The VICAR (Rev. W. P. Jay) took the chair, supported by Dr. Willoughby and Mr. G. H. Sayer (churchwardens), Col. Pierson and Mr. C. S. Hurst (trustees of the room), and about 40 others, including several ladies.

The CHAIRMAN gave an account of what had been done so far, pointing out how useful the room had been, and how much more useful it would be with an enlarged kitchen

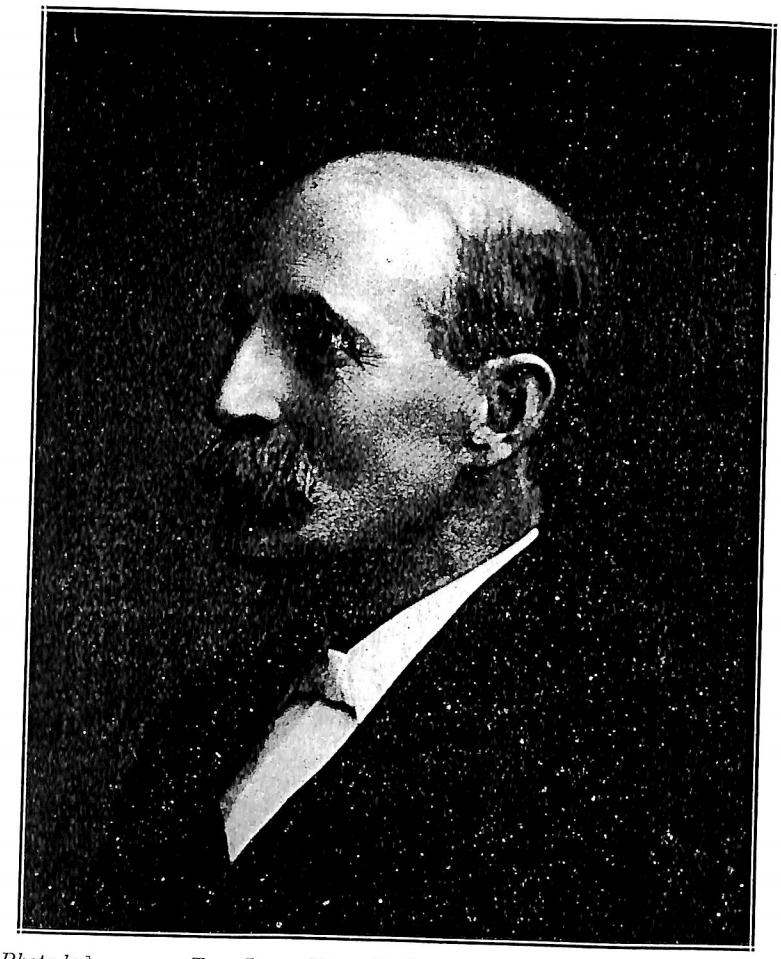

Photo by] THE LATE REV. T. C. FITZPATRICK. *[Elliott & Fry*

ARTHUR DRURY PIPER.
Clerk of the Peace and of the County Council of Kesteven, Lincolnshire;
Born, 29th September, 1869;
Entered the School, Deptember, 1878;
Left, December, 1888.
Died at Sleaford, Lincs., on 29th October, 1931.

KENNETH JOHN SADLER.
Born, 25th November, 1900;
Entered the School, September, 1915;
Left, July, 1918;
Died, 26th November, 1931.

The "Oak" Fund.

PANELLING.

A panel in the Middle Gallery has been kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. E. Holland, in memory of their son, Jack Holland (1927-1931), who died during the Easter Term; with this the long section of nine panels near the east end is complete. There now remains to be provided the small easternmost section by the swing-doors; this—a radiator section—will contain two half-panels (four guineas each), and one three-quarter panel (five guineas). Donors are invited for these also.

The name-plates have now been placed on the four completed sections.

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CHAIRS.

The following have kindly given chairs since the last notes appeared:—No. 109, T. R. Robb (1906-15); No. 110, In memory of D. G. Cary-Elwes (1905-14), who fell in the Great War; No. 111, J. C. W. Cousins (1927-31); No. 112, given by members of "Hedgehope" in memory of Jack Holland (1927-31).

Further gifts of chairs are invited. May we not hope that some of the senior boys who leave at the end of this, or any other, term, will give chairs as leaving presents, and as visible records of their connection with the School?

PIPER, AD

A Arthur Denny Piper — b 29 Sept 1869
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1911 3 Hampton Terrace, Sleaford
1939 Not listed
1901 17 Albany St, Bedford

12 Colville Gardens, Bayswater

ANTHONY WEBB

From: "GRO Coladmin" <col.admin@gro.gsi.gov.uk>
To: <webb1pn@btinternet.com>
Sent: 23 March 2014 12:43
Subject: GRO Refund - Account Number: 2936894 Order Number: 5510454 - 5
Your Reference: Minor County 2013

Dear Mr Webb,

Thank you for your order as detailed below.

Birth Certificate: ARTHUR PIPER born 29-SEP-1869 in BEDFORD

We have been unable to process your application, please refer to the paragraph below.

We have searched the indexes for events registered in England and Wales during the years specified (1868-1870). We have been unable to find any entry with the details you provided.

A full refund of £9.25 has been credited to your account via Worldpay.

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Yours sincerely

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G Pollitt – Bedfordshire 1900 to 1907 (born 3 June 1874; died 19 May 1942)

Played 75 matches for Bedfordshire between 1900 and 1907 scoring 2630 runs at 22.86 with a highest score of 175 against Staffordshire at Wolverhampton in 1904. A right-hand batsmen he scored 3 centuries for the county as well as holding 33 catches. He came to prominence when playing for the Chickenley, his native team. George Pollitt was playing as professional for the Three Counties Asylum team at Arsley in 1898 when he was selected to play for the Yorkshire Colts against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge in May. He scored 25 in his only innings. That season he also played for Yorkshire Second XI against Norfolk at Scarborough scoring 51, again in his only innings. The next year he played in May for Yorkshire 2nd XI against 14 of Hull and District scoring 0 and 8 and played his sole first-class match for Yorkshire against Hampshire at Park Avenue, Bradford in mid-August scoring 51 in his only innings and taking one catch. His final match for a Yorkshire County team was later in August for the Second XI against Durham at Headingley when opening the batting he scored 38 and 12. Though Yorkshire remained interested in him playing for the county, he had gained a residential qualification for Bedfordshire and he was persuaded by their captain Herbie Orr to throw in his lot with the newly resuscitated Bedfordshire County team. He played with them for eight seasons. His best season by far was 1904 when he scored 562 runs at 40.14. His 175 against a Staffordshire team without Sydney Barnes in 1904 was a new highest score for the County, which took him ~~out~~ 4 hours to compile. It was not exceeded until 32 years later when A B Poole in 1936 scored 234 against Oxfordshire at Banbury, an innings of 3¼ hours. Pollitt was described as a batsmen of the cautious sort. Looking at his record overall, he must have been disappointed not to have performed better for the County. In his last season he was back playing for Chickenley, as he did again in 1908. In 1909 he moved across to play for Ossett who were another local team in the Yorkshire Council. On 9 April 1910 the Ossett Observer reported that 'he had retired from the team'. In 1911 the census records him as living in Egerton Road, Blackpool and his occupation is given as a 'Professional Cricketer'. Since then nothing has been found about him to date until his death. It is possible that he may have had some connection with Rossall School as his wife died later during the war at Rossall Emergency Hospital but this link has not yet been proven. He was one of the few Yorkshire first-class cricketers whose date of death was unknown, but research by Tony Percival has revealed he died during the Second World War on 19 May 1942 at 14 Mythop Road, Blackpool. His death certificate gives his wartime occupation as 'Camp Commandant – Catering', and his cause of death as cardiac failure.

AJW – 16 APRIL 2013

ANTHONY WEBB

From: "ANTHONY WEBB" <webb1pn@btinternet.com>
To: <ross.club@btopenworld.com>
Sent: 08 April 2013 02:31
Subject: George Pollitt - Professional Cricketer and Coach

I am involved with the Association of Cricket Statisticains and Historians in researching the life and career of George Pollitt. He played one first class match for Yorkshire in 1899 and Bedfordshire between 1900 and 1907. He was born at Chickenly near Dewsbury in June 1874. He started his cricketing career for his local team Chickenly and moved south to Hertfordshire around 1898. Before playing for Bedfordshire we know he played for the Three Counties Asylum team and then became the Bedford School and Bedfordshire county professional after being 'spotted' by Herbie Orr, the Bedfordshire captain.

He left Bedfordshire after the 1907 season and returned to play for Chickenly and then - it is believed - for Ossett as their professional in 1909. After then until recently I have drawn a blank in my researches to find out more about his life after then. However, a colleague of mine - Tony Percival - has tracked down his date and place of death at Blackpool in 1942. The 1911 census has him living at Egerton Road, Blackpool and his occupation is given as 'Professional Cricketer' He married Annie Pollitt in 1908. She died in 1944 at 'The Emergency Hospital at Rossall and her home address is given as Cleveleys.

These latter details suggest that George may have had the role of cricket coach or assistant coach at some stage later in his career. I hope that you can identify whether that is so.

If I should have directed this email to the School Office rather than you, do kindly let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Tony Webb

George Pollitt

ANTHONY WEBB

From: "Tony Percival" <tony@tonyandsue.demon.co.uk>
To: "'ANTHONY WEBB'" <webb1pn@btinternet.com>
Sent: 28 January 2013 12:23
Subject: RE: 1907 Book - Tom Brown and George Pollitt

Hope you are keeping well.

GEORGE POLLITT – looks like died Blackpool 2Q.1942 aged 67. In 1911 census he was a professional cricketer living in Blackpool. He may have been coach at Rossall School? Not in Probates.
He married an Annie in 1908 and I found in Probates Annie Pollitt dying in 1944 at Emergency Hospital, Rossall. Home address given as Cleveleys which is by Blackpool.

Death not in newspaper archive either

Sorry not to have been more help

Tony

PS You told me JC ANDREWS (Wilts 1953) was the same as Hampshire player. For Hampshire he was a WK and for Wilts an opening bowler. Is your source reliable.?

Fom: ANTHONY WEBB [mailto:webb1pn@btinternet.com]
Sent: 27 January 2013 23:50
To: Tony Percival
Subject: Fw: 1907 Book - Tom Brown and George Pollitt

Tony - Apologies. I should have copied you this note when sent to Julian.

Best wishes

Tony

----- Original Message -----
From: ANTHONY WEBB
To: Lawton Smith
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2013 11:43 PM
Subject: Re: 1907 Book - Tom Brown and George Pollitt

Dear Julian - Happy to do T A Brown and George Pollitt - though I hope Tony P can provide the death date for the latter which has escaped my researches. I believe that he may have died in the States.

I hope the meeting goes well.

Best wishes

Tony

> ----- Original Message -----
> **From:** Lawton Smith
> **To:** 'ANTHONY WEBB'
> **Sent:** Sunday, January 27, 2013 4:38 PM
> **Subject:** RE: 1907 Book

YORKSHIRE v. HAMPSHIRE.

Played at BRADFORD, *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August* 14, 15, 16.—Owing to the Test match at the Oval Yorkshire had nothing like their full strength for this match. Hampshire were also poorly represented, Poore, Hill and Soar being all away. The visitors started by getting rid of half the Yorkshire side for 94, but with this amount of success they had to rest content, Hirst and Smith then coming together and hitting up 183 in less than two hours. Next day the morning was rather showery and little cricket took place before lunch. Wynyard and Barton opened the Hampshire innings well, the former hitting most brilliantly but at the end of the day the visitors with nine men out still wanted 106 to avoid a follow-on. Hampshire managed to save the game on the Wednesday, but they could scarcely have done so had there not been an arrangement to draw stumps earlier than usual. A splendid stand by Wynyard and Webb, who added 162 for the second wicket, was the one feature of the cricket.

YORKSHIRE.

Mr. E. R. Wilson b Heseltine	5	S. Haigh b Wynyard	17
J. Tunnicliffe b Heseltine	16	Pollitt c Lee b Baldwin	51
E. Wainwright c Wynyard b Baldwin	10	L. Whitehead c Wynyard b Baldwin	54
Mr. F. Mitchell c Steele b Heseltine	15	D. Hunter not out	2
G. H. Hirst c sub. b Wynyard	131	B 12, l-b 6, w 1, n-b 1	20
Mr. T. L. Taylor b Wynyard	6		456
Mr. E. Smith c Webb b Tate	129		

HAMPSHIRE.

Capt. E. G. Wynyard c Mitchell b Wainwright	77	— c Hirst b Wainwright	71
V. Barton b Haigh	39	— c Mitchell b Haigh	5
A. Webb c Smith b Wainwright	11	— c Haigh b Tunnicliffe	89
Mr. D. A. Steele c Pollitt b Smith	10	— c Whitehead b Wainwright	15
Mr. C. H. Palmer c Tunnicliffe b Hirst	64	— lbw b Wainwright	0
Mr. C. Heseltine b Hirst	4	— c and b Smith	1
Mr. E. C. Lee c Mitchell b Hirst	0	— not out	14
Mr. C. E. C. Kendle c Taylor b Wilson	11	— not out	0
H. Baldwin c Tunnicliffe b Smith	3		
E. Tate run out	6		
T. Sutherland not out	12		
B 9, l-b 1, w 1, n-b 1	12	B 12, l-b 4, w 1	17
	249		212

HAMPSHIRE BOWLING.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Heseltine	28	2	103	3					
Baldwin	15·3	6	44	3					
Sutherland	21	5	78	0					
Wynyard	21	5	54	3					
Tate	25	5	65	1					
Steele	14	0	60	0					
Webb	10	3	24	0					
Lee	4	2	8	0					

YORKSHIRE BOWLING.

Wainwright	15	3	53	2		30	14	43	3
Smith	38	20	63	2		25	9	41	1
Hirst	18·4	6	40	3		17	8	23	0
Haigh	14	4	47	1		22	5	46	1
Wilson	8	3	15	1		8	2	19	0
Whitehead	11	4	19	0		9	2	17	0
					Tunnicliffe	6	3	6	1

Umpires : W. A. Woof and W. Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE v. M.C.C. AND GROUND.

Played at SCARBOROUGH, *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August* 28, 29, 30.—This match, arranged as usual as the opening fixture of the Scarborough Festival, was largely spoiled by the wet weather on the first two days, and there was never any real chance of a definite conclusion being arrived at. Leveson-Gower, the M.C.C. captain, took the risk of putting his opponents in, but the policy was not at first attended by success, as in the two hours and a quarter during which play lasted on Monday the county scored 158 for two wickets. On the Tuesday the Yorkshire innings was finished off for 237, and the Club, after losing half their side for 43, left off with 175 for the loss of seven wickets. The M.C.C. were set 128 to get in little more than an hour. When five wickets had fallen for 49 the game was abandoned.

YORKSHIRE.

Mr. F. S. Jackson b Young	13	— c Taylor b Young	9
J. Tunnicliffe c Carlin b Mead	74	— c Attewell b Mead	27
D. Denton c Carlin b Attewell	43	— c and b Jones	20
Mr. F. Mitchell b Mead	22	— c R. Foster b Carlin	24
E. Wainwright c Leveson-Gower b Young	10	— b Young	16
G. H. Hirst c and b Young	17	— not out	17
Mr. E. Smith c Gunn b Mead	17	— c Carlin b Young	29
S. Haigh c Carlin b Young	1		
Lord Hawke run out	9		
W. Rhodes b Mead	0		
D. Hunter not out	2		
B 14, l-b 2, w 3	19	B 2, l-b 1	3
	237		*145

* Innings declared closed.

M.C.C. AND GROUND.

Mr. F. L. Fane c Denton b Rhodes	13	— c and b Hirst	0
Mr. W. L. Foster b Haigh	22	— c Denton b Jackson	12
W. Gunn c Rhodes b Haigh	0		
Mr. A. O. Jones c Haigh b Rhodes	6	— not out	0
Mr. R. E. Foster b Haigh	0	— b Jackson	27
Mr. T. L. Taylor c Wainwright b Rhodes	41		
J. Carlin c Tunnicliffe b Rhodes	21		
Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower st Hunter b Rhodes	41		
W. Attewell c Smith b Wainwright	20		
H. Young b Haigh	54	— c and b Hirst	5
W. Mead not out	28	— b Hirst	0
B 7, l-b 2	9	B 4, l-b 1	5
	255		49

M.C.C. AND GROUND BOWLING.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Mead	33	15	55	4		19	3	44	1
Young	39.2	11	111	4		15.3	6	41	3
Jones	11	4	34	0		10	1	35	1
Attewell	8	5	18	1					
					Carlin	7	1	22	1

YORKSHIRE BOWLING.

Haigh	19	8	44	4					
Rhodes	38	9	111	5					
Wainwright	26	7	72	1					
Smith	9	4	19	0		3	2	4	0
					Jackson	11.1	3	13	2
					Hirst	8	2	27	3

Umpires : J. Wheeler and A. J. Riley.

G Pothitt – Ossett 1909

Chickenley 1st XI Ave – 00 – No Pothitt in one

Ave for 1908

1908 G Pothitt played for Chickenley
Batley Ave DDN 4 p 4 10 Sept 12
Dewsbury & Sandall CC Ave DDN 26 Sept p 12
Mirfield Ave " "
Yorkshire Fixture Table 3 Oct p back
Hopton Mills Ave
Thornhill CC Ave 17 Oct back
No Chickenley or Ossett Ave 1 end Oct

1907
Batley Ave DDN 21 Sept p 3
Dewsbury Ave 5 Oct p 3
Mirfield Ave 12 Oct p 9
Hopton Mills CC Ave 19 Oct p 6
Chickenley Ave " "

G Pothitt 18 1. 82
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1905
Batley CC Ave. DDN 16 Sept p 6
Dewsbury CC Ave DDN 30 Sept p 6
Burshall CC Ave "
Supplement – Hopton Mills p 12
Chickenley CC Ave DDN 7 Oct p 3 – No Pothitts

1906
Batley DDN 15 Sept p 8
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Burshall CC Ave "
Chickenley CC Ave DDN 8 Oct p 3

Mirfield 13 Oct p 12
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Hopton Mills 6 Oct p 12

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HITCHIN PITT CROSS BRIGADE C.C. v. UNIVERSITY PITT PRESS C.C., CAMBRIDGE.—Played at Hitchin on Saturday, August 20, the visitors winning by 35 runs. Score:—

BRIGADE C.C.

J. E. Tully, c Reeve, b Carter	16	A. O. Impey, c Reeve, b Fuller	2
W. Allen, c and b Fuller	49	F. Sharp, b Carter	3
F. Lees, c Carter, b Fuller	4	C. Chapman, not out	6
A. Nowling, l b w, b Fuller	7	H. Tonks, b Carter	0
C. Studman, b Carter	4	Extras	12
C. Easterfield, b Carter	11	Total	113
E. Buckle, b Carter	0		

PITT PRESS C.C.

A. Reeve, c Lees, b Easterfield	47	E. Ludman, b Tully	0
A. F. Howlett, c Lees, b Sharp	2	F. Rich, c Tully, b Studman	12
O. Wilson, c Lees, b Sharp	8	B. Whittaker, b Buckle	14
G. Fuller, l b w, b Tully	22	P. Phipps, b Lees	17
A. Bavey, l b w, b Buckle	6	G. Cannon, not out	12
T. Carter, b Buckle	0	Extras	16
		Total	148

THE STEVENAGE SCHOOL (LONG VACATION XI) v. STEVENAGE CHURCH LADS C.C.—Played on the school ground on Saturday, August 20, the latter winning by seven wickets. Score:—

STEVENAGE SCHOOL.

G. Warren, b Ansell	39	c Atterbury, b Leggate	16
C. Pointer, b Ansell	0	b Ansell	1
C. Ellis, b Roberts	7	c Poston, b Ansell	0
L. J. E. Atterbury, c Leggate, b Poston	1	not out	7
G. Mercier, b Poston	4	c Roberts, b Ansell	0
T. Faulkner, c Briars, b Jones	16	l b w, b Leggate	2
A. Pointer, run out	0	b Leggate	0
W. Jones, not out	3	c Ansell, b Leggate	3
H. Briars, c Leggate, b Jones	5	absent	—
A. Muirhead, b Jones	0	b Ansell	1
M. Cowderoy, b Ansell	0	run out	1
Extras	12	Extras	6
Total	87	Total	34

CHURCH LADS C.C.

A. Ansell, c Warren, b Jones	2	c Sub., b Warren	1
B. Leggate, run out	0		
E. Crouch, b Faulkner	14	c Atterbury, b Pointer	3
C. Poston, b Faulkner	1	c Sub., b Pointer	3
F. Hyde, c Pointer, b Faulkner	0		
F. J. E. Atterbury, b H. Briars	18	not out	42
Albert Roberts, b Warren	8	not out	2
J. Jones, b Faulkner	1		
J. Briars, b Faulkner	0		
J. Panter, b Muirhead	2		
M. Albone, not out	1		
Extras	2	Extras	14
Total	64	Total	65

WELWYN v. WATTON.—Played at Welwyn on Saturday, August 20. Score:—

WATTON.

J. Richards, c Manley, b Walby	0	Pegrum, b Walby	0
S. Elliott, b Walby	17	Dr. Hodges, b Blake	11
Mitchell, b Walby	0	Harris, b Blake	0
Borsins, b Hassard	0	Willis, b Dixon	5
Lawrence, b Walby	2	Morgan, not out	5
Rev. E. Collinson, b Blake	17	Extras	3
Iliffe, c Hassard, b Dixon	0	Total	65

WELWYN.

T. Hassard, b Elliott	3
G. T. Ansell, b Elliott	2
E. G. Blow, c Elliott, b Harris	26
M. Blake, b Richards	79
G. Dearmer, c Lawrence, b Borsins	28
A. Dixon, c Richards, b Willis	15
H. Manley, not out	14
L. Walby, b Willis	3
L. W. Braithwaite, c Lawrence, b Willis	0
R. Sawford, not out	10
Extras	22
Total	188

H. Camfield and E. Ward did not bat.

BIGGLESWADE v. ARLESEY.—Played at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 20, resulting in a win for the visitors by 29 runs. Score:—

ARLESEY.

C. Cox, st Marsom, b Richardson	44	C. Robinson, b Richardson	4
A. Page, c Lang, b Longley	3	S. Tew, b Longley	0
G. Finch, b Lang	4	F. Goodwin, st Marsom, b Richardson	0
A. Allen, l b w, b Longley	0	F. Wheatley, not out	0
J. Brown, c Daniels, b Richardson	13	Extras	4
S. Brown, b Longley	2	Total	71
W. Brady, c Daniels, b Richardson	0		

BIGGLESWADE.

J. J. Malden, b J. Brown	2	C. Marsom, b J. Brown	0
A. J. Richardson, l b w, b S. Brown	1	H. Wells, run out	0
S. Brown, b J. Brown	4	G. Smith, c and b Cox	1
F. H. Lang, b S. Brown	7	H. J. Caws, c Allen, b S. Brown	0
J. C. H. Daniel, b S. Brown	3	Extras	10
J. B. Jones, run out	2	Total	45
— Longley, not out	15		

BALDOCK v. STEVENAGE.—Played at Baldock on Thursday, August 18, the home team winning an exciting game by one run. For the home team Peck and Thompson batted well, as did also T. W. Ellis for the losers. C. J. Peck bowled well for Baldock, his analysis reading, 6 overs, 3 maidens, 6 runs, 4 wickets. Score:—

BALDOCK.

C. J. Peck, b Trendell	21	F. F. Cockburn, b Trendell	2
D. Ellingham, b Trendell	10	E. Ginn, c and b Sheldrake	3
J. A. Turnock, l b w, b Bigbley	1	J. W. Atkins, run out	0
O. C. Collinge, b Trendell	8	R. Thompson, not out	13
H. Hankin, c Franklin, b Sheldford	4	F. Scott, c Richards, b Wadsworth	6
F. W. L. Day, b Sholford	4	Extras	14
		Total	86

STEVENAGE.

R. Richards, run out	1	W. Shelford, c Turnock, b Hankin	7
R. Hankin, run out	8	H. J. Collinge, b Peck	8
Rev. H. Bigbley, c Thompson, b Hankin	5	C. Poston, c Collinge, b Peck	2
T. W. Ellis, c Hankin, b Peck	40	F. H. Potton, b Peck	0
W. H. Wadsworth, b Hankin	2	C. Ellis, not out	0
R. C. Trendell, b Ellingham	2	Extras	13
		Total	85

HITCHIN G.N.R. C.C. v. KING'S CROSS G.N.R. ENGINEERS C.C.—Played at Hitchin on Saturday, August 20, the home team winning by 32 runs. Score:—

HITCHIN G.N.R.

A. Hunt, c Richardson, b Saunders	1	F. Stapleton, c Richardson, b Crabb	4
F. Brown, c Richardson, b Kirby	0	W. Day, c Kirby, b Crabb	11
G. Gray, c Hatfield, b Saunders	4	G. Palmer, b Crabb	1
W. Pestell, b Richardson	17	J. Bonfield, not out	4
J. Norton, b Kirby	4	G. Humphries, b Richardson	5
J. H. Dennis, run out	9	Extras	7
		Total	72

KING'S CROSS G.N.R. ENGINEERS.

W. Saunders, b Brown	7	A. Stafford, b Brown	0
T. Crabb, run out	3	G. Andrews, c Norton, b Brown	0
G. Kirby, b Brown	9	— Mankelow, not out	5
T. Hatfield, c Stapleton, b Gray	0	A. Foskett, b Brown	0
F. Richardson, c Hunt, b Brown	5	— Drinkwater, b Brown	0
J. Summerhays, b Brown	5	Extras	7
		Total	40

STEVENAGE EXCELSIOR C.C. v. WESTON.—Played at Weston on August 20, the visitors winning by 38 runs. Score:—

EXCELSIOR C.C.

W. Shrouder, b Aylott	5	A. J. Hunt, b Bradbeer	0
W. Shelford, b Aylott	1	B. Norman, b E. Ginn	4
Dr. Richards, b Aylott	10	R. Phillips, b E. Ginn	0
G. Carpenter, c E. Ginn	7	H. Wray, not out	6
L. Palmer, c and b E. Ginn	47	Extras	2
H. Lloyd, run out	4	Total	91
H. Bolter, b Bradbeer	5		

WESTON.

C. Stratton, b Shelford	7	A. Payne, b Shelford	0
H. Ginn, b Shelford	6	J. Clements, c Norman, b Lloyd	1
E. Ginn, b Shelford	7	F. Field, not out	4
H. B. Bradbeer, c and b Shelford	0	J. Last, b Shelford	0
W. Aylott, b Shelford	1	Extras	4
H. Bygrave, b Lloyd	12	Total	63
E. Ginn, c Shelford, b Lloyd	17		

THREE COUNTIES BOYS v. G. WARREN'S STEVENAGE TEAM.—Played on the Asylum ground on Wednesday, August 17, the home side winning by seven wickets. Score:—

G. WARREN'S XI.

F. Atterbury, b N. Keenan	0	absent	—
G. Warren, b N. Keenan	2	b N. Keenan	46
F. Moules, c Albone, b N. Keenan	12	b N. Keenan	2
E. Pointer, c and b N. Keenan	1	c and b N. Keenan	0
P. Faulkner, b Lester	5	st Allen, b N. Keenan	0
C. Ellis, run out	0	b N. Keenan	4
E. Leete, run out	0	c M. Keenan, b N. Keenan	0
P. Allen, b Lester	27	c and b N. Keenan	1
A. Brown, c C. Keenan, b N. Keenan	0	st Allen, b N. Keenan	4
A. King, c Roberts, b Allen	0	c Tasker, b N. Keenan	2
W. Pike, not out	5	not out	9
Extras	9	Extras	3
Total	62	Total	71

THREE COUNTIES BOYS.

N. Keenan, b Faulkner	12	b Warren	5
W. Allen, run out	5	c Moules, b Faulkner	46
H. F. Lester, b Faulkner	25		
W. Albone, b Faulkner	2		
C. Keenan, b Faulkner	2	c and b Faulkner	7
B. Brown, b Pointer	11		
M. Keenan, b Faulkner	2	not out	3
H. Roberts, b Pointer	0		
A. Tasker, not out	6		
F. Templeman, c Warren, b Pointer	0		
H. Hastment, b Faulkner	1		
Extras	6	Extras	4
Total	74	Total	65

SANDY v. A LEYTON XI.—Played at Sandy on Monday, August 22. The visitors did not show very good form, and only made 37 against Sandy's 166. Score:—

SANDY.

F. H. Lang, c Penstone, b Bull	9	T. H. Haycraft, not out	52
S. Crawley, l b w, b Bull	6	J. H. Mead, jun., b Casbolt	4
J. B. Jones, b Bull	0	F. Western, b Cracknell	6
A. J. Richardson, b Casbolt	29	W. Kemp, b Bull	13
A. Bowers, b Penstone	1	J. Hunt, b Bull	4
J. C. Cobbs, c and b Penstone	13	Extras	10
		Total	166

LEYTON.

Mallett, b Bowers	3	Casbolt, run out	1
Penstone, b Haycraft	15	Macalister, not out	0
Bowles, b Haycraft	0	Evans, b Haycraft	0
Bull, b Bowers	9	Enstrip, b Haycraft	3
Snelling, b Haycraft	3	Extras	8
Wallis, c Lang, b Bowers	0	Total	37
Cracknell, c and b Bowers	0		

STANDON v. LITTLE HADHAM.—Played at Standon on August 17. Scores:—Standon, 84 and 20; Little Hadham, 47. F. Smith batted and bowled well for the home side, as did Saunders for Little Hadham.

G. Pollitt, of the Three Counties Asylum cricket eleven, played for Yorkshire second eleven against Norfolk at Scarborough on Friday and Saturday week, and with a well-made 51 was the second highest scorer on the home side. He hit one six—all run, the ball failing to reach the boundary on the leg side—and several fours and was unlucky not to make more runs, many hard hits which would have reached the boundary being smartly fielded by the Norfolk men. Pollitt's good batting in this match, following upon his excellent display in the Yorks and Notts colts match early in the season, gained for him much favourable comment in the Yorkshire newspapers—some of which, by the way, not slightly "mixed" in the information they gave concerning the Asylum batsman.

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The following is an extract from the *Leeds Mercury* of Monday:—"The purpose for which the Yorkshire second team matches are played—the development of young players who are thought might prove useful additions to the ranks of the county team—was to some extent very well served at Scarborough in the game with Norfolk, and those who had previously expressed a high opinion of H. Wilkinson's cricket, had abundant reason to be satisfied with their judgment. . . . Of the other batsmen, G. Pollitt, who was practically unknown, made most friends. He hails, we understand, from Chickenley, but is presently professional at Hitchin, some twenty odd miles from London. More vigorous in his style than Wilkinson, his hitting on Friday was always clean and well timed, and he was in no way indebted to fortune for his 51, which occupied him only five minutes over an hour."

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A writer in a north country paper says:—"The Harrogate and Cambridge cricketer, H. Wilkinson, along with Pollitt, who, though hailing from Chickenley, is engaged as professional at Hitchin, were very prominent in the Yorkshire second and Norfolk match. Wilkinson had hard lines to be run out when within one of the coveted century, whilst Pollitt played a fine innings of 51. Wilkinson has already obtained his College colours at cricket and football . . . . G. Pollitt distinguished himself a week or two ago by scoring 176 out of 275 (for three wickets), when playing for the Hitchin and Three Counties Asylum team against Potton, and he has an average of over 40. In the Yorkshire v. Notts Colts' match this year he was the second best scorer on the side of the Yorkshire youngsters. At Scarborough he was again second best scorer for the Yorkshire second team with 51, and got his runs in good style. The pick of the second team, and a number of other players highly commended for their club performances, are to take part in a special colts' match at Leeds on August 25 and 26, and those who show the most promising ability will doubtless be retained by the Yorkshire County Club with the view to future developments."

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 4 APRIL 1958.

One of Bedfordshire's most colourful cricket personalities, Mr. A. W. H. Poole, of Tettenhall, Days Lane, Biddenham, died on Wednesday morning, aged 81. Mr. Poole had been a member of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club for 62 years, and during that time had served in many capacities, including captain, vice-president, and, latterly scorer. He also served on the County Selection Committee and had been a member of the Minor Counties Cricket Association since 1934. Until his retirement he was Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures for Bedfordshire, and was the author of a standard text book on the subject. The funeral service takes place at St. James's Church, Biddenham, on Saturday at 12 noon.

100 years — the Captains

A. Parrott
H. S. Morris
H. E. Vipan
W. Rees
W. K. Roberts
F. W. Potter
R. D. G. Glascott
F. S. P. Saunders
H. B. Beddall
C. R. Hoskyn
A. L. Rogers
R. Maclear
C. Franklin
A. W. B. Gompertz
H. Willett
R. C. Stafford
A. V. Manton
A. Hall
A. Wesley
L. H. Nicholson
E. L. W. Cumming
S. D. Kitchener
F. G. Hore
L. A. R. Fensome
A. R. Alston
R. C. Brumwell
A. Marshall
W. A. Sime
J. G. Cook
R. Willsher
R. G. Furbank
G. Jenkins
J. F. Bance
A. C. Towell
T. R. Marshall
St L. H. Webb
P. Voyce
P. H. Avery
B. K. Williams
D. G. Perry
D. P. Rogers
R. J. Slaughter
P. D. Briggs
V. J. Lewis
J. M. Howard
R. M. Wilkinson
D. Jackson
N. O. Martin
G. N. Phillips
J. E. Mawle
I. G. Peck
A. M. Key

THERE were 52 elected captains of the Blues in their first 100 years. More than half of the total were former pupils of either Bedford School or Bedford Modern, or masters at one or other of them. An Old Bedfordian, W. A. Sime was elected a record five seasons in succession, another, D. P. Rogers was captain, with intervals, for five seasons. Two others, R. C. Brumwell and I. G. Peck were elected for four seasons in succession.

A. Parrott 1886-89

Alf Parrott was the club's first captain and he held office for three years, later to become secretary. An OBM, he was a master at the Modern School between 1878-1923 and coach in 1900. Prior to the formation of the new club he had been captain of the Swifts. He played half-back for Bedford at least 60 times in an era when seasons were fairly short.

H. S. Morris 1889-91

H. S. Morris was a master at Bedford Grammar School when Mr Phillpotts was the headmaster. He was a forward who first played in 1887, was captain for two seasons, and was still playing in 1893. When he retired, he continued as a vice-president for many years.

H. E. Vipan 1891-93

H. E. Vipan was the club's third captain. He was an OBM and subsequently became their first secretary. He was a member of the Swifts before the formation of Bedford. He taught at the Modern School and was a keen committee man and administrator, and one of Bedford's delegates at the formation of the East Midlands parent body.

W. Rees 1893-96

The man who had the distinction of captaining Bedford in its all-conquering season of 1893-94 was Billy Rees, an Old Bedfordian of Welsh extraction who practised as a solicitor in the town before returning to Wales. He was a small, fiery forward who made 134 appearances, seven of them between 1899-1902 while living in Wales. He stood down in his second term before returning for a third.

W. K. Roberts 1894-95

Bedford's fifth captain was W. K. Roberts, who took over when his predecessor resigned. One of the half-backs in the great team that beat the Barbarians, he was an OBM who made his debut in 1891 while still at school. The son of Sir Thomas Lee Roberts, he became a clergyman and was vicar of St Mark's, Mitcham. He played at least 64 times for Bedford and in 1914 he brought a first class side to the town to play in a charity match. They were all clergyman and contained internationals, calling themselves the London Clergy. W. K. Roberts also refereed a Bedford match in 1927.

F. W. Potter 1896-98

F. W. Potter was the club's sixth captain. An OBM, he made his debut while still at school and completed 128 appearances at full-back or centre, scoring 252 points. An excellent place kicker, he was the reserve England full-back in 1896 to J. F. Byrne of Moseley. He was a regular until 1898 when he went to Shanghai and became chief of the Shanghai Gas works. He returned to the town after 32 years and took a keen interest in the affairs of the club. The cap he was awarded in 1895 is still in the club's possession.

R. D. G. Glascott 1898-1900

When the Bedford Wanderers got into financial difficulty and joined the Bedford club, their captain, Dick Glascott, was immediately named Blues captain. He was a forward who took place kicks and was in the Wanderers' team that beat Northampton, then known as St James, at Franklins Gardens on the same day that Bedford beat Leicester at Goldington Road. An OBM, he made 94 appearances and became general manager of the Burma Railways.

F. S. P. Saunders 1900-02

The treasurer responsible for paying off the Wanderers' debts became the club's eighth captain. F. S. P. Saunders was a forward who captained the club for two seasons, standing down after getting married. He made 78 appearances in four seasons. His well prepared balance sheets for the period are still in the club's possession.

H. B. Beddall 1902-03

While H. B. Beddall was captain there is the first mention in the minutes of a selection committee. An OB, he was in the school team captained by Basil Maclear. He was a forward who made 39 appearances.

C. R. Hoskyn 1903-04

The club's tenth captain was C. R. Hoskyn, a forward who made 49 appearances. He took a keen interest in the 'A' team and is minuted as calling for all players to wear the correct team shirts. An OB, he became a surgeon and was decorated during the first world war for amputating a soldier's leg with 'improvised equipment' — a penknife.

F. W. Potter

from an attack of influenza. S. Abrahams at the 'Varsity sports was only beaten by a bare inch for first place in the long jump, but was in excellent form when representing C.U A.C. against the London Athletic Club, and cleared 21ft. 11in., which is the best jump recorded at Cambridge since the wonderful leap of 23ft. by Jones seven years ago. After this meeting he was awarded his "Full Blue," and jumps as first string against Oxford In the College sports he won the Hundred Yards, Quarter-mile and Long Jump, and A. Abrahams (O.B.M.) at the same sports was first in the Half-mile, the 150 Handicap, and third in the Quarter and Two Miles.

F. C. Evans (O.B.M.), who was in the First XI. in 1895 and 1896, and is now in Toronto, playing for Englishmen v. Canadians of Toronto, made 184 out of 230 for the first wicket—a Canadian record. In 25 innings, three times not out, he scored 1,292 runs, an average of over 58. He made four centuries, 170, 133 not out, 184, and 144. He is considered the best bat in Canada.

F. W. Potter (O.B.M.), who was in the First XI., 1890-1, is Captain of the Shanghai Cricket Club. In the Inter-Port Matches with Hong-Kong, he took 15 wickets for 183 runs.

The following teams of Old Bedfordians (Grammar and Modern) recently played "The Rest" at football in Shanghai. A. G. Denbigh (back), L. R. Wheen, A. F. Wheen, W. O. Lancaster, and S. O. Limby (three-quarters), R. M. Saker and T. Sayle (half-backs), P. Lancaster, J. E. Orr, W. H. Moule, R. Beere, A. Gilbert, H. Grayburn, H. Fowler, and P. Fowler, captain, (forwards). The O.B.'s won by two goals (one penalty) to nil.

The *Collectors' Magazine* for November contains the following obituary notice of an O.B.M. :—"A singularly-gifted amateur, and in all respects a man of rare parts, has passed away in the person of Mr. Frederick Vialls, who for forty years was Mathematical Master at Merchant Taylors' School. He was an accomplished water-colour artist, and won the Gold Medal at South Kensington in 1874; a violinist, who played in the first Handel Festival; and a welcome guest in literary circles. He was one of the most genial of men, who might, if he had chosen to do so, have aspired to high honours in the world of Art, and his death creates a void which it will, indeed, be difficult to fill."

We gather from the *China Dragon* that R. Bell-Kingsley, O.B.M., of the 2nd Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment, has been displaying hitherto unsuspected talent as the joint composer of the music of an extravaganza, entitled the "Dogs of Dagshai,"

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES : FRIDAY 19 JUNE 1964-5.

Three distinguished Old Bedford Modernians died recently in the space of two days. Brigadier-General H. C. Potter (1887-93) died at Cheltenham on June 10. A fine Rugby player and cricketer, captaining both, he was a veteran of three wars: South Africa, Sudan, and the 1914-18 war. He will be remembered for a memorable address at the speech day of 1926, and he was president of the OBM Club in 1913 and 1950. On the same day his life-long friend, Mr. L. H. Allen Pratt (1889-93) died, also at Cheltenham. He was a solicitor. Both were in their late 80s. The next day, at 3 Merton Road, Bedford, the Rev. Arthur Raley (1898-1906) died. He was two years in the cricket first XI, chaplain in the 1914-18 war, and served in the RAF in the 1939-45 war with the rank of Squadron-Leader.

G.O'B. POWER

First names in full: George O'Brien Power

Date of birth: 6. 2. 1914

Place of birth: Allahabad. United Provinces. INDIA.

School: Bedford School

University or college: NONE

Left or right-handed batsman Right Handed.

Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: Right Arm. Fast. Opening Bowler.

Year of first class debut: I think I played for Bedfordshire in 1931 or 32 & 33

Teams played for:

First class - ? Bedford School & Bedfordshire C.C. Calcutta C.C. The Forty Club (XL)

Second class - Hornsey C.C.

Others - Kodak C.C.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth) Rex Alston was the Master i/c the Cricket XI. and I've no doubt he will probably remember more clearly my debut for Bedfordshire and my 1st match was against Cambridshire at Cambridge and Rex was captaining the County. I may have got the odd wicket but what I remember most clearly was that I had a very respectable score and carried my bat for it may have been mid 40's. I played Rugby Football for Bedford R.F.C., Calcutta R.F.C., The Anglo Irish XV. The Rest of Ireland, East Midlands County R.F.C. Final Irish Trial 1938/1939.

Occupation: My brother James O'Brien Power also was a great sportsman and played Cricket for Bedford School, Rugby for Bedford RFC, East Midlands CRFC., The R.A.F R.F.C. And many Irish Trials some while he was still at School. My father also G.O'Brien Power was a great sportsman and hunter but I regret I cannot recall his playing in any representative sides in India as he was up country in the Indian Civil Service. Both my brother James and I boxed for the School & I represented my Regt 2 KRRC during the War. We both had colours for Athletic [illegible]

Thank you for your help.

Occupation With the KODAK Motion Picture Div (Cinema) 1933 to 1976 just retired after 43 years service War Service. M.B.E., Mentioned in Despatches. Commanded "J" Service 8th ARMY and later B.Det G.H.Q Liaison Regt (PHANTOM)

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M.D.PUGH O.B.E.

First names in full: Maurice Douglas.
Date of birth: Nov.9 I903
Place of birth: Bradford, Yorks.
School: Bedford Modern School.
University or college:

Left or right-handed batsman Right handed.
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: Medium pace right arm.
Year of first class debut:
Teams played for:

First class - I926 played for the Punjab XI v The firsr MCC touring side in India, captained by A.R.R.Gilligan.

Second class - Bedfordshire- I92I or I922

Others - Clubs. In England Incogniti- Cryptics.

In India. Lahore Gymkhana- Peshawar
Punjab. N.W.F.P.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

Rugby Football. Played for the East Midlands and Bedford RUFC

In India tennis, soccer and cricket played at good Club standard.

O.B.E. Awarded for out standing services to the Crown, especially during the period I939-47.

Indian Police Medal(For gallantry) Awarded for gallant action taken in dealing with a large scale Hindoo Muslim riot in Haripur Town, N.W.F.P.

Thank you for your help.

THE EAGLE (BMS MAGAZINE) 1924.

M. D. PUGH (1911-21), who is now an Assistant Superintendent of Police in charge of a fort at Lahore, distinguished himself greatly, according to the Indian papers, during the late inundations in the Punjab. "Floods in the Sutlej created a serious situation in three villages near Phillour, and an appeal for assistance was received by Mr. SLESSER, the officer commanding the Police Training School. Mr. Slesser called for volunteers, and 120 of the police offered their services. Two boats—the only ones available—were manned, and after several hours' dangerous and arduous work nearly 90 women and children were rescued from two villages, and by means of a hastily-constructed raft 17 persons were rescued from the third. Four Assistant Superintendents under training, Messrs. GARROD, DEASE, WOOD, and PUGH, are reported to have shown special gallantry in effecting the rescues, and it is considered that, but for the prompt action of the police, many lives would certainly have been lost." It is most pleasing to reflect that the deeds of BREARY and the HUDDLESTONES are still emulated by our younger Old Boys.

Talking of PUGH, we hear on very good authority—his own, in fact—that, as he is the only white man living in the fort, his most constant companion is a Rugger ball. With this he is to be seen every evening in the moat, running, dodging, feinting, and "dummying" against imaginary opponents. His men, not unnaturally, regard him as quite mad. He has also rigged up a gymnasium on his verandah, and plays tennis against a brick wall. So, when he comes home on leave we shall expect great things of him once more on the football field.

Bedfordshire Times: Friday 28 September 1923

MEN WHO COUNT.

["Bedfordshire Times" Photograph.]

V.—M. D. PUGH, O.B.M.

Congratulations to M. D. Pugh upon passing his Indian Police Force examination are very much tempered by the knowledge that this means that Pugh has played his last game for Bedford—at least for the next four years. It would be difficult to over-estimate all that the Bedford Rugby Club owes to Pugh in its upward climb back to its pre-war eminence. His return to the team last winter synchronised with the beginning of the improvement in the Club's fortunes. Brilliant individualist as he is, no one plays more whole-heartedly for his side, and no one is more popular alike with the Goldington Road crowd and his playing confreres. Few men can twist and change their direction in so small a space, and fewer still have that uncanny gift for piercing a defence in which there appears no suspicion of a chink. His presence in the three-quarter line has often been an inspiration to the other backs.

M. D. Pugh was born in Bradford, in 1903, but was only two months old when he was taken to the Malay States, where his father was an official of the State railway. In 1909 his mother and family came to Bedford, and "M. D." who was the youngest of the family, entered the Modern School in 1911, and remained until 1921. He had a distinguished career on the sports field, rivalling those of R. C. Stafford and H. L. V. Day. For five years he was a member of the cricket XI. and two years captain; four years in the XV. and two years captain; three years fives, and last year captain; Senior Athletic Champion 1921. Twice he has played for the East Midlands, ankle injury preventing him from playing in the later games last season. It was while he was still at School that he first donned the colours of the Bedford Club.

At cricket he is a more than useful bat. His best score for the School was 109 against the Old Boys, and his highest score since was the 119 he made for the Old Boys this summer against the School.

Goldington Road habitues will wish "M. D." a happy and prosperous future.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 1944.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN JOCELYN RADICE

Gallant and Devoted War Service

The death is announced of Capt. Jocelyn Fuller Dalrymple Radice (Jo), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fulke Radice, of Bedford. He died last month on detached service during operations against the enemy.

Capt. Jocelyn Radice was the grandson of the late Canon Jocelyn Speck, of St. Paul's, Bedford, and he was born at St. Paul's Vicarage on 8th September 1918. He was educated at Cheam Preparatory School and at Marlborough College, where he was Head of his House. He was a keen rugger player (late Blackheath), and excelled at cricket and rowing, and his house became cock house for the college.

During his two years at Brasenose College, Oxford, he boxed for the University. When the war came and he volunteered for service he received the war-time B.A. degree, and this year his M.A. Being a member of the University Cavalry O.T.C. on the outbreak of war, he was posted as a cadet officer to the Equitation School at Weedon, with a commission in the Wiltshire Yeomanry; he later transferred to the Queen's Bays Royal Armoured Corps and went with the Regiment to the Middle East.

A MISSION TO RUSSIA

In November 1941 Capt. Radice went with a mission to the Russian Army, returning to his regiment to take part in all the Eighth Army desert campaigns. He was wounded in the Battle of Knightsbridge. Returning to the desert in time to take part in the Battle of El Alamein, he received further wounds, but recovered to take part in all the heavy fighting of the North African campaign with the division which took Tunisia.

Capt. Jocelyn Radice, with the permission of his Colonel, then volunteered for special work in the Middle East. Volunteers then being required for another theatre of war, Capt. Radice again offered himself and gave his life while engaged in this service.

Capt. Radice's second brother, Capt. Henry L. T. Radice, of the Gloucestershire Regiment, is in the Far East and has been away for three years, taking part in the Burma campaign and in the fighting retreat out of Burma. The youngest brother is a cadet R.A.F.V.R., and is on his way overseas to complete his training.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 1968.

Join up — for tilt at County

THE newly-formed Bedfordshire Cricket Association will play a match against a Bedfordshire eleven on the first Sunday in May next season. The team will be selected from clubs who have affiliated to the association, one more good reason for "coming across" with that £2 affiliation fee. The game will be at Goldington Bury.

So far only 23 clubs have affiliated and I would strongly urge those who have not joined this new cricketing "parliament" to do so (writes Douglas Bowker). Clubs can receive nothing but benefit from doing so.

What are these benefits? Mr. J. G. Dunbar, secretary of the National Cricket Association and assistant secretary of MCC, sums it up this way.

"For the first time cricketers, at whatever level, will be entitled to a voice in the management of the game. They will have a greater opportunity to get together to pool their resources of knowledge and enthusiasm; to work as an entity; to compete with the demands of other sports and outdoor leisure pursuits; to tackle the problem of persuading the youngster to anchor his loyalties to the game."

Coaching

Bedfordshire — incidentally the first county to form an association — have not disclosed their plans yet. "But we have many ideas," said chairman Mr. Sid Morris this week, "and we are busy thrashing them out."

Obviously coaching will be high on the new association's list, and I understand that Mr. Morris, together with Bedfordshire and former Notts cricketer, Geoff Millman, are to take a course at Haylands sports hall. A fixtures bureau, help with pitches and kit, are other possible ways the association can help.

Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association is Mr. Fred Paice, who does so much good work with the Bedford and District Cricket League.

● Mr. Morris has recently passed the advanced cricket coaching course at Lilleshall. The certificate authorises him to "teach and coach all aspects of the game to an advanced standard." On the same course was Geoff Boycott, the England and Yorkshire cricketer.

Groundsman for 34 years

Head groundsman at Bedford School, Mr. George Rainbow, of 62 High Street, Oakley, died on Tuesday evening. He was 58. Mr. Rainbow had been off work for two weeks with heart trouble but had "looked in" at the school on the day of his death.

It is unlikely that anyone locally knew more about the preparation of wickets than Mr. Rainbow, and a schoolboy retrieving a rugby ball from the cricket square in winter did so on tiptoe!

Known familiarly to schoolboys and cricketers as "George", Mr. Rainbow had worked on the school ground for 34 years, succeeding Mr. Tom Shaw as head groundsman some twelve years ago. He was highly respected and liked by all.

Mr. Rainbow is survived by his wife. The funeral will be at Bedford crematorium tomorrow at 11.30.

D S RANDALL

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY CRICKETERS : INFORMATION FORM

Surname:

First names in full: DOUGLAS STANLEY RANDALL.

Date of birth 17/2/1917.

Place of birth: LUTON

Schools attended: DUNSTABLE ROAD LUTON up to the age of ten/eleven then LUTON MODERN SCHOOL PARK SQUARE LUTON.

College/~~university~~:

Left or right handed batsman: RIGHT (and left on occasions)

Type of bowler and arm: Left arm - medium paced.

Year of debut for Bedfordshire: 1932/3.

Bedfordshire clubs played for:

LUTON TOWN

BEDS COUNTY.

Other clubs:

Other sports played: Most indoor sports. especially Table Tennis He + Dennis Ironmonger were undefeated double champions in Bedfordshire for 25 years.

Occupation: Solicitor

Other information of interest
eg well-known relatives, awards, etc:

Date of death: 3/11/2000.
Place of death: Isle of Man.
Thank you for your help

(Completed by Rex Randall - Brother and nearest 24.2.01).

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 23 MARCH 1951.

Local Obituary

FORMER N.F.U. CHAIRMAN

Mr. Clifford Rawlins

Mr. Clifford Rawlins, of Mayfield Lodge, Biddenham, member of the well-known farming family, died in a Bedford nursing home on Tuesday at the age of 40. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rawlins of Home Farm, Cardington, Mr. Rawlins had been farming since he left Wellingborough School.

He was a former Chairman of Bedford Branch of the National Farmers' Union, and a former Chairman of the Horticultural Committee of the Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire Branch of the Union. Mr. Rawlins also served on the Union's County Executive Committee. Ill-health caused him to give up this public work.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Rawlins had played a number of times for Bedford R.U.F.C., being a light but lively forward, and for Bedfordshire as a cricketer. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Anne Simpson, and two young children, Judy and Tessa.

The funeral service is on Thursday at 3.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Bedford.

RAWLINS.—On 20 March 1951, at a Bedford nursing home, Clifford, dearly loved husband of Annie E. A. Rawlins, Mayfield Lodge, Biddenham, Bedfordshire, aged 40 years. Funeral service to-day (Thursday), 3.30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Church, Bedford.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 9 AUGUST 1940 - 1.

COUNTY CRICKETER MARRIED

Fashionable Wedding at St. Andrew's, Bedford

A wedding of considerable interest to Bedfordshire sportsmen took place at St. Andrew's Church, Bedford, on Saturday, when Miss Annie Eva Aileen Simpson, elder daughter of Mrs. Charles Young Simpson of 29 Pemberley Avenue, Bedford, was married to Mr. Clifford Rawlins, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rawlins of Home Farm, Cardington.

Mr. Rawlins is a member of the well-known Bedford sporting family and has on several occasions played with the Bedfordshire County Cricket eleven. He is also a popular Rugby footballer. His bride has numerous sporting interests, for she serves on the committee of the Bedford Lawn Tennis Club and is a director of the Bedford Squash Club. Among her war-time activities she is a billeting officer.

The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Thornton-Down and the bride's music tutor, Mr. H. J. Colson, F.R.C.O., was at the organ.

Mr. Oliver Newcomb, a friend of the couple, was best man, and the groomsmen were Dr. J. E. Dunlop (brother-in-law of the bride), Mr. F. Rawlins (brother of the bridegroom) Mr. Michael Daniel, Mr. Dennis Coleman, and Mr. H. A. N. Tebbs (friends).

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. C. G. Simpson, was attired in a dress of parchment and gold lamé poult de soie, cut with draped neckline, and long sleeves. Her head-dress was of gold tinted pearl and orange blossom with parchment veil. She carried a bouquet of cream roses and white heather.

A pretty bridal retinue consisted of two matrons of honour, three bridesmaids, and a page. The matrons of honour were Mrs. Dunlop (sister of the bride) and Mrs. Issard-Davies (friend of the bride). Miss Cecile Wardle (friend of the bride) was chief bridesmaid, the other two being Miss Blanche Rawlins (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Freda Mercer (friend of the bride). They were all dressed in deep sapphire blue satin Erika picture frocks with short puffed sleeves. Their head-dresses were of deep cream rosebuds, and they carried bouquets of similar flowers.

The page-boy, Master Anthony Simpson (nephew of the bride) was clad in a blouse of cream crêpe exquise, worn over short trousers of sapphire blue satin Erika.

The bride's mother was dressed in black georgette, with pleated skirt and hand embroidered bodice. Over this she wore a cape of pleated georgette, fastened by a spray of mixed flowers. Mrs. Rawlins wore an ensemble of silk d'Apogni in French beige, embroidered in self-colour.

Many friends were entertained at a reception held in the home of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Rawlins left for their future home at 29 Hillfield Court, Belsize Avenue, N.W.3.

Bridal gown and frocks by Dust's.

Bedfordshire Times: Friday 8 September 1961.-4.

DEATH OF MR. C. W. RAWLINS

After being in failing health for most of this year, Mr. Charles William Rawlins, Home Farm, Cardington, died on Tuesday. He was 87. Mr. Rawlins was well known for his horse racing connexions and named most of his horses after the village of Cardington. The best known of these was probably Cardington King, which won many races and ran fourth in the 1948 Derby.

Born at Blunham, Mr. Rawlins left the village in his teens to work as a pit boy at Hickleton Main Colliery, Yorkshire. He returned to Bedfordshire and rented a few acres to start farming on his own account. His farming interests prospered over the years until he was farming more than 1,000 acres, with farms at Biddenham and Cardington.

Apart from his racing interests, Mr. Rawlins was also a keen bowler and was a member of Bedford Club for many years.

In his younger days he was an enthusiastic cricketer and a fine golfer. He captained Blunham Cricket Club for several seasons and was a member of the Bedfordshire Golf Club.

The funeral service will be at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, today (Friday).

Bedfordshire Times: Friday 20 May 1960-2

GREAT LOVE OF CRICKET

Death of "Sankey" Redman

Mr. Fred Redman, a man whose great interest in life was cricket and who, in his time, had played cricket for Bedfordshire and Rugby for Bedford, died in Bedford General Hospital on Saturday, aged 79.

Mr. Redman, of 46 Howbury Street, Bedford, was well known in the Bedfordshire world of cricket and he was still playing when he was almost 50. He went under the name of "Sankey" Redman and it is by this name that many older cricketers will no doubt remember him.

He was a wood turner by trade and carried on his own business. He had lived in the County all his life, being born at Cranfield. He had been in Bedford for almost 70 years.

In addition to playing cricket for the County, Mr. Redman was a keen player with the Phygtle Works team and he also played for and against many village teams. He also played Rugby for both the Town and the Athletic clubs.

Mr. Redman is survived by his wife. The funeral service was held yesterday (Thursday) at Bedford Cemetery.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 1 JUNE 1956-2.

A GRAND ALL-ROUND SPORTSMAN

The Late Mr. G. U. A. Read

Mr. G. U. A. Read, of Pavenham, better known to his many friends as "Daddy" (a name conferred on him by the famous Rugby half-back of the 'nineties, the Rev. W. K. Roberts), died from a heart attack on Sunday afternoon on a bus travelling from Bedford to Pavenham. He was in his 73rd year.

In "Daddy" Read Bedfordshire loses a stalwart—a real, all-round sportsman, one who in his square-built and sturdy body, his courage, tenacity, and sincerity, typified the ancient, enduring powers and virtues of the English yeoman. He had long suffered from intermittent heart trouble and he knew, and his friends knew, that he was, so to speak, walking on a knife-edge. Yet he went on unconcernedly with his work, carrying heavy weights almost every day, calm and unafraid.

He was a bachelor and a teetotaller, and had not much tenderness towards tobacco, but he found many other things to sweeten his life. He was a true countryman in that he could always find interest in the soils and the seasons, the winds and the weather, the trees and the birds; a true sportsman in his abiding love for Rugby football and cricket even after he had grown too old to play them; and though he had lived alone, after the death of his parents, in the house in which he was born, he was no recluse, but a cheery and hospitable soul, with a real sense of humour and a rich store of old Pavenham tales.

"THEY SHALL NOT PASS"

He was the son of Mr. James Read, the leading master matmaker and rush merchant of Pavenham. At an early age he went to Bedford Modern School. Being fond of games and exceptionally strong, he soon made a name for himself at football and cricket, getting his colours both in the XV and the XI. He was in the unbeaten team of 1900, kicking a great number of dropped and placed goals. He acquired his skill at dropping goals by practising kicking over a lofty barn belonging to his father till he could bang the ball over with either foot.

Not long after leaving school, Read was playing regularly at full-back for the Bedford Rugby Club. He was a first-class kick and a deadly, crouching tackler, with a "smother" like that of H. T. Gamlin. The only thing he lacked was speed, owing to his short legs. Still, it was wonderful how by intelligent anticipation he could intercept fleet three-quarters and bring them down. He could place goals from half-way, and it is said that in this valuable art he found an apt pupil in H. L. V. Day, of B.M.S., Leicester, and England, who by his tremendous kicking won the match for England against France in 1922.

Besides serving the Bedford Club well for several seasons Read played for East Midlands and sometimes for Northampton, in whose ranks his younger brother, Gregory, subsequently figured. In 1905 he played for London v. Leicester (an International Trial) and was reserve for another one, North v. South.

HOW HE BEAT THE "SAINTS"

Read was fond of relating how in one game in the West Country, where Bedford had ventured for the first time and had encountered Gloucester in the zenith of their glory, the Bedford defence was being riddled and tries were being scored every five minutes and things were getting desperate. "Daddy" was having a rough passage, but at last a touch of Bedfordshire cunning came to his aid. "I knew we couldn't keep 'em out," he said, "so every time I got the ball I banged it over a wall into the road outside, knowing it would take them two or three minutes to get it back again." (Apparently in those days spare balls were not kept behind the touch-line.)

On retiring from active football Read acted as a sort of unofficial trainer and adviser to the Bedford team. Through a profound study of the Rugby game he had gained an unrivalled knowledge of its tactics and strategy. His greatest, and perhaps most pleasing, success in this direction was attained when, by his intelligence and study of his opponents' weak points, he got together a young team, some of them mere lads, to play Northampton, who had beaten Bedford time after time over several years. He pointed out to his men (or boys) that many of the Northampton people were getting old, and that Bedford's only chance was to run them off their legs.

In the pavilion before the game he met Harry Weston, the old International, who playfully said, "Well, Read, how much shall we beat you by today?". "You won't beat us," replied Read, "we're going to win." "Don't talk nonsense," said Weston. "All right," rejoined Read; "you will talk differently after the match." And after the match Weston had to confess that he had "talked unadvisedly with his lips".

HIS PRIZE RABBITS

Almost to the end Read maintained his interest in the Rugby game; but towards the end his eyesight became very poor and he could hardly see what was going on. Several years ago he took up rabbit breeding, and soon became a successful and well-known breeder. His bunnies won prizes at all the best shows, and he sold some of them quite advantageously.

One of his particular crafts was the pruning of fruit-trees, and he was in frequent demand throughout the district by people who knew of his exceptional skill in this direction.

There is no space to dwell upon "Daddy" Read's cricket exploits. He was an all-rounder, being a clever bowler as well as a resolute, punishing batsman. He played cricket for many years and on several occasions had turned out for Bedfordshire.

Everyone in Pavenham will miss his familiar figure. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. H. E. Boyd, of Rowley's Close, Pavenham, and by his younger brother, Mr. J. G. Read, of Sharnbrook.

C.N. REED

First names in full: CYRIL. NORMAN. REED.
Date of birth: 10th July 1906.
Place of birth: POONA, INDIA
School: BEDFORD SCHOOL.
University or college: NIL.

Left or right-handed batsman RIGHT-HANDED BAT.
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: SLOW RIGHT HAND OFF SPINNERS.
Year of first class debut:
Teams played for:
First class -

Second class -
BEDFORDSHIRE.
Others -
Played most of my Cricket in INDIA & MALAYA.
Played for MADRAS STATE & Captained the Europeans in the Presidency Match.
Collected 218 runs in the F.M.S.-Colony match in Malaya (Still a record, I believe.)

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)
Played most games reasonably - I'm told.

Occupation: Retired.

Thank you for your help.
Off to India to-morrow, will see the 3rd & 4th Tests.
All the best.
C N Reed

AEL ERNEST BARLEN
)rary Vice President of the OB Club)
9 April, 1930
)l staff 1956 to 1990
l Master 1988 to 1990)
24 September, 1991

ARD LAWRENCE COLVIN
1902
: School 1915 to 1922
September 1989

RLES MAURICE ANTHONY DUDENEY
3 April 1920
: School 1927 to 1939
12 September, 1991
III, School Fencing Team, Captain of the
)asium, Head of School.

ERT FRANCIS JACOB
: School from 1922 to 1926
March 1990

. MACAULEY JOHNSTON
21 January 1908
: School from 1919 to 1926
7 April 1991

ICELOT THOMAS GEORGE RICKETTS
15 November 1903
: School from 1912 to 1921
16 April 1991

I FOUNTAIN STEIN
15 August 1944
: School from 1951 to 1962
25 October 1990

EL BRYAN KNOX TOWNSEND
22 October 1927
: School from 1936 to 1945
2 May 1991

FIELD LUCAN HALL WALSHE
9 February 1913
: School from 1926 to 1932
23 August 1991

. BROMILOW COOK
: School 1912 to 1915
14 August, 1991 (aged 91)
leaving the School, Cyril joined Brunner
d & Co. (now ICI). He served in the Royal
: Corps from 1917–1919, then rejoined
China in 1919, working his way up to
)an of ICI (China) Ltd in 1954. He also
d as Director of ICI (Japan) Ltd, and was
)inted Director of the Hongkong &
)hai Bank.

)l CHARLES LIGHTBROWN OAKLEY
15 October 1919
e School from 1931 to 1938
17 July 1991
following is an extract from his local
r:
)neral service was held in St Catherine's
ch, Blairgowrie, on Monday for Lt Col
es Lightbrown Oakley, of Wagtails, Blair-
Drive, Blairgowrie, who died on Wednesday last week (July 17); he was 71.

'At the service a close friend, Major Pat Henderson, said the life of Lt Col Oakley was a life full of action and achievement, and blessed by a happy marriage.

'Lt Col Oakley was born in India, then went to Bedford School. He was a brilliant cricketer, captaining the school team, and his batting records stand to this day. He was also an outstanding rugby player.

'He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery, in which he served for 36 years. He saw active service first in war-time France, later in Palestine and North Africa, Cyprus, Germany, and the USA.

'Before retiring in 1974, he was posted to the Outer Hebrides and Perth. It was at this time that he developed a deep love for Scotland and decided, with his wife Barbara, to retire to Rosemount.

'He soon made many close friendships and took a keen interest in all field sports, accompanied by his dog, Rocket, but golf was his main interest. He was a member of Blairgowrie, the Royal and Ancient, and the British Seniors. His golf, when he retired, was of a high standard, and he played off a six handicap. 'He ran the Royal Artillery golf in Scotland, and arranged a number of other competitions.

'Always ready to give anyone a helping hand with any worthwhile cause, his cheerful disposition and joviality made him a much sought-after companion.

'He is survived by his wife Barbara, two daughters, Charmian and Cherry, and a son, Charles, also in the Army.'

CYRIL NORMAN REED
Born 10 July 1906
At the School from 1920 to 1925
Died 26 July 1991
Cyril spent his early childhood days in India. After the First World War he returned with his family to Bedford, where he finished his education. He became a Sergeant CCF, Senior Monitor, and Head of Crescent. Cyril also started to make a name for himself as an all-round games player. He was Captain of Cricket and Vice-Captain of 1st XV Rugby.

After leaving the School, he joined the Commercial Union Insurance Company and, after a short period of working in England, he was posted to India – firstly to Bombay, then to Karachi, and on to Lahore. He was then moved to Penang, and during his time there he achieved the highest ever score in a cricket match. His final move was to Madras, where he stayed until his retirement from Commercial Union. At one period he was elected President of the British Insurance Companies in India.

After his retirement Cyril still continued to play cricket and tennis and even played squash into the 1970s. In addition, he had become greatly interested in horses, and he jointly owned a stud farm, breeding and training horses in southern India, before returning to this country.

Cyril was always very much a family man, and after his wife Ena's death in July 1990, his health deteriorated rapidly. He leaves three married daughters and five grandchildren.

Dr HERBERT JOHN WILSON
Born 4 April 1913
At the School from 1927 to 1930
Died 15 October 1990 at Budleigh Salterton
After leaving School, Jack went to America and graduated at Philadelphia in 1935, as a Doctor of Osteopathy. He returned home and practised in Birmingham from 1936 to 1964, apart from four years in the RAF in the Middle East during the Second World War. In 1964, he moved to the West Country and practised in Budleigh Salterton until 1987, when ill health forced him to retire.

R.A. Fennemore, The Head Master, Dr Sandra Evans, M.W.L. Morris and W.A. Thorn at the Harpenden Party

Address in OBC Registers M School 1920-1925

1947 c/o C.U. Assurance Co Ltd, Madras, India
1950 Ditto

H R Rennie

Hugh Robert Born 25 July 1892 20 Connaught Road, Hove, Sussex
Father Hugh Rennie, Marine Engineer; Mother Alice Rennie, formerly Moseley residing at Albert Villa, Gallow Hill, Dunoon, Argyle and Bute, Scotland.
Died of wounds 10 July 1918 [Poznan?] Poland.

Type of player [Batsman and bowler]

Education Bedford County School [1906-1910]; Cricket XI [1907-1910]
In 1911 he was working as a Junior Clerk in [ ], Middlesex

Main Team **Bedfordshire 1910** – One championship match v Norfolk at the Bedford Grammar School Ground on Thursday 14, Friday 15 July batting seventh in order and scoring 4 and a duck, holding one catch dismissing G W Birkbeck off H R Orr, and in only innings bowling fourth in order with 10 overs, 2 maidens, conceding 34 runs and taking no wicket.
Served in France and was a Sergeant before he was commissioned in the L-S- in 1917.

Other Teams Not known
Enlisted as Private 3889 in early 1915 and was in the 2nd Battalion.

Military Career Second Lieutenant 14th Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish); attached Cameron Highlanders. ~~Captured by Germans, died of wounds~~ Wednesday 10 July 1918. Buried in Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland - Grave 1.A.2.
He was (a) (B)
(a) He was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans on 4 March 1918 and he died

D F Roberts
(B) He is commemorated on both the L-S- National Memorial at Whitehall and the War Memorial which hangs in Christ Church, Southgate

Donald Farquarson Born 27 March 1892 Braemar, Elmbourne Road, Streatham, Surrey,
Father Arthur Henry Roberts, Colonial Merchant; Mother Emilie Roberts, formerly Nicholls
Killed in action 20 November 1917 and commemorated on Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, France. [Both Donald and his parents are listed as having the surname Farquarson-Roberts in 1917.]

Type of player [Not known]

Education St George's School, Windsor Castle [/ -1908?]
Bedford Grammar School 1908-1911; Cricket XI [1910-1911]

Main Team Bedfordshire 1912 – one championship against Norfolk at Norwich on Friday, Saturday 23,24 August scoring 1 and 8 with no catches and did not bowl.

Other Cricket Teams [Not known]

Other Sports Rugby for Bedford and Rosslyn Park

Military Career He enlisted as a private in the Public Schools Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, and obtained his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the East Surrey Regiment in May 1915. He went to the front in France in March 1916. He was promoted Lieutenant and Acting Captain in September 1916 and Captain in March 1917. He was killed in action on the first day of the First Battle of Cambrai, France on 20 November 1917. The battle is widely regarded as being significant because of it saw the first successful use of tanks, and the breeching of the Hindenburg line. His name is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, France. He was awarded the Military Cross posthumously, it being gazetted on 1 January 1918.

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Finborough Rd, Kensington. His parents were Frederick William Redfern (cloth merchant) and Lydia Mary (nee Brown). He waas educated at Elstow 1898/9 and was a member of school cricket XI. He worked for Lynch Bros, London (Shipping Agents) and was sent out to Persia between 1904 and 1910 as their representative there. He learnt Persian, Arabic and French. He married Elizabeth Annie Richardson (Elsie) in 1912 in Leire. They had 2 children, the elder died in 1915. Lived in Leire and London, and had various business ventures. He was mobilised into Royal Engineers, Motor Cycle Section in 1916 and applied to the Army to make use of Persian experience. He rose rapidly to Acting Sergeant. Whilst in transit, as part of Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force, he was transferred to South Persian Rifles in 1917 on temporary commission as Second Lieutenant. He was posted to Basra where he was taken ill during reconnaissance work and died in Basra hospital due to 'the effects of heat' on 15th July, 1917. He was entitled to the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

RENNIE	**Hugh Robert**	Second Lieutenant, 14th Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish) attatched Cameron Highlanders. Captured by Germans, died of wounds Wednesday 10th July 1918. Buried in POZNAN OLD GARRISON CEMETERY, Poland. Grave I. A. 2.
ROSS	**L**	No further information currently.
ROUTLEDGE	**John Frederick**	Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers. Killed in action Sunday 23rd September 1917. Age 33. Husband of Evelyn Routledge, of "Thornhill," Boxwell Rd., Berkhamsted, Herts. No known grave. Commemorated on TYNE COT MEMORIALZonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 19 to 23 and 162
SMITH	**Arthur Johnathan**	[Jonathon spelt Johnathan on CWGC & SDGW] Second Lieutenant, 36th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Killed in action 28th March 1918 in France & Flanders. Age 33. Son of Arthur Smith, of Yardley Gobion, Northants, and the late Amy Smith; husband of Marion Alice Smith. Buried in BOUCHOIR NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, Somme, France. Grave II. D. 138. See Yardley Gobion

Behind the church is a family grave:

AMY, WIFE OF ARTHUR SMITH
DIED MARCH 12 1926 Aged 66.

PEACE PERFECT PEACE

AND OF THE ABOVE ARTHUR SMITH
DIED APRIL 3 1939 AGED 81

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBERANCE

VICTOR WESTON SMITH
DIED NOV 7 1923 AGED 36.

AND OF
ARTHUR JONATHON SMITH
Lieut. M.G.C. KILLED AT
ERCHES. BOUCHOIR. FRANCE
MARCH 27 1918 AGE 33

Extract from *De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour* Volume 2, Part 4, Page 188:

SMITH, Arthur Johnathan - 2nd Lieut, Machine Gun Corps.

Eldest son of Arthur Smith of Stonebank, Yardley Gobion, co. Northampton, by his wife, Amy, Dau. of H. Weston, of Hartwell,

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY 1938.

DEATH OF MR. R. W. RICE

A Loss to Cricket and to Bedford School

A NOTABLE CAREER

It was with the deepest regret that Bedford people heard of the death on 11th February of Mr. Reginald William Rice, of 39 De Parys Avenue. He died in a nursing home after an operation at the age of sixty-nine.

Mr. Rice was an assistant master at Bedford School for thirty-four years. He came to Bedford in 1897 with a fine reputation as a first-class cricketer, being a member of the Gloucestershire eleven in the great days of that County's cricket, and his activities both on and off the field to further the interests of the game in Bedfordshire will not soon be forgotten. For several seasons he played for Bedfordshire; after he retired from county cricket a keen interest in the County Club's fortunes remained with him until his death. As Vice-Chairman for several years he rendered the Club valuable service, and this was recognized in 1936, when he was appointed Chairman in succession to Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard. Mr. Rice retired from scholastic duties in 1931, but he continued to live in De Parys Avenue.

PLAYED CRICKET WITH DR. GRACE

Born at Tewkesbury, the late Mr. Rice was a scholar of Jesus College, Oxford, and took honours in the classical schools. He played cricket for Gloucestershire in 1890, three years before being given his Oxford Blue by L. C. H. Palairet. Both Universities were very strong at that time, but Cambridge won by 266 runs.

A steady batsman with an admirable defence, Mr. Rice played for Gloucestershire until 1903, and when at his best he often opened the innings with W. G. Grace. He made some centuries, but never played a more valuable innings than his 82 not out at Bath in 1900. Having gone in first with 210 runs wanted for victory, Rice was missed in the slips when the game was a tie, and the ball went to the boundary, so Gloucestershire won by one wicket six minutes from time.

Mr. Rice rowed in the College torpids in 1892, and also played Soccer, hockey, and other games. During his early years in Bedford he played for the Bedford Hockey Club.

CRICKET'S HEY-DAY RECALLED

Mr. Rice's first mastership was at Forest School, Essex, where he spent two years before coming to Bedford School in 1897. During the vacations he was still assisting the Gloucestershire Club, but later, from 1904 to 1909, he played regularly for Bedfordshire, frequently opening the County's innings with H. J. Hodgkins, another old Gloucestershire cricketer. Those times were the hey-day of Bedfordshire cricket. Under the captaincy of Mr. H. R. Orr, O.B., the County eleven was second in the Minor Counties Championship in 1906. Members of that great side included George Wharmby, "Tom" Brown, and the brothers Peel. Through indifferent health Mr. Rice retired rather early from county cricket, but his active association with the game he loved so much was maintained until about ten years ago. He played for the Club and Ground, against Bedford School for the Masters, and in various other games.

Mr. Rice's best innings for Bedfordshire was against Hertfordshire in 1904, when he made 122 not out. In that season he made 291 runs in county cricket and averaged 36.37 runs an innings. A year later his county average dropped to 18.3, but in 1906 he scored 335 runs for Bedfordshire, averaging 35.5 runs. For the Club and Ground he scored an average of 89.5 runs each match in that season. In 1908 his County average was again 35.5, scoring 284 runs altogether.

At the School Mr. Rice was cricket master until 1927, and for a large part of that time he had charge of the School field.

Mr. Rice took his B.A. degree in 1895 and his M.A. four years later. As a master he specialized in Latin, English, and History, but he taught many other subjects. For about seven or eight years he taught the Remove Form in which boys are prepared for their leaving certificate examinations, and his work here had consistently good results.

Mr. Rice was actively concerned for a number of years with the welfare of blind people, and was a Vice-President of the Bedford General Library.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service took place in Bedford School Chapel early on Monday morning, and cremation followed at Golders Green. Mr. Rice's old cricketing friend, the Rev. R. H. Moss, conducted the service, and Dr. W. Probert Jones was the organist for the singing of the hymn "For all the Saints". Mr. Moss, an Oxford Blue fast bowler, who also played for Bedfordshire, was Rector of Bletsoe from 1899 to 1913 and Vicar of Woburn in the two following years. He is now Rector of Icomb, Stow-on-the-Wold.

The chief mourners were Mrs. R. W. Rice (widow), Miss Joy Boucher (goddaughter), Mr. E. C. Rice (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jessop (nephew and niece), Mrs. Constance Hughes (cousin), and Mr. J. E. Renwick (friend). Mrs. W. E. Boucher (sister-in-law) was unable to attend through illness.

Bedford School was represented by the following: Mr. H. Grose-Hodge (Head Master), Mr. H. A. Henderson (Vice-Master), the Rev. H. C. Perry, the Rev. K. Wilbé Jones, Mr. A. R. Alston (also representing Mr. Henry Grierson and Capt. Charles Stevens), Mr. R. J. Atkinson, Mr. H. Boys-Stones, Mr. N. E. Browning, Mr. O. V. Bevan, Mr. H. D. Carr, Mr. F. J. Cummins, Mr. C. W. Hansel, Mr. Aubrey C. D. de Brisay, Mr. R. J. C. Garrett, Mr. A. G. A. Hodges, Mr. L. King (also representing his father, Mr. J. E. King, late Head Master), Mr. V. F. D. Lee, Mr. J. P. Lucas, Mr. H. T. G. Mackay, Mr. E. Robinson, Mr. F. A. S. Sewell, Mr. J. L. I. Stephenson, Mr. C. E. Stockton, Mr. L. H. Clarke, Mr. P. Woodland, Mr. A. I. Dunn, Mr. G. Grose-Hodge, Mr. C. W. Hansel, Mr. R. H. Keable, Miss P. B. Sillar, Miss J. M. Rotherham, Capt. R. V. Proudlock (Head Master's Secretary, also representing the Old Bedfordians Club and the Bedford Swimming Club), R.S.M. J. Whitelaw, Sergt.-Major J. W. Blincow, Mr. E. H. Bull, Sergt. Jackson, and Mr. G. Pepall (groundsman and a former Gloucestershire cricketer).

The Bedfordshire County Cricket Club was represented by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. R. Neate, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Crompton. Mr. Neate also represented the Gloucestershire Club.

There were also present Lady Carter, Mr. L. C. Sharman (Secretary of the Old Bedfordians Club and a Harper Trust Governor), Mr. F. A. Rickard (Harper Trust), Mr. H. L. David (late Vice-Master of Bedford School), Mr. H. Darlow (Town Clerk), Mrs. Darlow, Mr. E. H. Dasent, Mr. A. E. Hall, Mr. J. D. King, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Symonds, Mr. E. L. W. Cummins, Dr. S. A. Scorer, Miss McNair (North Bedfordshire Society for the Welfare of the Blind), Mrs. B. W. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Harrington, Lieut.-Col. J. C. Parker, Mrs. A. C. D. de Brisay, the Rev. F. M. Squibb, Mr. P. Wilsher (gardener to the late Mr. Rice), Mr. A. D. Gordon (Calcutta branch of the Old Bedfordians Club), Mr. W. Dazeley (President of the Bedford General Library), Mr. Marshall Henderson, Mr. H. J. Dunlop, Miss E. M. Dawes (representing Lieut.-Col. G. Dawes and Lieut.-Col. F. R. Dawes), Mrs. L. H. Clarke, Miss Attenborough, Mr. A. G. Stephens (Westminster Bank), Mrs. L. C. Sharman, Miss Hall, Mr. R. C. Oliver, Mrs. R. V. Proudlock, Mrs. Matthew Johnston, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. G. H. Marson, Mrs. Boys-Stones, Mr. E. Walton, Lieut.-Col. O. H. Radford, Mr. W. Moller, Mr. Oswald Horne, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sanders, Mr. Collier, Mrs. D. M. Blake, Mr. A. E. Field, and Mr. L. P. Newbury, Miss Chiplin, Miss N. Wilson, and Miss M. Bowyer (household staff), and Mrs. B. Turner (former member of the household staff).

field with his dog, or sat with his great friend, "Herby Orr," following with keen interest the fortunes of the 1st XI. All those who had seen him in apparently excellent health during recent years will find it difficult to believe that he has gone from us.

Old Boys will remember R.W.R. best as one who for many years coached the 1st XI and supervised the cricket of the School. On the field his true sportsmanship. his graceful style, his modesty, his firm and tactful handling of his material, were an education to all who worked with him or were taught by him. He loved the artistry of the game, the keen battle of wits, the training it offers in co-operation, leadership, determination, and self-restraint; there was no tinge of self in games as he played them.

He would often, with a twinkle in his eye, jokingly refer to himself as "a member of the ground staff", in allusion to the application of the phrase by a member of Common Room to the more athletically-minded of his colleagues. He could afford to laugh, and he knew it. He worked just as hard and enthusiastically to get the best out of a boy in the classroom as in the cricket field; he was kindly, yet firm, and the would-be shirker found himself quickly appreciated and suitably dealt with. He taught a variety of subjects, but his favourite study was probably history, in which he was widely read; biography was of particular interest to him.

Boys often shew a fine discernment in the names they discover for their masters. They were particularly happy in his case. To generations of boys he has been known as "Daddy Rice." The charm of his personality, so accessible and so unassuming, the simplicity of his character, the quiet humour, his sympathetic understanding, his natural dignity, and, above all, his extreme kindliness, made an irresistible appeal, and the boys enshrined that appeal in that kindly, homely phrase, an epitome of his character. He was a most lovable man, and, happy in being loved, he lived happily and has left behind him the fragrant memory of a life rich in all that is lovely and of good report.

H.A.H.

ALBERT HARRY ALLEN.
Clerk to the Harpur Trust from 1876 to 1922.
Died at Harpur House, Bedford on 8th February, 1938, aged 89.

WILLIAM NORMAN WINSTON BARNS.
Born, 12th February, 1909.
Entered the School, May, 1923.
Left, December, 1926.
Died on 22nd December, 1937.

JOHN GRAHAM COLVIN.
Born, 3rd June, 1908.
Entered the School, September, 1917.
Left, July, 1927.
Died suddenly at Enfield on 31st December, 1937.

ANDREW EDWARD HODDER,
Lieut.-Colonel, D.S.O., M.B., B.CH.
Born, 10th May, 1876.
Entered the School, February, 1890.
Left, July, 1895.
Died at Stafford on 3rd February, 1938.

Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Hodder, D.S.O., late R.A.M.C., died early in February at Stafford at the age of 61. From Bedford School, where he was in the Cricket XI and the Football XV, he went up to Cambridge as an exhibitioner of King's College, and took a second-class in the Natural Sciences Tripos of 1898, afterwards graduating B.Ch. and M.B. He was a student of St. Mary's Hospital, where he became resident dresser and house surgeon, and honorary secretary of the medical society of the hospital. In 1902 he entered private practice. He served throughout the war, receiving the D.S.O. on January 1st, 1917. After the war he was appointed honorary anaesthetist at the Staffordshire General Infirmary. He married, in 1910, Ethel Mary, daughter of Dr. A. C. Haddon, F.R.S., late Reader in Ethnology at Cambridge. His son was recently at the School.

Old Bedfordians Club.

The Annual London Dinner.

This has been arranged to take place on Wednesday, May 25th, at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, W.C., and it is hoped that many more Old Bedfordians will support this great annual gathering than in recent years. All District Vice-Presidents are asked to make this date known to any O.B.s who may be coming home about that time. This annual dinner provides a great opportunity to meet old School friends, as well as several of the present and past masters, whose presence at these reunions is so much appreciated.

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The Club Year Book.

The 1938 edition of this publication is now in course of preparation, and should be ready in April. It will be sent to subscribing members and honorary members, as well as to those new members to whom free copies are due. As the edition will be a limited one, any others who may wish to have copies should communicate with the Secretary of the Old Bedfordians Club, c/o Bedford School. The cost is half-a-crown a copy, or a subscription for nine consecutive editions at the cut price of one guinea. This new edition will contain the names and addresses of all fully-paid new members of the Club.

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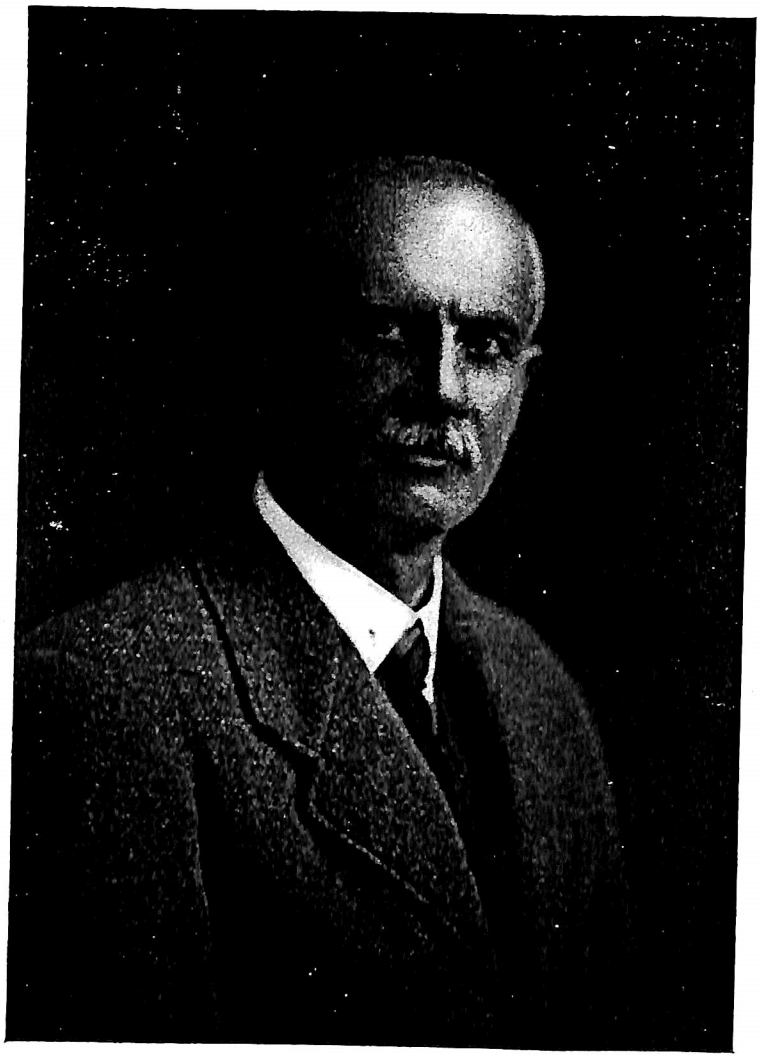
Old Bedfordian Ball.

The Old Bedfordian Ball has been arranged for Friday, 22nd July, at the Corn Exchange, Bedford.

This function has been very popular recently, and increasingly well attended—last year all the tickets were sold out—and the Committee, who have made excellent arrangements, hope for the support of all Old Bedfordians on this occasion.

Last year 350 were present at the Ball, and this year the Committee has engaged the best dance band in the country, a band with a world-wide reputation and renowned for its superb records and broadcasts: Victor Silvester himself and his Ballroom Orchestra.

Tickets (including, supper, buffet and coffee), 12s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. F. R. Hockliffe Ltd., 86 High Street, Bedford, or from Captain R. V. Proudlock, Hon. Sec. of the O.B. Ball Committee, Bedford School. It will be advisable to apply for tickets as early as possible.



THE LATE MR. R. W. RICE (1897—1931)

given and worth having. Nor did he forget absent friends, and, after we had both retired, and I had left the little old town which was still his home, I was only one of many who, when they came back, looked forward to a genial greeting from him and Mrs. Rice—his second self—and to whom their hospitable, well-ordered house proved a delightful haven. Though of late years Rice did not seem as robust as his friends would have wished, he still took regular exercise on the golf-links, loved a game of bowls in the pleasant garden of his old comrade, Mr. H. R. Orr, and was sure to be found on the field when School or county teams were engaged. He covered a good deal of country at the wheel of his car, and the rest of his time was amply filled with bridge, crosswords, and, above all, books, for he was a great reader.

But—alas!—in the cheery letter which, as usual, I received from him last Christmas, though he made no complaint, there was a faint note of personal anxiety. In less than two months that anxiety has been changed to certainty, and he has been abruptly called away. To such a man the suddenness of death, when it must come, is no calamity, and we, who mourn our loss, can but rejoice that he was spared a long period of suffering, and his devoted wife the agony of a helpless and despairing vigil at his bedside.

Multis ille bonis flebilis occidit.

R.T.O.

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The death of Mr. R. W. Rice on Feb. 11th, after a comparatively short illness, was a sudden and unexpected blow to his many friends and will come as an even greater shock to O.B.s throughout the world. For, though he retired in 1931, he continued to live near, and in close touch with, the School, and his figure was a familiar one to many even of the present generation, as he strolled on our School

the Chinese, of whom there are some thousands in Yokohama, are only just beginning to leave. This surely speaks well for the Japanese; but then, the enemy is supposed to be "Nanking," not the Chinese people, and even Nanking is looked upon as pitiably misguided rather than evil. However, the strain is beginning to be felt throughout the country, and the D.V.P. is not sorry that his leave is due this spring; he should be starting home just before the cherry blossoms begin to come out.

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East Africa.

D.V.P.—Thos. Cushny, F.S.S.A. (15-19), P.O. Box 26, Zanzibar.

The appointment of Sir Harold MacMichael (97-01), K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Governor of Tanganyika Territory, to be High Commissioner of Palestine, whilst being welcome news for the D.V.P. in Jerusalem, is a matter of great regret for the D.V.P. in East Africa. He will be remembered for his great interest in local archaeology, culminating in the founding of a Museum at Dar-es-Salaam, and also for his prize collection of Lamu porcelain, ferreted out with his own hands from the bazaars of Zanzibar. He was, moreover, a keen fisherman, and enjoyed nothing more than trout fishing in the streams of the Usambiro Highlands.

R. W. Hooper (19-23), who has twice won the Golf Championship of Kenya, with his partner Cafferty, played an exhibition match against the world-famous golfers, Walter Hagen and Joe Kirkwood, on the Brackenhurst course. The match resulted in a draw.

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South Africa.

DURBAN.

D.V.P.—H. Mill Colman (18-21), P.O. Box 2002, Durban.

On his return to Kenya *via* the Cape, J. R. Sharman (27-32), looked up T. W. Ross-Brown, in Durban, Natal, who was very pleased to meet someone so recently from home, and have a good talk over the old School. Ross-Brown hopes to get home again in about a year's time, and will make a point of visiting his old friends in Bedford.

CAPE PROVINCE.

D.V.P.—Colonel B. C. Judd, O.B.E. (86-91), "Foxwold," Koelenhof, C.P.

The D.V.P. and D. H. MacGregor (86-92) endeavoured to get in touch with Sir George Branson (83-90), when he was in Cape Town last autumn, but they just missed him. It is not often that three O.B.s, contemporaries at the School, are in Cape Town at one time, and they were very sorry not to have seen each other.

Pay-Lieutenant C. Hinde, R.N. (21-25), is still in H.M.S. *Amphion*, where also is the D.V.P's eldest son, and Lieut.-Comdr. W. S. Finlayson (03-06) still commands the training ship, *General Botha*, also lying in Simons Bay with the ships of the Royal Navy.

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West Africa.

NIGERIA.

D.V.P.—Captain E. A. Halse (07-13), c/o P.W.D., Ibadan.

The D.V.P. is looking forward to his leave, and hopes to be home before the end of this term. Last autumn he went up to Kaduna for the Royal West African Frontier Force fortnight, and the races, and at the same time put in some training with the Nigeria Regiment. He came across H. S. Aldred (01-05), and D. A. D. Sewell (06-12), who are both stationed there. He looked out for R. S. Stranach (13-19) when he was in Kano, but was told he had gone on leave a fortnight previously. No doubt Stranach will visit Bedford before he returns to West Africa, and will be welcomed by his old friends.

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New South Wales.

D.V.P.—Captain A. L. Lucas (92-95), 8 Young Street, Sydney.

Illness seems to dog the footsteps of the District Vice-President, and the most recent advices tell of a long spell in hospital suffering from a war disability which will not yield to treatment. C. E. Bacon (86-92), who was spending his holiday motoring from Victoria to Brisbane, looked him up in hospital on his way through Sydney, and was a very welcome visitor.

In Memoriam.

REGINALD WILLAM RICE.
Born at Tewkesbury on 14th November, 1868.
A Master at the School from September, 1897, to July, 1931.
Housemaster of St. Peter's from April, 1920, to December, 1928.
Died at Bedford on 11th February, 1938.

The news of the sudden death of Mr. R. W. Rice has come as a severe shock to all who have known Bedford during the last forty years. Mr. Rice was beloved by a host of boys, masters and parents of the School; his eminence as a cricketer, as well as his own kindly and unselfish disposition, made him a popular figure in town and county. We elders, whose memory goes back to the days when Dr. W. G. Grace reigned incomparable in the cricket world, were accustomed to associate with his name that of his constant companion at the opening of a Gloucestershire innings, and, if in such company R. W. Rice was not obscured, in our smaller sphere his importance was unquestioned, and not only did county and School cricket gain much from his example and precept, but the characters of those who played it were enriched and strengthened by his enthusiasm for the game and his high standard as a sportsman.

As a teacher, and later as a Housemaster, Rice inspired many with his genuine love of learning, and his persevering energy in imparting it. He treated indolence with sternness, but wherever he found eagerness for knowledge he opened to it new vistas by his own interest in all the good things that lie before the lover of literature, and all who had been in his boarding-house carried away with them the recollection of a generous and helpful personality, striving always to fulfil its duty to God and man.

When I first came to Bedford, he had but lately settled there. The kind welcome I received from him soon made me feel at home, and as the years went by, and we grew to know each other better, I learned to admire him more and more. He was absolutely sincere and entirely free from affectation; his kindness was unvarying; he was a difficult man to quarrel with, and his advice was always readily

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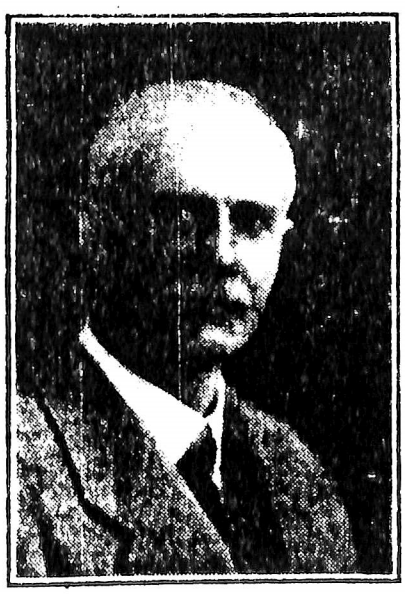
MR. R. W. RICE

RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AT BEDFORD SCHOOL

After serving on the staff of Bedford School for 34 years and doing valuable work in connexion with both the academic and the athletic sides of the School life, Mr. Reginald William Rice has just retired. His services to the School were the subject of an appreciative reference on Speech Day by the Head Master, who spoke of his manifold and various activities and of his never-failing courtesy and helpfulness. While it is true that Mr. Rice's works have been many and varied, it is perhaps as a cricketer and as a trainer of young cricketers that he has most conspicuously made his mark. Although he is now relinquishing the duties to which he has applied himself with devotion and with outstanding success for so many years, Mr. Rice is by no means severing his connexion with the School and the town. He will continue to live in De Parys Avenue, hard by the scenes of his life's labours, and will continue to follow the School life with the same kindly concern that he has always shown. "I see no point in leaving Bedford," he said in an interview this week. "It is as pleasant a place to live in as you would find anywhere, and all my friends and interests are here. The School has been so much to me all these years that I cannot cut myself off from it now."



Mr. Rice is a West Countryman, having been born at Tewkesbury in November 1863. It was in Gloucestershire that he learned his cricket, and he played for that county from 1890 to 1903. Contemporaneous with W. G. Grace, he was one of the foremost first-wicket batsmen of the day and would frequently open the Gloucestershire innings with the renowned "W.G.". He was sound and patient in defence, and had a fine variety of scoring strokes, and in addition was an excellent slip field. At Oxford, where he was a classical scholar of Jesus College from 1891 to 1895, he obtained his cricket blue, rowed in the College torpid (1892), and also played Soccer, hockey, and other games.

A COUNTY CRICKETER

The first mastership held by Mr. Rice was at Forest School, Essex, where he spent two years before coming to Bedford in 1897. In vacation time he was still assisting the Gloucestershire XI, and later, from 1904 to 1909, he played regularly for Bedfordshire, frequently opening the county's innings with H. J. Hodgkins, another old Gloucestershire bat. "In those days really good cricket was played by Bedfordshire," remarked Mr. Rice to the interviewer, "and never since have they reached so high a level. The heyday of the Club was in 1906, when, under the captaincy of Mr. H. R. Orr (O.B.), they won second place in the Minor Counties Championship." Members of that great side included Geo. Wharmby, "Tom" Brown, and the brothers Peel. Indifferent health caused Mr. Rice's retirement from this class of cricket, but he continued to handle the bat until about three years ago, playing for the Club and Ground, against the School for the Masters, and in various other games. He has maintained his association with the County Club all along and at present is Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Unlike some old-time cricketers, Mr. Rice is an admirer of the game as played to-day. The wickets are better than they used to be, he says, and more runs are made, though the bowling, perhaps, is not so good as in his younger days. It is also recalled that Mr. Rice played for Bedford Hockey Club for some seasons during his earlier period in the town.

At the School Mr. Rice was cricket master until 1927, and for a large part of that time had charge of the School field. He served on the Games Committee—the organization of masters and boys that controls all the School games—and has been Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer by turns. To his duties in these connexions he brought not only the skill and experience of a first-class cricketer but also an unflagging keenness and a personal interest in every boy who came under his guidance. It was typical of him that, with Mrs. Rice, he should for many years have entertained every team that visited the School.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESSES

As a master Mr. Rice specialized in Latin, English, and history, but taught many other subjects and, in his own words, "was always doing odd jobs about the School". For some seven or eight years he taught the remove form in which boys are prepared for their leaving certificate examinations, and his work here had consistently good results. It is largely attributed to his tuition that Bedford School this year gained more higher certificates than any other school in the country. Mr. Rice served under four Head Masters—Mr. Phillpotts, Mr. King, Mr. Carter, and the present chief—and he has a good word for them all. "Bedford has been lucky in its Head Masters," he says. "All the four who have held that position in my time have been outstanding men, and from each of them one could learn much."

Asked for his views upon the changes and developments in the life of the School during the past thirty years, Mr. Rice said that from the scholastic and teaching point of view this was such a big question—and such a thorny one—that he was not prepared to venture an opinion, but with regard to the athletic side he was enthusiastic. Great changes—and all of them improvements—had taken place in the School field. When he first came to the School the field was much smaller than it is now. On the east side a hedge ran from the Head Master's house to the Glebe Road entrance, cutting off what is now a considerable area of the ground, and on the opposite side the backs of the De Parys Avenue houses extended further into the field than they do now. The old pavilion abutted on to these backs and occupied a site (the foundations may still be traced in dry weather) which is now well out in the field. The present pavilion was built very shortly after he joined the School, and some of the material from the old one, including, incidentally, the weathercock, was incorporated in it. "We have now got all the land we are likely to get," said Mr. Rice, "and, by the junior boys and the seniors using the field on different days of the week, it is sufficient for our requirements."

The esteem in which Mr. Rice is held by his colleagues and by the old and present boys of the School has been demonstrated by the many messages of good will received on his retirement and by several handsome gifts. From the boys he has received a silver rose bowl, from the staff a silver coffee-pot, and from the Old Bedfordian Cricket Club a silver cigarette box bearing the School arms—gifts that will become treasured memorials of Mr. Rice's long and fruitful association with Bedford School.

C.W. RIPPON

First names in full: CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM
Date of birth: 12.09.05
Place of birth: London.
School: Bedford School
University or college: None

Left or right-handed batsman Right-hand.
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: None.
Year of first class debut: None.
Teams played for:
First class - None

Second class - Bedfordshire, 1 match in 1924 on the School ground, having been a member of the School XI in 1923/4
Others - Lincolnshire, 1 match in 1931 at Boston.
Grimsby Poachers, 1929/32 Old Bedfordians 1925/39 and 1946.
Lincolnshire Gentlemen 1931/4.
Eastbourne. 1933/39 and 1946/8.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

No relation to Geoffrey Rippon MP or Angela Rippon BBC.

Occupation: Solicitor, now retired.

Thank you for your help.

CAPTAIN JAMES WHALEY MCCLELLAND, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.N.
Born 9 December, 1907
At the School from 1918 to 1925
Died 15 March, 1986

James McClelland joined the Royal Navy in 1926. In May 1940 he was engaged at Dunkirk in the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force, and was mentioned in dispatches. In 1942 he was helping in the evacuation of Singapore. Here he was wounded and escaped in the destroyer *Jupiter*. He was awarded the D.S.O.

Later he was in the Normandy landings, and crossed in D-day. His job was the establishment of signal stations. Afterwards he was on duty in Africa and the Far East, until in 1946 he became Naval Attaché at Lisbon, returning to Malaya in 1949 as Chief Staff Officer to Flag Officer Malaya. His last posting was to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers at Rocquencourt. He retired in 1957.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, and two grandsons.

SIR BASIL ALEXANDER TALBOT MCFARLAND, Bt., C.B.E., E.R.D., H.M.L.
Born 18 February, 1898
At the School from 1911 to 1916
Died 5 March, 1986

A former Mayor and city High Sheriff of Londonderry, Sir Basil McFarland, has died. He was 88.

Sir Basil filled many public offices and had widespread business and commercial interests throughout Northern Ireland and Britain. He received the honorary freedom of the city in 1945 on behalf of the 9th (Londonderry) Heavy AA Regiment, with which he served as a colonel during the war.

He held the post of Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the city for several years.

He was director of the Londonderry Gaslight Company for 50 years, and was chairman of the company for 14 years until 1971.

Sir Basil was also chairman of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company, in which he followed his father, Sir John McFarland, the first Baronet, of Aberfoyle. He helped to guide the company through the changeover from rail to road services.

He served as chairman of the Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners for many years, and was also chairman of the civil engineering company, McAlpine's, and the Lanes group of companies.

He was an all-round sportsman and a former Ireland rugby international.—*Belfast Telegraph*.

DAVID WILLIAM MILES MITCHELL
Born 21 November, 1965
At the School from 1974 to 1985
Died 28 June, 1986

David Mitchell was Head of the School and Head of Burnaby House, and was prominent in rugby, cricket, and hockey. On leaving School he joined Laing and Cruikshank, stockbrokers, and had completed a full season with Bedford R.U.F.C. He was killed when his car collided with a bus.

CHARLES WOODHOUSE NEALE
Born 28 December, 1911
At the School from 1926 to 1929
Died 20 September, 1985

MICHAEL CECIL DE COURCY PEELE
Born 2 May, 1903
At the School from 1911 to 1922
Date of death unknown

ALEC HENRY PHYPERS
Born 23 March, 1906
At the School from 1917 to 1923
Died 23 April, 1986

RALPH PICKETT
Born 28 March, 1905
At the School from 1919 to 1924
Died 4 August, 1985

Ralph Pickett was a South African who stayed in England and was very successful in business enterprises connected with the motor trade. He built a block of flats in Poole and retired to one of them.

COTTRELL SAMUEL FREDERICK POWELL
Born 10 January, 1920
At the School from 1929 to 1938
Died 30 May, 1986

Sam Powell was a great athlete at School; Captain of the 1st XV, member of the 1st VIII and Vice-Captain of Boats. In the 1939–45 war he was a sergeant with the R.A.F.

BERTRAND LESLIE PROCTOR
Born 29 March, 1906
At the School from 1920 to 1922
Died 18 October, 1986

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM RIPPON
Born 12 September, 1905
At the School from 1918 to 1924
Died 11 June, 1986

RALPH EDGELL ROGERS, M.B.E.
Born 21 August, 1908
At the School from 1919 to 1924
Died 31 January, 1986

As a young man, Ralph Rogers spent seven years in the Merchant Navy, leaving in 1931 with his Second Mate's ticket. It was with some disgust that he joined the Metropolitan Police in 1932, during the slump, for want of another job. But it turned out to be a career that he found immensely rewarding because it provided a strong element of service as well as constant involvement with a wide variety of people.

After two years on the beat, he was selected for the Police College at Hendon. As a young officer, in the years that followed, he served in various posts all round London and was seconded to the Army towards the end of the war. From June 1944 to 1948 he carried out public safety—in effect, police—work in Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, leaving as a Lieutenant-Colonel. On his return to the police, he continued to rise. As a Chief Superintendent, in command of a division, he was awarded the M.B.E. in 1959. From 1959 to 1961, he worked at the Police College, Bramshill, as a director of studies specialising in criminal law. His final police posting was as Commander of No. 2 District (the north-western quarter of greater London) from early 1964 until he retired at the end of 1965.

DONOVAN REGINALD ROSEVEAR, C.B.E.
Born 28 November, 1900
At the School from 1915 to 1919
Died 17 January, 1986

At School Donovan Roseveare was (among other things) Captain of Boats, and achieved fame by beating both Oxford and Cambridge crews in the 1919 Royal Henley Peace Regatta. Later he was Captain of Boats at Christ's College, Cambridge.

After obtaining his honours degree and diploma in forestry, he joined the Colonial Forestry Service, becoming Chief Conservator of Forests in 1950. While working in the forests of Nigeria he did much work on botanical and zoological subjects, and published a standard work *Checklist and Atlas of Nigerian Mammals*. Later the Trustees of the British Museum published three volumes on the Bats, Rats and Carnivores of West Africa. He was awarded the 1970 Stamford Raffles Award by the London Zoological Society and the 1978 H. H. Bloomer Award by the Linnean Society.

DENNIS CHARLES SIMCO
Born 24 July, 1915
At the School from 1926 to 1932
Died 27 October, 1986

Dennis Simco was a Flight-Lieutenant in Coastal Command until 1945, when he joined B.O.A.C. on "C" Class Flying Boats in Durban. He returned to England and flew Constellations, Stratocruisers, and finally 707s, retiring as Senior Captain 1st Class in 1965. He leaves a wife, Kathleen, and a son Colin (48–55) and three daughters.

GENERAL SIR FRANK ERNEST WALLACE SIMPSON, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O.
Born 21 March, 1899
At the School from 1914 to 1915
Died 28 July, 1986

Frank Ernest Wallace Simpson was born on 21 March, 1899, the son of Major R. W. Simpson. He was educated at Bedford School, famous for the many distinguished soldiers it has produced, and at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, from which he was commissioned in the Royal Engineers in 1916.

He was only just in time to see a few days' active service on the Western Front before Armistice Day in 1918, but even so was mentioned in despatches. A few weeks later he was campaigning once more, this time on the North-West Frontier of India.

Between the wars he graduated from the staff college, taught at the School of Military Engineering and served on the staff in the War Office and in Southern Command.

It was there that his association with Montgomery began, when the latter was commanding the Portsmouth infantry brigade and garrison, and Simpson was his brigade major. Writing in his memoirs of the death of his wife, Montgomery said: "I was much helped all this time by my brigade major, an officer called Major F. W. Simpson; he was a tower of strength".

When the Second World War broke out, Simpson, who was then serving as a major in the War Office, was appointed assistant military secretary to Lord Gort. When the withdrawal of the British Expeditionary Force from France began, Gort dispersed most of his staff at GHQ to duties with the troops, and Simpson was assigned, as GSOI, to the organization of the defence of Arras and, later, to the arrangements for the evacuation of casualties from the beaches at Dunkirk. For these services he was awarded the DSO.

On his return to England he was promoted brigadier and appointed chief of staff to Montgomery who was then commanding a corps charged with the defence of south-east England. He was soon a trusted subordinate in the heavy task of building up a new army from the fragments left by Dunkirk, and he was responsible for working out plans against a possible German invasion.

When Montgomery went to Africa in 1942, Simpson stayed behind at the War Office as deputy director of military operations.

The mutual confidence which had been established between them by their strenuous partnership in Southern Command helped to run the military machine smoothly. Simpson understood his old chief; Montgomery knew his former assistant's mastery of relevant facts, his orderly method and his sound assessment of problems.

The years of victory, which brought Montgomery to Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, Normandy, the Low Countries, the Rhine and the Elbe, advanced Simpson, first, to director of military operations and then to assistant chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Addresses in OBC Registers At School 1918-1924

1947 103 Enys Rd, Eastbourne, Sussex
1950 Ditto

1945 Year Book Notes: Sq Ldr C W Ripley (18-24) in Canada
Mentioned in despatches

H R Rennie

Hugh Robert Born 25 July 1892 20 Connaught Road, Hove, Sussex
Father Hugh Rennie, Marine Engineer; Mother Alice Rennie, formerly Moseley residing at Albert Villa, Gallow Hill, Dunoon, Argyle and Bute, Scotland.
Died of wounds 10 July 1918 [Poznan?] Poland.

Type of player [Batsman and bowler]

Education Bedford County School [1906-1910]; Cricket XI [1907-1910]

Main Team **Bedfordshire 1910** – One championship match v Norfolk at the Bedford Grammar School Ground on Thursday 14, Friday 15 July batting seventh in order and scoring 4 and a duck, holding one catch dismissing G W Birkbeck off H R Orr, and in only innings bowling fourth in order with 10 overs, 2 maidens, conceding 34 runs and taking no wicket.

Other Teams Not known

Military Career Second Lieutenant 14th Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish); attached Cameron Highlanders. Captured by Germans , died of wounds Wednesday 10 July 1918. Buried in Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland - Grave 1.A.2.

D F Roberts

Donald Farquarson Born 27 March 1892 Braemar, Elmbourne Road, Streatham, Surrey,
Father Arthur Henry Roberts, Colonial Merchant; Mother Emilie Roberts, formerly Nicholls
Killed in action 20 November 1917 and commemorated on Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, France. [Both Donald and his parents are listed as having the surname Farquarson-Roberts in 1917.]

Type of player [Not known]

Education St George's School, Windsor Castle [/ -1908?]
Bedford Grammar School 1908-1911; Cricket XI [1910-1911]

Main Team Bedfordshire 1912 – one championship against Norfolk at Norwich on Friday, Saturday 23,24 August scoring 1 and 8 with no catches and did not bowl.

Other Cricket Teams [Not known]

Other Sports Rugby for Bedford and Rosslyn Park

Military Career He enlisted as a private in the Public Schools Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, and obtained his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the East Surrey Regiment in May 1915. He went to the front in France in March 1916. He was promoted Lieutenant and Acting Captain in September 1916 and Captain in March 1917. He was killed in action on the first day of the First Battle of Cambrai, France on 20 November 1917. The battle is widely regarded as being significant because of it saw the first successful use of tanks, and the breeching of the Hindenburg line. His name is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, France. He was awarded the Military Cross posthumously, it being gazetted on 1 January 1918.

years in the School O.T.C., and after leaving was four months in the Officers' Cadet Battalion at Oxford. He was only a fortnight with his regiment at Halton Camp, and left for France last Good Friday. He was wounded in the leg on June 28th, and was in Hospital in France for several weeks. Recently he has been acting as sniping and camouflage officer. He was a popular officer and beloved by all who knew him, and he leaves a large circle of friends to deplore his loss. He was much attached to his School, and spent many happy days there. On leaving he gained a University and a School Leaving Scholarship. Had he come through the war he hoped to prepare for Holy Orders. His Commanding Officer writes: "His men were being enfiladed by an enemy machine gun. Your son went forward to find out the position of the gun, and was hit. He was a brave officer, always cheery, and his loss is very much felt by us all."—*Beds. Times.*

The Late Lieut. A. F. D. Colson.

Lieut. A. F. D. Colson, R.F.A., who was killed in action on Nov. 10th, was the only surviving son of Mr. C. G. Colson, late H.M.I. for Bedfordshire. He was born at York in 1892, educated at Bedford School and Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he took his degree in the Math. Tripos of 1914. He obtained a commission in the West Riding R.F.A. almost immediately after the declaration of war, went to the Western front in August, 1915, and was there continuously (except during three short leaves), until his death. He was killed instantaneously by a shell. He left the battery position to help the wounded in a convoy which, while bringing up ammunition, was caught by German shell fire. A few days before his death, writes his Colonel, the Hon. O. H. Stanley, he was awarded the Military Cross for exceptionally good work done on October 9th. Major Bullock, of his Brigade, has written of him that "a more gallant, unselfish officer never landed in France," and Lieut. Dean says: "It is something to win the respect and complete trust of a Battery as he did by his example under shell fire, and hard conditions, and by certain other qualities which it would be hard to define." One of the men in the Battery has written: "As one of the many in the Battery who loved him, you can conceive what a blow it was to me. I can tell you it has gone home simply because the boys so highly respected him. They one and all say he can never be replaced, for very few men like him ever came across the water to fight."—*Beds. Times.*

The Late Capt. D. F. Roberts.

Captain Donald Farquharson-Roberts, East Surrey Regiment, who was killed on Nov. 20th, was the third surviving son of Mr. Arthur Farquharson-Roberts, formerly of Horley, Surrey, and lately of Bedford. Born in 1892, he was educated at St. George's School, Windsor Castle, and afterwards at Bedford School, where he was in the Rugby Fifteen, Cricket Eleven, and Gymnasium Eight. He played Rugby for Rosslyn Park and Bedford Town, and cricket for Bedford and Bedfordshire. He was holding an appointment in the Federated Malay States when the war broke out, but gave it up and returned to England. He enlisted as a private in the U.P.S. Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, obtained his commission in the East Surrey Regiment in May, 1915, and went to the front in March, 1916. He was promoted Lieutenant and Acting Captain in September, 1916, and Captain last March. His Colonel writes: "He was shot through the head and killed instantly while gallantly leading his company. I cannot tell you how much I feel his loss. Personally, I had the warmest feelings of friendship for him. He was a fine fellow and a gallant English gentleman. He was the most popular officer in the battalion and one of the best." An Old Bedfordian and brother Officer writes: "I never hope to meet a finer man's man—straight and genuine to the core."—*The Times.*

The Late Lieut. A. L. Lemon.

Lieut. A. L. Lemon, Dragoon Guards, killed on November 27th, aged 29, was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lemon, of 28, Park Avenue, Bedford. He was educated at Bedford and King's College, London, and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1909. He served five years with the Inns of Court O.T.C., and on the outbreak of war offered his services. He received his commission in the Dragoon Guards in August, 1914, and in 1916 was seconded to a machine-gun section.—*Times.*

The Late Lieut. A. L. St. C. Thomson, M.C.

Lieut. and Adjutant Aubrey Lloyd St. Clair Thomson, M.C., Liverpool Regiment, who died of wounds on November 14th, aged 26, was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Frederick Thomson, of Paxford Campden, late of Bedford. He was educated at Bedford School, where he was Monitor and in the 1st Cricket and Football teams. He obtained his commission in 1914, and went to the front early in 1915. He was awarded the Military Cross, and was wounded three times during the war.—*Times.*

In Memoriam.

D. F. ROBERTS,
Captain, East Surrey Regiment.
Old Bedfordian.
Killed in action, November 20th, 1917.

Lo, as the grey dawn chills,
He sees the tanks climb up the Cambrai slope,
And, mindful of his native Surrey hills,
His spirit burns with hope.
No bidder after fame,
Though of the Somme and Arras veteran;
Here, as of old he led the Bedford game,
He proved him true-born man.

O.B. (East Surreys).

(Written in a German dugout.)

Letters from the Front.

[*From an O.B. Officer in Palestine.*]

10/11/17.

. . . The third battle of Gaza has now taken place and ended in a complete victory for us; the Turks are at present in headlong retreat. The show started on the night of Nov. 1st as far as we were

Lancelot Robinson

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Lancelot Charles Digby Robinson (23 October 1905 – 31 May 1935) was an English first-class cricketer.

Robinson was educated at Bedford School and played as an all-rounder for their cricket XI, topping their bowling averages in 1922. He moved in 1924 to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. It was then that he also started playing for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties Championship.[1]

His only first-class appearance came in 1934, against Ireland at College Park, Dublin. Playing for the Marylebone Cricket Club, Robinson came in at eight in the batting order and was his side's second top scorer with 39 runs, in what would be his only innings.[2]

A captain with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Robinson was killed, along with his wife, in the 1935 Balochistan earthquake.[3]

Lancelot Robinson

Personal information	
Full name	Lancelot Charles Digby Robinson
Born	23 October 1905 England
Died	31 May 1935 (aged 29) Quetta, Baluchistan, British India
Batting style	Right-handed batsman
Bowling style	Right-arm slow
Role	Batsman

Domestic team information	
Years	**Team**
1934	Marylebone Cricket Club

Career statistics	
Competition	**First-class**
Matches	1
Runs scored	39
Batting average	39.00
100s/50s	0/0
Top score	39
Balls bowled	
Wickets	–
Bowling average	–
5 wickets in innings	–
10 wickets in match	–
Best bowling	–
Catches/stumpings	0/–

Source: CricketArchive (http://cricketarchive.com/Players/32/32446/32446.html)

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at Rugger, and called on those present to toast the health of Colonel Boys and Commodore Elliott, who were leaving the Colony very shortly.

Rev. R. E. Royse, who only arrived back from Singapore that day, made an appeal on behalf of the Holborn Boys' Club, which was responded to quite well. He stressed the fact that the House should be visited by O.B.s when on leave, and told of the splendid work done by the Warden. He has accepted an appointment in the diocese of Singapore, whither he will be going very shortly.

With the assistance of A. Murdoch, the D.V.P. is hoping to arrange a gold tournament with Dulwich, Haileybury and Wellington. There may be further news of this by next mail.

The table was very tastefully decorated with blue and white ribbons, and blue and white flowers were supplied from the D.V.P.'s garden. The evening was most enjoyable, and several School songs were sung with enthusiasm. All present sent best wishes for a very successful Annual Dinner in London, and for the continued success of the School and the Old Bedfordians' Club.

The following were present :—A. Murdoch (89-96); M. H. Roffey, D.S.O. (96-99) ; Lieut.-Colonel E. J. de C. Boys, M.C. (93-00) ; Commodore F. Elliott, O.B.E., R.N. (99-00) ; Lieut.-Colonel D. St. J. Baxter, O.B.E. (00-01) ; Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Fordham, M.C. (96-07) ; B. H. Church, M.C. (00-07) ; E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E. (06-11), D.V.P.; Dr. J. E. Dovey (10-12) ; Major B. E. C. Dixon, M.C. (06-14) ; Dr. J. C. Macgown (09-14) ; Rev. R. E. Royse, R.N. (13-15) ; K. S. Robertson (13-17) ; Captain O. H. Mitchell (15-18) ; Pay-Lieut. A. G. Sowman, R.N. (17-22). It will be noticed that the youngest O.B. left thirteen years ago, whilst the oldest went to the School forty-six years ago.

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United States.

C. N. W. Cumming (08-17) writes in appreciation of the Year Book and Register issued by the Old Bedfordians' Club.

"In spite of the fact that I enjoy receiving the Year Book, there are always parts of it that make me feel sad. The long list of deaths, and every once in a while the name of a contemporary, or the name of an old master. I wonder how many of the masters of the 1914-17 era are left. I pick on that time as it was during my last three years that I first came to the realisation that masters were, after all, human beings and many of them good fellows."

In Memoriam.

Reverend Oswald Craig,
formerly Canon Missioner of Southwark,
and Warden of the College of St. Saviour.
Born, 3rd May, 1867.
Entered the School, April, 1876.
Left, July, 1886.
Died at Watlington, Oxon., on 21st May, 1935.

The Reverend Oswald Craig was the second eldest of five brothers who were educated at Bedford School, the sons of William Simpson Craig, M.D., who lived for many years in the town. He was at the School from 1876 to 1886.

From Bedford, Mr. Oswald Craig went to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and obtained a second class in the Classical Tripos. He was prepared for Orders at Bishop Auckland—for one term under Bishop Lightfoot, and after his death under Bishop Westcott. For a few years he held a mastership at a preparatory school in Oxfordshire ; in 1894 he was ordained to a curacy at Holy Trinity, Woolwich, where his work among the boys is still remembered. In 1899 Bishop E. S. Talbot appointed the Rev. Oswald Craig to the Collegiate House, Southwark, and in due time he became Canon Missioner and Warden of the College.

The late Rev. Oswald Craig had a singular gift of brotherly love, and from the moment of his appointment to its centre the diocese seemed to adopt him. Everyone spoke of him by his Christian name. By patient work and organisation he built up, from its beginnings, one of the most important Retreat Houses in England ; it was established as a memorial to Bishop Burge, another Old Bedfordian. Since his retirement and marriage in 1928 he had lived until quite recently in Penzance, Cornwall.

Stephen Leslie Infield,
Born, 11th March, 1910.
Entered the School, September, 1921.
Left, December, 1927.
Died at Tarime Camp, Kisii, Kenya Colony,
of Blackwater Fever.

Hurly Pring Palmer,
A Master of the School from 1879 to 1884.
Died at Taunton on 24th April, 1935.

Old Bedfordians who were at the School in the late Mr. J. S. Phillpotts' time will learn with regret of the death of Mr. H. P. Palmer, M.A., who was a Master in those days. Mr. Palmer, who was seventy-nine, was a distinguished archaeologist, historian, and Scholar. He came to Bedford School from Wadham College, Oxford, where he was an exhibitioner, having been previously educated at the old Taunton Grammar School, and at St. Mary's Hall, Oxford.

After leaving Bedford he founded Palmer's Preparatory School for Boys at Taunton, and this he carried on for twenty years. A man of great ability and a scholar in Greek, Latin, and French, Mr. Palmer devoted much of his time to historical research after retiring from teaching, and he had been a member of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society since 1897. He became a member of the Council in 1930. There were few better authorities on English mediaeval life in Somerset than he.

Mr. Palmer wrote several books, his latest work being *Joseph Wolff : His Romantic Life and Travels*, which was published recently.

Lancelot Charles Digby Robinson,
Captain, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
Born, 23rd October, 1905.
Entered the School, September, 1918.
Left, July, 1923.
Killed with his wife in the earthquake disaster
at Quetta, on May 31st, 1935.

William Grassett Thackeray, F.R.A.S.,
formerly of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.
At School from 1869 to 1872.
Died at Radley College, Abingdon, Berkshire,
on 31st March, 1935.
Age 81.

Bedfordshire Times: Friday 12 October 1923

A FAMILY OF GROUNDSMEN.

MR. BASIL ROGERS'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

Some callings or professions, like wooden legs, still run in families. A remarkable instance of this is the Rogers family, of which our esteemed townsman, whom several generations of Old Modernians know affectionately as "Dick Rogers," is the local representative. Unto the third generation practically all the members of this family are groundsmen, either for cricket or other sport grounds.

Recently Mr. Basil Rogers, O.B.M., "Dick's" youngest son, was appointed to succeed his uncle, the late Mr. Peter Rogers, as groundsman to the St. John's College C.C., Oxford. Mr. Basil Rogers was the first groundsman on the Queen's Works new sports ground, at Biddenham, and much of the fine condition of that ground now is due to his spade work. While here he played on several occasions for Bedfordshire, and brought off several good bowling feats for his native county. Two years ago he entered upon a professional engagement on the Glamorgan ground staff, and appeared in one or two of Glamorgan's first-class matches this season.

The record of the Rogers family is remarkable. "Charlie" Rogers, father to "Dick," was for 44 years groundsman to Balliol College. He had five sons, and their records run: "Dick", 40 years at Bedford Modern School; "Joe," 37 years at Magdalen College; "Brush" Rogers, 40 years at Exeter College; "Bob," at Worcester College 39 years,; and "Peter," 23 at St. John's College. The study of turf is a speciality of the family, and many are the sportsmen in Oxford and Bedfordshire who have to thank the Rogers for the perfection of the grounds on which they play.

The vacancy at St. John's was due to the sudden death of Mr. Peter Rogers, on holiday at Churt, Surrey, in his 58th year.

Charlie Rogers, the grandfather, was a fine bowler, and at one time played for England. Their village of Cowley had a reputation second to none as a village of cricketers, mainly through their prowess. Peter and "Brusher" accomplished some extraordinary performances for Oxfordshire including three summary dismissals of Bedfordshire for 32, 39, and 22. "Dick" of course, played for Bedfordshire for many years.

EAST BEDFORDSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE.

PRESENTATION OF SHIELDS AND PRIZES.

Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, President of the East Bedfordshire Cricket League, has promised to present the shields, cups, and medals at the annual whist drive and dance at the W.R.A.F. Hostel, Henlow Aerodrome, to-morrow. The R.A.F. won Division I. Silver Shield, with 22 points out of a possible 26, and the Silver Challenge Cups for the best batting and bowling averages of the Division are won by A/C Allan (R.A.F.) with an average of 19.5 and by L/A/C Roachford (R.A.F.) with 50 wickets captured at an average cost of 3.56. The runners-up medals of Division I. go to Gamlingay with 18 points. Gamlingay claim the distinction of beating all the teams of the division, including the champions. Division II. Bronze Shield was won by Stotfold with Wrestlingworth as runners-up. The medals for batting and bowling go to Stotfold, G. F. Saunders having an average of 22.07, and M. G. Smith's 2.64. Division III. Nickel Shield was won by Caldecote 2nd XI., after a deciding game with Blunham. The batting medal goes to G. Hayward of Old Warden, for an average of 13.6 and the bowling medal goes to H. Sims (Blunham) whose 43 wickets cost 2.32 each. G. Holland, of Blunham, who gave away an average of only 1.22 extras per innings wins the gauntlets, and for the third year in succession C. Campling (Woodbury) is the only bowler to capture over 100 wickets. The special medals awarded for scoring the first centuries in the League were won by A/C Allan (R.A.F.) in Division I., and by G. F. Saunders (Stotfold) in Division II.

THE CLARENCE SPORTS CLUB DINE.

REFERENCES TO PROPOSED NEW PREMIER SECTION.

Mr. T. B. Berrington, in proposing the health of the Bedfordshire Cricket Club at the fourth annual dinner of the cricket section of the Bedford Clarence Sports Club, in referring to the proposed formation of a new premier section of the league, expressed the hope that the league would not take out of the present division teams without pitches of their own and so render the problem of getting pitches in the Park more acute than ever. In replying to the toast Mr. H. Eaton, the Secretary of the League, said he was afraid the section would not be a success as clubs they wanted to get in had made their fixture lists earlier in the year.

The dinner, which was held at the Silver Grill, Mr. Lightfoot providing excellent fare, as usual, was a jolly affair attended by over forty members and was interspersed with songs. Mr. A. Gell (President) presided, and others present were Messrs. A. B. Alexander, A. Addison, C. Jaques (Vice-Presidents), H. Eaton (Secretary, B. and D.C.L.), H. Huckle, H. Handscombe, H. Alcock, W. H. Clarke, C. Dickens, J. Harvey, E. Fisher, R. Ives, M. Wells, C. Leigh, F. Mears, E. Brawn, F. Draper, P. Medcraft, F. Field, W. Gell, J. Vincent, E. Barker, S. Perry, R. Millman, A. Lingard, A. Dennis, L. Gell, W. Lomax, C. Tysoe, J. Clear, S. Murdoch, J. Shadbolt, T. B. Berrington (Chairman), H. Wild (Hon. General Secretary).

AN INCREASING MEMBERSHIP.

Mr. H. Alcock, captain of 1st XI., in proposing "The Club," said it was better off as regards membership and finance than ever before. It had grown in a surprising manner since the war and from a membership of 20 had grown to one of 90. Lots of people wondered how the Club had been so successful. He could give them the reason in a nutshell; it was absolutely due to the hard working and energetic officials. In Mr. Wild they had a very keen painstaking and hard working general secretary (applause). In Mr. Berrington they had a capable chairman of committee. Although the Club had increased in membership it had not lost its reputation for being one of the most sporting clubs in the county (applause). They were fortunate in having the interest of many of the business men of the town, and he hoped they would continue to receive that interest. He would like as captain to thank those who had played with him; they had made his duty a pleasant and easy one. They had not obtained as high positions in the league tables as usual, but they had had some good games and had taken their defeats as sportsmen. Next year they intended to run off with the shield (applause).

Mr. H. Wild, in replying, said that the average attendance at the meetings had doubled from that of last year; £22/14/6 had been collected in different ways for the County Hospital and Nurses' Home. He would like to refer to the work done by Mr. Berrington. Some of the members did not realise how much he did for the Club. His name never figured in the meritorious performances in the local press, but his performances on behalf of the Club were none the less meritorious (applause).

The first XI. finished fifth in the League, as also did the second XI; curiously enough last year they both finished third. The third XI. finished sixth. It was due to Mr. Shadbolt's foresight and persistent argument that the third XI. was entered in the third division and they did very well. The Thursday XI. had a successful season. The prospects for next season were brighter than ever. Mr. Whitemore headed the batting for the Thursday XI. with an average of 17.7. There had been a coincidence in the batting averages, H. Locke, C. Dickins, and F. Millman tying with 19.5. The Saturday XI. bowling average was headed by B. Alcock (7.4), F. Craddock (8.46) and F. Chapman (10). In the second XI. M. Wells headed the batting with an average of 31.9, followed by R. Ives (11.5). R. Ives headed the bowling with an average of 4.25. He bowled thirty maiden overs (applause). Stocker was second with 5.79. F. Mears headed the 3rd XI. batting averages with 10.5, L. Pudephat being second (10). Bowling: E. Brawn (4.62), Lomax (7.9).

OTHER TOASTS.

"The Bedfordshire Cricket League" was proposed by Mr. Berrington, and responded to by Mr. Eaton.

Mr. C. Dickins submitted "The Supporters," and Mr. Jaques replied.

In proposing "The President," Mr. W. H. Clarke described Mr. Gell as the "father" of the Club. There was no branch of the Club in which he did not take an interest.

In reply, Mr. Gell said he was delighted to be their president and so long as they remained true sportsmen he was ready to help them.

Entertainment during the evening was provided by Messrs. C. Dickins, A. Lingard, F. Lightfoot, R. Millman, Alexander, and R. Ives.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 30 MARCH 1945.

"DICK" ROGERS IS HERE AGAIN

Modern School Cricket's "Grand Old Man"

At 92 years of age, Mr. "Dick" Rogers still believes that a change of scene and company is good for a man. He spends winter in Yorkshire with his daughter or in Oxford with his son. When summer is on the way "Dick" packs his bags again, but this time his destination is certain to be Bedford. Travel where he may during the long, cold months, it is unthinkable that his summer home should be any other than the house (No. 52) at the top of Clarendon Street. For here he is near his life's work and monument—the Bedford Modern School playing field, which, about 60 years ago, he created out of a wasteland of thistles, weeds, old tins, and kettles. Soon after his appointment to the post of groundsman in 1883, Dr. Poole, then Head Master, entrusted him with that formidable task, and though for the past 19 years he has lived in retirement, "Dick" has never been able to leave for long the scene that is so dear to his heart.

A week or two ago he returned from Yorkshire, and when, next term, willow blades are flashing in the sunshine, "Dick" will be on the field, as always, to keep his discerning eye on the School's cricket.

"RETIRED, NOT HURT"

When, in 1926, Old Modernians made him a gift of a handsome sum of money, and masters and boys presented him with a gold watch, "Dick" looked back on 43 years' grand service as cricket coach and groundsman, and said in the accents of his native Oxfordshire: "I am not bowled out, neither am I run out. I have retired, not hurt." So, in the terms of the game he loves best, he indicated that his long innings had been a happy one. But his retirement was more official than actual. With Cyril Rogers succeeding him, "Dick" doubtless considered that a father's experience and advice could not be discarded, and Cyril's knowledge of turf and ability to prepare a wicket good enough for a first-class match owe much to his guidance. As for coaching, "Dick" took the under-fourteens until he was ninety. What better proof could there be of the School's faith in him than that he should be allowed, despite his years, to handle boys of an age at which wise coaching is all-important if their promise is to be fulfilled?

Richard Rogers belongs to Modern School cricket for all time, for no one has done more to inculcate the love of the game into the boys of successive generations. Himself a County batsman, he has in so many cases proved his capacity for bringing the cricketing talents of others to fruition. From nine years of age A. O. Jones was under "Dick's" wing, and every lover of the meadow game knows that name—the name of an England captain and of an all-rounder whose power is still spoken of whenever cricket's golden age is discussed. "Dick" watched over the flowering of Jones's exceptional talents in the late 'eighties, and his opinion is that the School never had such a fine side as that captained by Jones. Including L. G. Brown, J. O. Anderson, C. H. S. G. Loraine, T. M. C. Hunt, and the Potter brothers, F. W. and H. C., this team had an unbeaten record in 1887.

SCHOOL'S BEST BATSMAN?

If Jones was the best all-round cricketer the School has produced, "Dick" thinks the highest honours for batting should go to N. T. D. Oliver, who captained the 1902-3 XI's. In 1903 there were three Oliver brothers—N. T. D., E. C., and R. E.—in the team, and the middle 'nineties saw the advent of the Turner brothers, W. C. D., A. J., and W. M., all of whom later played for Essex. Colonel A. J. Turner also had the honour of appearing in the Gentlemen of England XI.

Among the great number of other fine cricketers whose abilities "Dick" helped to mould were T. M. C. Hunt, the Berkshire bowler, and E. H. Philbrick, Leicestershire wicketkeeper.

Modern School cricket was in a very real sense "Dick's" mission in life, and he seemed to have regarded summer's other leading sport, rowing, with ill-concealed disfavour. It is on record that he once said to a School cricketer apparently out of form, "Well, there's a river and a boat club. Why don't you join that? You'll never do any good here." On another occasion "Dick" watched a member of the boat club making runs, and was overheard saying to himself, "Pity about that blooming river—I wish it was 20 miles away."

AGAINST TOM RICHARDSON

Many good scores made in County and club cricket stand as testimony to "Dick's" powers as a batsman. He first played for Bedfordshire in the '80's, when Mr. L. C. R. Thring, Head Master of Dunstable Grammar School, was captain; and in 1895 he headed the County averages at 42 runs per innings. Consistency was one of his best qualities, as can be judged by the fact that his highest score for Bedfordshire that season was 78, against Norfolk. In his last County match, at the Oval, that most lion-hearted of fast bowlers, Tom Richardson, was in the Surrey 2nd XI, and "Dick" made about 30 runs. One of "Dick's" most vivid memories is Bedfordshire's victory by eight wickets over Surrey 2nd XI at Luton.

Bedfordshire was able to put a very fine side into the field in those days. Among "Dick's" team-mates were W. F. Brown, slow left-arm bowler; Fred Potter; Tom Brown, fast bowler; L. G. Brown, wicket-keeper; Tom Small and Gilder, Luton players; and C. G. Pope, a Cambridge Blue.

Two of "Dick's" finest knocks for Bedford Town were 162 not out (his highest score) against Tufnell Park, and 112 not out against Luton.

Although "Dick" had first-hand experience of Tom Richardson's pace, he considers Arthur Mold, of Northamptonshire and later of Lancashire, to have been the fastest bowler he ever met. He recalls that in one match, on what is now the Bedford Rugby Club's ground and was the Modern School's playing field when "Dick" was appointed groundsman, Mold's attack broke the fingers of Dr. Chillingworth and H. W. Oclee.

(To be concluded)

H. J. D.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES : FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER 1955.

RETIRES AFTER 55 YEARS

Bedford High School Groundsman

When scholars and teachers of Bedford High School go up to their games field in Beverley Crescent next term they will miss someone who has been part of the school for many years.

He is 70-year-old Mr. Henry Francis Rogers, at present living at 99 Winchester Road, who is retiring at the end of the present term after 55 years as school groundsman. During this time he has seen hundreds of pupils come and go, and has watched sport grow in popularity at the school.

Up to two years before he became groundsman, the present playing field was just a ploughed field, and Mr. Rogers's first task was to help his father to level it. To begin with, two hockey pitches were laid for the winter season—now there are three pitches and one for lacrosse. Then there were six grass tennis courts and one cricket pitch—now there are 11 tennis courts and two cricket pitches.

As the field has become more widely used, so Mr. Rogers's work has increased. At one time he did all the work himself, but now there is an assistant.

"GROUNDSMAN FAMILY"

Mr. Rogers comes of a "groundsman family". His grandfather was groundsman at Balliol College, Oxford, and his father at Bedford Modern School. Now his son, Jack, is groundsman at Cryselco, and another son (who died about five years ago) was groundsman at the Physical Training College. His wife died in October this year.

When he "downs tools", Mr. Rogers proposes going to stay with his married daughter in Aldershot for a time.

SENIOR SCULLS—not yet finished.

Eagling's IV. beat Gilliatt's IV. in the final of the Junior IV.'s. The winning crew was :—

Armstrong, mi. (bow)
2 Moncur
3 Alin
Eagling (stroke)
Newton (cox)

Baines and Greville beat Smith and Humble in the final of the Junior Pairs, and Greville won the Junior Sculls, beating Lane in the final.

The Canoe Race was won easily by Ashton.

"DICK."

Is there any better known name connected with the School than "Dick"? Of course these notes might have been headed "Mister Richard Rogers," but probably a great many O.B.M.'s would never have glanced beyond the title. "Dick," on the other hand, is irresistible. When O.B.M. meets O.B.M. away on the banks of the Ganges, down Rio way, or on the edge of the Arctic Circle there, as sure as the School is mentioned, will old "Dick's" name crop up.

It was in 1883 that a youngish man in a bowler hat, with a very narrow brim, and wearing a big white tie was ushered into Dr. Poole's presence. Now Dr. Poole was no mean judge of a man, and young "Dick" was immediately engaged for a term of several years. Previous to coming to Bedford he had been engaged by Worcester College, Oxford, and Felstead School, and played for Oxfordshire.

"Dick's" early days at Bedford were strenuous. The School *did* play a few matches against nearby villages, but the eleven was strengthened (?) by the inclusion of rowing masters. Home matches were played on a bit of pasture land, which has since been made into the County Ground.

Then came the great day when Dr. Poole took him to see some acres of waste land covered with hillocks, thistles, weeds, old tins, and kettles, and said it was henceforth Bedford Modern School cricket ground. So "Dick" built his own monument, and five years after his arrival the

School cricket had reached a standard of excellence that has never been surpassed. Present Modernians may look at the names of the elevens of 1888, to 1890 in the Pavilion and there see names that will ever be coupled with that of "Dick" Rogers.

By now "Dick's" reputation was extending beyond Bedford. In 1895 he headed the County batting averages, with an average of 42, and some idea of his consistency may be gathered from the fact that his highest score was 78. If you look up Wisden's you will see that after giving up playing he was a regular umpire in the Minor Counties Championship until the outbreak of War.

Do you know Wardown Park Cricket Ground at Luton —by many county players called the finest in England—or do you know Elstow School Ground or Allen Park? All these are "Dick's" work, and they speak for themselves. However, here is a little story that shows you it is not only in Bedfordshire that "Dick" makes "tables." An enthusiastic cricketer was being rushed through the West of England in the L.S.W. express, and, glancing out of the window he saw what he considered about as perfect a cricket ground as could be imagined. He was so struck with it that he made inquiries as to who made it. The reply was "R. Rogers, professional, Bedford Modern School."

Space must be running short now, but there is a lot of interesting matter still to tell.

Is there anyone else connected with the School who has never seen the inside of a cinema theatre? Dick never has.

What are "Dick's real views about the River? When the writer was in the eleven "Dick" said to him, "Well, there's a river and a boat club, why don't you join that, you'll never do any good here." And yet only last night when watching a certain member of the boat club making runs "Dick" was overheard saying to himself, "Pity about that blooming river—wish it was twenty miles away."

Much has been written from time to time about the cricketers Dick has turned out, but this is his final list of bests :—

All-round.—A. O. Jones, England and Notts.
Batsman.—Col. A. J. Turner, Gentlemen of England and Essex.
Bowler.—T. M. C. Hunt, Berkshire.
Wicket-keeper.—E. H. Philbrick, Leicester.
And so "Dick" retires.

Well, "Dick," you have won a very warm corner in the hearts of all Modernians. You came forty-three years ago

with a life work ahead of you—now you have finished, and, with the wonderful knowledge that throughout these years you have always done your best—and it has been a great best. Let us all hope that when our time comes to retire we may all be able to feel the same.

CRICKET.

B.M.S. 1st XI. v. EMANUEL SCHOOL 1st XI.—The School opened their cricket season on Saturday, May 15th, with an away match against Emanuel School. The School team were expecting a hard game; the strength of the team lying mainly in the batting, the bowling being weak in comparison. However, during the match it was proved that we had at least one really good bowler in H. H. Cowley. He bowled throughout the Emanuel innings, and his bowling was of as good a length at the end as at the commencement, while his valuable innings of 52, although perhaps not as stylish as it might have been, was of almost inestimable value to his side. He was undoubtedly the hero of the match.

Emanuel won the toss and decided to bat. As it had been raining all the previous night, the wicket was absolutely sodden, and a great handicap to the bowlers, who found it utterly impossible to impart any spin to the ball. The Emanuel innings began at about 12-30, and Kirkwood and Stevens opened, while Cowley and C. H. Williams began the attack for the School. Neither of the batsmen were at all comfortable against Cowley, and Kirkwood was bowled with the score standing only at 5. Bennett then went in and was soon bowled by Williams, after only one run had been added to the score. Snelling took his place and contributed a very valuable 20, being out last of all. With the score at 16, Stevens was bowled by a good length ball from Cowley. A. J. Tinker took Stevens' place, and his partnership with Snelling brought the score up to 56 before his wicket fell. The rest of the innings was merely a procession, the remaining six wickets falling for only 30 runs. Cowley had a fine bowling average of 6.16. The School then commenced their innings; C. H. Williams and

W. L. Davis batting first. Right from the start Williams seemed comfortable, but he was out to a very fine catch at square-leg when he had only scored 9. Then H. H. Cowley went in, and began to score freely all round the wicket. With the score at 37 tea interval was called, and when play was resumed the School were left an hour and a quarter with fifty runs to make. After about a quarter of an hour, Cowley hit a 6. In about another twenty minutes he was caught at mid-on when attempting another big hit. During his sparkling innings of 52 he hit five 4's. The second wicket fell for 84 runs, then the rot set in, the next four wickets falling for the addition of only 17 runs. Mention must be made of W. L. Davis, who supported Cowley throughout his innings. He scored 15 before being caught and bowled by G. T. Page. When stumps were drawn the School were 101 for six wickets, thus winning by four wickets.

EMANUEL SCHOOL.

R. N. Kirkwood, b Cowley	1
C. N. Stevens, b Cowley	6
T. W. Bennett, b Williams	1
T. H. Snelling, b Cowley	20
A. J. Tinker, b Cowley	33
E. W. Gomm, b Cowley	0
L. M. Rawnsley, c Askwell, b D. H. Shepherd	0
E. F. Clinton, c Russell, b Cowley	0
C. M. Taylor, c Wratten, b Williams	1
G. T. Page, b Williams	2
J. W. Hooker, not out	8
Extras	14
Total	86

B.M.S.

C. H. Williams, c Bennett, b Gomm	9
W. L. Davis, c and b Page	15
H. H. Cowley, c Taylor, b Page	52
C. H. J. Ward, l.b.w., b Gomm	1
H. R. Wratten, not out	7
D. C. Riddy, b Gomm	0
E. C. W. Sowman, b Rawnsley	4

This be the verse you grave for me:
"Here he lies where he longed to be;
"Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
"And the hunter home from the hill."

IDEM LATINE.

Qua patet immensus signis stellantibus aether,
Hic mea sub tumulo leniter ossa cubent.
Nulla quidem nostrae fuerat sors invida vitae,
Nec tamen invito mors erat ipsa mihi.
Fac tamen in nostro scribas haec carmina busto,
Haec mihi significent verba suprema vale:
"Hic iacet Ionios transvectus nauita fluctus;
"Hic tandem reduci fert sua vota Jovi.
"Ecce redit Cephalus nemoroso monte relicto;
"Grata quies Cephalo, nec sua Procris abest."

T. C.

"DICK" ROGERS.

As will be seen by a notice in another part of this magazine, the Old Boys' Cricket Club are arranging a well-deserved benefit for "Dick" Rogers this summer.

Rogers was born at Cowley, Oxford, on November 24th, 1854. His father was the groundman and cricket professional at Balliol College, a post he held for forty years. At the age of twenty, "Dick" also joined the College staff, and was under his father for three years. During part of this time the present Duke of Bedford and Mr. R. E. Prothero were students at the College. Leaving Balliol, he went as professional to Felstead School, and had been there for five years when he was offered, and accepted, the post of professional and groundman to the Bedford Modern School. This was in May, 1883, so he has now held his present position for thirty years. When he first came to the School, the field was situated where the town cricket and football grounds are on the Goldington Road, and the present field was used for allotments. When it was decided to turn these allotments into the School field, it fell to Rogers' lot to do all the levelling and turfing that was required, and that he did his work well all those who have been on the ground can testify, although he says it was one of the worst jobs he had in his life. Two first-class players who were playing on the ground two years ago said the present School wickets were as good

as any in England. Rogers played cricket for Bedfordshire for many years, and was one of the best bats, as well as a useful bowler. One year his batting average for the County was forty-two, and this was a record till a few seasons ago. Before becoming qualified for Bedfordshire, he had played several good games for Oxfordshire. He is still connected with this class of cricket, as he has been one of the best known of the second-class umpires for several years. He is one of five brothers, all of whom are professionals at different Oxford Colleges, and nearly all of whom have played for their County.

It is scarcely necessary to mention the number of cricket celebrities that have been sent out from the School by Rogers, but he thinks the best he has turned out are A. O. Jones, A. J. Turner, J. O. Anderson, R. C. Williams, and N. D. T. Oliver.

In addition to his duties at the School, "Dick" has also coached the pupils of Miss Stansfield's Physical Training College for sixteen years.

Apart from this kind of work, he is well known for his skill in laying and turfing cricket pitches, tennis courts, bowling greens, etc., and he has carried out contracts in all parts of Bedfordshire and in counties as far apart as Devonshire and Norfolk.

Rogers has a large family, including several boys, nearly all of whom are following in their father's footsteps and turning out to be good cricketers.

A. O. Jones has described him as "the finest coach in the world." This is saying a great deal, but at any rate no one could take greater pains with his pupils or be more keenly interested in the School than "Dick" Rogers. Although nearly sixty years of age, he is still quite active, and Old Boys, coming from abroad declare he looks as young as he did twenty years ago. May he be spared for a long time yet to continue the good work he has been doing for such a number of years!

H. WILLETT.

OBITUARY.

James Marshall, born October 31, 1900. Entered the School September 1912, in Lower IV.b. Died of appendicitis March 9, 1913.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 6 APRIL 1945.

THE GREAT RECORD OF "DICK" ROGERS

He Laid Most Grounds in Bedfordshire

(Concluded)

"Dick" Rogers has spent the greater part of his ninety-two years in one little corner of the earth—the Bedford Modern School playing field, which came into being under his supervision more than half a century ago and was in his expert care until 1926. But his name crops up quite inevitably wherever Old Modernians meet; be the place thousands of miles from Bedford, "Dick" is mentioned just as surely as is the School.

What a joy it is for them to remember the "grand old man"; to picture him against the background of their schooldays, perhaps moving about the field as summer blossomed all around, and pausing to tell Jones minor at the nets to "keep that bat straight"; or maybe bending over a wicket he had just prepared and feeling the texture of it like a cloth-buyer testing materials. Yes! "Dick" is regarded with warm affection by all O.B.M's, and especially those whom he taught the arts of cricket. They think of him as one of those men who enrich the nature of the game and invest it with character.

A FORMIDABLE TASK

Last week I wrote that the Modern School playing field was "Dick's" monument, built by himself. Go back over sixty years and visualize a youngish man in a bowler hat with a very narrow brim and wearing a big white tie. He is interviewed by the Head Master, Dr. Poole, shrewd judge of a man if ever there was one, and young "Dick" is engaged as groundsman. The ground? A stretch of pasture land off Goldington Road—later the County Ground—but Dr. Poole has a formidable task in store for "Dick". The day soon comes when the Head takes him to see some acres of waste land covered with hillocks, thistles, weeds, and old tins, and says it is henceforth Bedford Modern School cricket ground ...

Undismayed, "Dick" set to work. There is no need after all these years to say what a success he made of the job or to emphasize that the Modern School cricket table has been spoken of in the most laudatory terms by such noted players as Michael Falcon.

But "Dick's" reputation was not to be confined to the Modern School, and the remarkable fact is that he laid out more grounds in Bedfordshire than all other people put together. An idea of his labours may be gained from this list of the grounds he put down: the old County Ground in Goldington Road, Bedford School ground (developed), Elstow School ground, Allen Park, Bedford High School ground, Bedford Croquet Club lawns, Wardown Park (Luton) cricket ground—one of the finest in England, in the opinion of many cricketers—and the playing fields at Kimbolton Grammar School and Dunstable Grammar School.

A PERFECT GROUND

Even beyond the borders of Bedfordshire, "Dick's" services were called upon. There is the story of the touring cricketer who, while travelling through the West of England, saw what he considered to be as perfect a cricket ground as he could imagine. He made inquiries as to who made it. The reply was: "R. Rogers, professional, Bedford Modern School."

When, in 1917, Allen Park was opened with a match between Bedfordshire and Norfolk, Michael Falcon described the wicket as one of the best and truest he had ever known. It was only a year before that "Dick" laid this ground, and for a wicket to win such praise after so short a time was testimony indeed to his skill. "Dick" himself thinks Allen Park is one of his best achievements.

He was given the task of developing Bedford School ground by Mr. Phillpotts and the beautiful wickets which groundsmen over since have been able to prepare there owe much to his pioneer work. The High School ground is entirely the work of the Rogers family. After "Dick" had laid it his eldest son, Henry—more popularly known as Jack—became groundsman. At that time Henry was only 15, and for three years his father superintended his labours. Henry Rogers is still the High School groundsman, a post he has occupied for over forty years.

UNIQUE FAMILY RECORD

The Rogers family's record in ground-keeping is surely without equal. "Dick's" father, Charles, was groundsman at Balliol College, Oxford, for 45 years. "Dick" had four brothers, all of whom were groundsmen and who blessed England—especially Oxford colleges—with groundsmen sons. They were: Harry Rogers, at Worcester College for 52 years; Joe, at Magdalen College 41 years; Alfred, at Exeter College for 33 years; and Peter, at St. John's for 31 years. Harry, aged 90, is still living. One of "Dick's" numerous nephews is groundsman at Radley College, where "Dick" himself began his life's work at 13 years by rolling turf for a shilling a week. He secured his first appointment two years later when he was given charge of the ground at Chatham House School, Ramsgate, where he met the lady whom he was to marry. She died in 1929 after fifty years of happy married life. Before coming to Bedford, "Dick" was engaged by Worcester College, Oxford, and Felstead School, and in those days he played cricket for Oxfordshire.

"Dick" has three sons carrying on the family tradition. Cyril succeeded him at the Modern School, Henry has charge of the High School ground, and Basil—at one time a professional cricketer for Glamorgan—is groundsman at St. John's College, Oxford, where he took over from his uncle twenty years ago.

Before the last war "Dick" was an umpire in the Minor Counties Championship. He "stood" at a Cardiff match in which an Australian eleven, including Warwick Armstrong, Clem Hill, Victor Trumper, Noble, and Ernest Jones, opposed a team selected from Glamorgan, Wiltshire, and Monmouthshire.

Cricket and the job "Dick" did so well have grown into the very texture of his being. The sunshine of many summers has burned on his fine face and left the healthy tan that denotes a man of the open air. Long may he yet be spared to see his field white with young cricketers, and, in the mind's eye, to watch the silent hosts of the past, as they flicker, run-stealing and ball-chasing, across the screen of his memories.

H. J. D.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 21 JANUARY 1966.

TEACHER AT BEDFORD SCHOOL DIES

A master of Bedford School, Mr. William Robert Rushworth, died on Wednesday in Bedford General Hospital (South Wing), at the age of 51 years.

Mr. Rushworth came to Bedford School in 1954 as master in charge of the workshops, and since that time had implemented their re-furnishing to bring them up to date and to a very high standard.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 9.30 a.m. in Bedford School Chapel.

Major-General Sir
HORACE DE COURCY MARTELLI
K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.

Born, 17th July, 1877
At the School from May, 1891, to December, 1895
Died at Salisbury, Wiltshire, on 11th March, 1959

"Major-General Sir Horace Martelli, K.B.E., C.B., D S.O., like his father before him was an officer of the Royal Artillery, but he held a series of staff appointments throughout the war and continued to do so for many years afterwards, the value of his administrative work meeting with considerable recognition. He was Colonel-Commandant of the regiment from 1940 to 1947.

"The son of Colonel Thomas Challenor Martelli, he was born in 1877 and received his early education at Westward Ho! and Bedford School. In December, 1897, he was gazetted second-lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, and got his first step three years later. He began a period of employment with the Malay States Guides in June, 1904, but returned to regimental duty soon after his promotion to captain in March, 1905. In the following March he became adjutant of the XLVII Brigade, R.F.A., and continued so until November, 1908. He went to Sandhurst as an officer of a company of gentlemen cadets in February, 1911, and passed into the Staff College at the beginning of 1913.

"Thus he was one of the students who left Camberley on the outbreak of the war in August, 1914, when he was appointed Deputy Assistant Director of Railway Transport with the British Expeditionary Force. He was promoted major in the R.A. in October, and in March, 1915, he went to G.H.Q. in France as a D.A.Q.M.G., moving in the same capacity to the 25th Division a year later. In June, 1916, however, he was appointed A.Q.M.G. on the staff of the newly formed IX Corps, where he remained for a full year which included the Battle of Messines, June, 1917. Earlier in that month he had received a brevet, and before the end of July he was brought home to the War Office as A.A.G. in the Mobilization Directorate.

At the beginning of August, 1918, after being promoted lieutenant-colonel in the regiment, he became Assistant Director of Mobilization, a post he held until after the armistice; he was awarded the D.S.O. in 1917 and was mentioned four times in dispatches.

In January, 1920, with the brevet of colonel, he was appointed Deputy Director of Mobilization, and at the end of March passed from the Adjutant-General's to the Quartermaster-General's Department as Assistant Director of Quarterings. In June he crossed Whitehall to the Horse Guards on appointment as A.Q.M.G., Eastern Command, being promoted substantive colonel in the following September. In June, 1925, he went on half-pay, but in August, 1925, he succeeded to the command of the artillery of the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division of the Territorial Army. The Sino-Japanese crisis at the end of 1926 resulted in his going out to China as Base Commandant of the Shanghai Defence Force, but he returned home at the end of 1927 and resumed his artillery command in February, 1928. He was created C.B., and, in February, 1929, appointed A.D.C. to his Majesty, and he left the 42nd Division at the end of July, 1930 when he was promoted major-general.

In November, 1930, came his appointment as Major-General in Charge of Administration, Southern Command, and in May, 1934, he was selected to be Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey. He retired in 1939. He was made K.B.E. in 1937."

—*The Times.*

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DOUGLAS ARDEN DALYMPLE SEWELL
O.B.E.
Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry
and Nigerian Colonial Services (retired)

Born, 11th October, 1895
At the School from January, 1906, to December, 1912
Died at Bournemouth on 14th February, 1959

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DOUGLAS GRANT SUTHERLAND

Born, 13th February, 1878
At the School from May, 1889, to December, 1893
Died at Eastbourne on 3rd March, 1959

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WELDRIC ARTHUR TALBOT

Elder son of Arthur Talbot (Staff, 1875-1915)
Born, 30th June, 1880
At the School from September, 1888, to July, 1899
Died on 17th February, 1959

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EDWARD MELVILLE WALKER

Born, 8th October, 1891
At the School from September, 1905, to July, 1911
Died at Hendon on 8th February, 1959

Coming Events during 1959

Old Bedfordians Club Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Savoy Hotel, London, on Friday, 23rd October, 1959. Time: 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets: 32s. 6d. *exclusive* of wines, etc., Dress: Dinner Jackets (or Tails if preferred).

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South Midland District
Berks., Bucks. and Oxon

The Fifth South Midland District Annual Dinner will take place at THE KING'S HEAD HOTEL, AYLESBURY, BUCKS., on Thursday, 4th June, 1959, at 6.45 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. sharp. Tickets 17s. 6d. Dress informal.

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North East District
Yorkshire, Durham and Northumberland

The North East District Dinner will take place on 24th April, 1959, at the Croft Spa Hotel, Croft-on-Tees. Further particulars from the D.V.P. C. P. Rigby, Knowle Top House, Knowle Top Road, Lightcliff, Halifax, Yorks.

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Hampshire, S. Wiltshire and Dorsetshire

The Annual District Luncheon will take place at the Bourne Hall Hotel, Bournemouth, on 26th September, 1959, at 1 p.m. sharp. Further particulars from the D.V.P. S. G. Huntley, 78 Namu Road, Bournemouth.

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Devon and Cornwall

The Annual District Luncheon will take place on 11th April, 1959, at The Royal Clarence Hotel, Exeter, at 12.30 p.m. for 1 o'clock.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 28 JULY 1944.

MR. F. A. S. SEWELL RETIRING

Thirty-Four Years at Bedford School

After thirty-four years' service on the staff of the Bedford School, Mr. F. A. S. Sewell, who played cricket for Cambridge University in 1901 and 1902 and for Bedfordshire County over twenty years ago, is retiring at the end of this term. He has been doing part-time work at the School since Christmas, 1941, the time of his official retirement.

Educated at Weymouth College and St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, Mr. Sewell took a Third Class in the Classical Tripos. In 1902 he became classical master at Wellingborough School, where he remained for seven years, leaving to take up a similar post at Rotherham Grammar School in 1909. In May of the following year he joined the staff of Bedford School. From 1919 to 1925 he commanded the School contingent of the O.T.C.

From 1925 to 1939 Mr. Sewell was Housemaster of "Ashfield". With Mrs. Sewell, a daughter of the late Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, of Kettering, taking a lively care of the domestic side, the House gained during that period a well-deserved reputation for good feeding, health and tone.

Mr. Sewell will be long remembered in cricket circles for his many fine performances on the field. He was an extremely clever slow bowler and an attractive batsman. His father, the Rev. A. Sewell, of Harnham, Salisbury, who is 102 years of age, is still active.

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GROUNDSMAN AT SCHOOL FOR 19 YEARS

After 19 years on the ground staff, for nine of which he served as head groundsman, Mr. Tom Shaw has retired from Bedford School. At the school's Rugby match against Oundle on November 5 he carried the lemons on to the pitch for the last time, and was presented by Mr. P. J. Ricketts, the head of the school, with a cheque and a tankard.

He became head groundsman in 1946, on the retirement of Mr. George Pepall, and in that position proved himself to be a man of many parts. He turned his hand with apparent ease to jobs as different as laying out athletics fields, tending trees, clearing drainage, erecting Rugby posts and laying out gardens. After living in Phillpotts Avenue, Bedford, for many years, he has moved to Bexhill-on-Sea, and has been succeeded as head groundsman by Mr. George Rainbow.

T.H. SHORT

First names in full: THOMAS HENRY
Date of birth: 16-12-1906
Place of birth: 'SEYMOUR' NR STAVELEY CHESTERFIELD DERBYS.
School: WOODTHORPE C of E " " "
University or college: —

Left or right-handed batsman RIGHT.
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper:
Year of first class debut: 1935 V OXFORDSHIRE, VENUE — WARDOWN PARK LUTON
Teams played for:
First class - BEDFORDSHIRE.

Second class - STAVELEY WELFARE, DERBYSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE
THREE COUNTIES HOSPITAL (NOW FAIRFIELD FROM 1930 TO 1956.
MINOR LEAGUE
Others - STAVELEY WELFARE DERBY

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)
FOOTBALL R.H. BACK STAVELEY TOWN - MIDLAND LEAGUE.
FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL F.C.
BOWLS FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL B.C. BEDS C.B.A.
BROTHER of S. SHORT (SAMMY) PRO FOR ~~WEST BROMWICH~~
↘ WEST BROMWICH F.C.

Trust this will be of some use to you, every good wish

Sincerely
T H Short

Thank you for your help.

LT-COL DUDLEY CECIL LINCOLN
Born August 6 1913
At the School from 1924 to 1931
Died July 30 1983
Martin Clemens writes to tell us that Dudley Lincoln, Claude Lincoln and he entered the Incubator together. Dudley left in 1931, Claude and Martin stayed until 1933.

Dudley's energy in the 1st XV earned him the nickname of "Bull", and he was equally powerful in the 1st VIII.

After Sandhurst he joined the Ulster Rifles. Martin Clemens records that he did not see him during the war, but when he was District Commissioner, Samaria, he met Dudley with his regiment in Palestine. He was a good man, who served his country well, in the Bedford tradition.

He leaves a son Michael, a daughter Jane (to whom Martin was godfather), six granddaughters, a grandson, and his wife Mary.

GEOFFREY HAROLD KEITH LUND
Born March 15 1912
At the School from 1926 to 1928
Died March 25 1983

LT-COL IAN RONALD McINTOSH, OBE
Born July 12 1907
At the School from 1915 to 1925
Died March 10 1983
Ronald McIntosh passed into Woolwich and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery, in which he served for 28 years, first in the North-West of India, then in the Far East, where he was when war broke out. He spent the years from 1939 to 1945 in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp, later he commanded his regiment in Malaya in the campaign against the terrorists, in which he was mentioned three times in dispatches and awarded the OBE.

On retirement he was for a time warden of Kilravock Castle, Inverness. In Salisbury he became very active as a steward and lay reader of Cathedral, and helped with youth clubs and work among children. Our sympathy goes to his wife Elizabeth and the three sons.

DARENT TYLER NORDABY
Born February 5 1902
At the School from 1917 to 1920
Died in Buenos Aires May 17 1983

ARTHUR RAYMOND PERRY
Born March 20 1900
At the School from 1914 to 1917
Died January 14 1983
Raymond Perry worked on many things during the last war that were regarded as secret at the time. One of the people he worked with was another Old Bedfordian, Professor Bernal. It was Perry who invented the cross-beams system used by the dambusters to get their altitude exactly right. He broke his back and his neck in an air crash, which made writing difficult, and he recorded some of his memories on tape which has not yet been transcribed, but we hope to publish extracts in the next *Ousel*.

Perry was the nephew of A.L. Turner, whom older OBs will well remember.

MARSHAL OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE SIR THOMAS PIKE, GCB, DFC AND BAR
Born June 29 1906
At the School from 1915 to 1923
Died June 1 1983
Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Thomas Pike, who has died aged 76 crowned a distinguished career by service as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander from 1963 to 1967.

He was Chief of the Air Staff from 1960 to 1963. His elder brother Lt Gen Sir William Pike was Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the same time.

Born at Lewisham and educated at Bedford School, Tom Pike, as he was known throughout the RAF, entered Cranwell in 1924 and joined No 56 Fighter squadron on graduation. He qualified as a flying instructor in 1928 and later specialised in engineering, spending two years at the Aircraft Depot, Aboukir, Egypt.

After a Staff College course in 1937 he returned to flying instruction becoming chief instructor at the flying training school, Ternhill. When war broke out he served at the Air Ministry in the Directorate of Organisation until February 1941. His great skill as a pilot was demonstrated when he took command of No 219 night fighter squadron at Tangmere.

He shot down an enemy aircraft on his first patrol and later destroyed three more including two on the same night.

He was awarded the DFC and Bar in 1941. Later that year he joined No 11 Group as air staff officer for night operations. From 1943 he served in the Middle East and was Senior Air Staff Officer, Desert Air Force in 1944-45.

From 1946 to 1949 he was Director of Operational Requirements, Air Ministry and in 1950 became Air Officer Commanding No 11 Group.

From 1951 to 1953 he was Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Forces Central Europe then returned to London as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff. From 1956 to 1959 he was Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Fighter Command.

In 1960 he succeeded Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle as Chief of the Air Staff. He was promoted Marshal of the RAF in 1962.

He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex from 1973 to 1981 and was appointed a CBE in 1944, a CB in 1945, a KCB in 1955 and a GCB in 1961. In 1930 he married Kathleen Althea, daughter of Maj H. Elwell, who survives him with a son and two daughters.

BRIAN RENDELL
For 30 years Warden of Bedford House
Died at Minehead August 5 1983
Aged 82 years
The name of Brian Rendell will bring back memories for all those Old Bedfordians who had an interest in Bedford House, which was run for many years for boys living in Holborn.

Brian was a very active helper for a number of years until in 1933 he was appointed a full-time warden, a post he held so well for some 30 years until the Club was terminated by Holborn Borough Council.

Brian knew the background and homes of the boys and was able to assist in cases of trouble which might occur in that neighbourhood. He gave a welcome to all old boys of the Club, and followed up their careers.

His last years were spent in an old people's home at Minehead, in poor health, and, no doubt, lonely after his active life.

FREDERICK CHARLES ROFF
Born July 6 1913
At the School from 1924 to 1930
Died September 23 1975

CAPTAIN HAROLD ANTHONY SHADFORTH OBE, MC
Born April 28 1892
At the School from 1900 to 1910
Died in South Africa June 21 1983
At School Captain Shadforth was in the 1st XV, the Shooting VIII, and head of Mr Sanderson's house. He passed into Sandhurst, and in 1911 he joined the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Between 1915 and 1918 he saw active service in Gallipoli, Serbia, Salonika, Palestine, and France. From 1919 to 1928 he was attached to the Egyptian army, and from 1938 to 1946 the Palestine Police, ending with the rank of Superintendent. From 1946 to 1952 he was British Consul, Aleppo. Between 1928 and 1938 he said that he got himself on Himmler's list of people to be rounded up after Operation Sealion.

In a recent letter to the Secretary he said: "I have enjoyed life on the whole and am very fit and happy in this most hospitable and peaceful country".

HIS HONOUR JUDGE WILLIAM ARNOLD SIME, CMG, MBE, QC
Born February 8 1909
At the School from 1920 to 1928
Died April 5 1983
Arnold Sime was a great all-rounder. At School he was Vice-Captain of the 1st XV and Secretary of Football, Capt of Cricket, and Sergeant in the OTC. At Balliol College, Oxford, he was placed in Class 3 of the Final Honours School of Jurisprudence, and called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1932. He was Master of the Bench in 1964.

In 1938 he married Rosemary Roberts, the sister of D.E.C. Roberts (29-38). He served in the war of 1939-45 with the RAF with the rank of Wing Commander. From 1954 to 1963 he was Recorder of Grantham; 1963 to 1971 Recorder of Great Grimsby, and the City of Birmingham in 1971. He was a Senior Puisne Judge, Cyprus, in 1957 and 1958, Senior Judge of the Sovereign Base Areas, Cyprus, 1960. He retired in 1981 after ten years on the Bench in the Midland and Oxford Circuits.

He was Captain of Bedfordshire County Cricket Club from 1931 to 1933, and Captain of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club from 1947 to 1950.

JOHN BELL SIMPSON
Born March 3 1900
At the School from 1909 to 1918
Died August 22 1983
Jack Simpson, who was the third member of the five brothers who were at the School together, went direct into the RAF after leaving School in 1918. After the war he took the course at the Camborne School of Mines in Cornwall and for the next 17 years was engaged in tin-mining in Cornwall, Nigeria and Bolivia, and gold-mining in South India and West Africa. During the second War he served with the Royal Engineers in France, and Malta, finishing up as CRE 1st Tunnelling Group and OC Fortress RE. After the war he returned to mining and for 20 years was engaged in consulting work, based in London but visiting mines in India, Burma and Colombia. He was a Fellow (and Past-President) of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy.

VICTOR STANLEY CROTHER SLINGSBY
Born February 9 1900
At the School from 1914 to 1917
Died -- date unknown

DONALD MATCHAM TAYLOR
Born May 18 1916
At the School from 1929 to 1934
Died March 1983

RICHARD HEARN WALKER
Born August 27 1914
At the School from 1928 to 1932
Died December 13 1982

KENNETH CHARLES WHITLOCK
Born August 15 1894
At the School from 1906 to 1911
Died January 1983

MORRIS MILNER WOODFORD, TD
Born August 24 1906
At the School from 1915 to 1923
Died December 31 1982
Morris and his twin brother David were the youngest of five brothers educated at the School. The most dramatic part of their school careers came when David shot Morris with a German revolver – a Luger – which an elder brother had brought home as a souvenir. It had been left lying about, and by some mischance it was loaded. Morris was away from school for two years, seriously ill, and when he returned he was unable to take part in any of the School's sporting activities.

After leaving he completed his education at Grenoble and Strasbourg universities, which left him with fluent French and German. After a year with Massey Harris he joined Royal Dutch Shell. Some years before the war he had joined the 59th Essex Heavy AA Regiment (RA, TA) and was called up before war broke out. In 1942 he was posted to India, and afterwards Burma, Assam, and the Far East, returning home in 1946, when he rejoined Shell, with whom he remained until his retirement in 1964. He travelled all over the world for Shell, languages being his great asset.

Morris's twin brother David was killed in an air accident in the Middle East in 1948, and his son Timothy (49-54) was killed in 1966 night-flying from the carrier Eagle off Singapore. Only the third brother survives, Brigadier E.J.C. Woodford, DSO (08-19).

He is survived by his wife Clare, his daughter Josephine, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

GRAHAM GABRIEL PRIOR GOLDNEY
F.C.A., J.P.
Born, 9th December, 1889
At the School from May 1904 to December 1906
Died at Hove on 19th July, 1952.

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GUY JOSEPH HARVEY
late Burma Police
Born, 5th March, 1894
At the School from September 1907 to December 1912
Died on 1st January, 1952.

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DAVID HAROLD WYNN KIRBY
Colonel, late Royal Welch Fusiliers.
Born, 23rd June, 1895
At the School from September 1908 to July 1914
Died at Penmorfa, Caernarvonshire, on 30th July, 1952.

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CHARLES ALFRED HOLMES MONTANARO
Colonel, O.B.E., late Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
Born, 20th May, 1887
At the School from May 1896 to July 1905
Died at Boscombe on 19th July, 1952.

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PETER SHERRIFF
Flight-Lieutenant, D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.F.
Born, 11th June, 1921
At the School from September 1929 to July 1939
Killed in a flying accident near Widdington, Essex, on 15th September (Battle of Britain Day), 1952.

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ALAN CARRICK SMITH
Born, 19th January, 1887
At the School from May 1900 to July 1906
Died in London on 5th March, 1951.

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ALFRED EDWARD SYSON
Major, O.B.E., late Royal Marines.
Born, 6th April, 1880
At the School from January 1895 to July 1898
Died in Haslar Hospital on 2nd August, 1952.

Alfred Edward Syson was first commissioned in the R.M.L.I. in 1898. After service, first at Sheerness, during which time he qualified as a P.T. Officer, and then at sea in the Mediterranean, he was employed for a time as Assistant Instructor of Gunnery at Chatham.

From 1907 to 1911 he was employed on P.T. duties, first at the P.T. School and then in the Home Fleet. He retired at his own request on 26th June, 1911, with the rank of Captain.

Recalled for service in the First World War, Major Syson served with the R.M. Brigade in the assault on the Dardanelles, during which time he was wounded and invalided home. He was mentioned in despatches in September, 1915. After a short time at Depot R.M., Deal, he was seconded to the Army as Superintendent of Gymnasia. He was demobilised with the substantive rank of Major on 18th April, 1919.

Major Syson was awarded the French Croix de Guerre in 1916 and the O.B.E. in 1919.

—*The Globe and Laurel.*

FRANK GILBERT WELLER

whose death was recorded in the June issue of the *Ousel*, was Mines Manager for Stewarts and Lloyds, Minerals Ltd. After leaving School he went into coal mining and later became Manager of Thorne Colliery, Yorkshire.

Joining Stewarts and Lloyds as Mines Manager at Islip in 1938, he ultimately took charge of the whole of the Company's area of iron-ore extraction south of the Welland, extending to Wellingborough and Glendon.

During the 1914-18 war, Mr. Weller served with the Royal Engineers and reached the rank of Major. In the last war he was in the Home Guard, and was for long active in the British Legion, being Vice-President of the Thrapston and District Branch.

—*Taken from a Northamptonshire newspaper.*

O.B. Club

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the O.B. Club took place in the War Memorial Hall (by kind permission of the Head Master), at 3.45 p.m. on Sunday, July 27th, 1952, the chair being taken by our retiring President, Admiral Sir Robert Burnett, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., LL.D.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, which were signed by the Chairman.

At the request of the Hon. Mr. Justice Slade, the election of President was deferred until later in the agenda.

The Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Auditor were all unanimously re-elected.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee *vice* those due to retire by rotation in 1952, and to fill one vacancy caused by death :— B. E. Disbury (42-48), J. A. Kempton (28-33), L. V. J. Laville (98-07), L. C. Sharman (88-98), A. H. C. Spark (19-24).

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March, 1952. He stated that the Club had experienced the worst financial year on record, and proposed that the Life Subscription should be raised from three to six guineas. He also stated that fewer boys were joining the Club on leaving School, and that much more support was required at functions organised by the Club, giving as an example the poor attendance at the last Annual Dinner.

The Balance Sheet was adopted, and a special vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. Treasurer.

After considerable discussion, and after considering certain amendments proposed (which if passed would have been out of order), the original Proposal was defeated.

On instructions from the Chair, the Secretary read his Annual Report.

Rule 19 was amended to read, "An Old Bedfordians Dinner shall be held annually, either in Bedford or London, at a time and place to be arranged by the Committee."

Mr. C. G. Simpson, Chairman of the War Memorial Commemoration Fund, read his report for the year 1951-52, the financial details of which were in the possession of those present.

On a proposal from the Chair, the report was

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3 May 2019

Dear Roy

I've been asked by Bedfordshire County Cricket Club to put together an A-Z of all who have played for the County in senior representative cricket since the first match in 1855. The idea is to publish a book, probably in the spring of 2020; most Minor Counties have already done so.

Apologies if I have the wrong Roy Smith but, if it's the right one, you played two matches in the Minor County Championship in 1960 and I'd be really grateful if you could complete the attached form and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Kevin

KEVIN CLEMENT

Sorry Kevin
Wrong Roy Smith

W A G Southwell

Wilfrid Alan Glanville	Born 27 November 1893 Filey, Yorkshire Father Mother Died 16 June 1915 Hooge, Belgium. No grave and commemorated on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial
Type of Player	[Batsman]
Education	Bedford County School [1903-1912]; Cricket XI [1909-1912]
Main Cricket Team	Bedfordshire - 6 matches in 1912. [6, 12, 1 67, 249, 22.63, - 1 1 1 -. He did not bowl] [His eligibility to play for Bedfordshire was questioned.]
Other Cricket Teams	Not known
Other Sports	Hockey for Bedfordshire
Military Career	Enlisted as Private in the 1st Battalion of Honourable Artillery Company at Armoury House, London on [?]. [Service Number 2292] [Died/Killed in Action on 16 June 1915 at Hooge, Belgium and commemorated on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial.

L Williams

Leslie	Born [?] Father W A Williams Mother Ada M Williams Address – Copper Beeches, Tower Road, Orpington, Kent [Died/killed in action – age 25] 1 July 1916
Type of Player	[Batsman?]
Education	Bedford County School [1903-1907]; Cricket XI [1906-1907]
Main Cricket Teams	Bedfordshire
Other Cricket Teams	Not known
Other Sports	Hockey for Kent
Military Career	Gazetted on 12 May 1915 to be temporary Second Lieutenant Northumberland Fusiliers [23rd Tyneside Scottish Battalion]. Died/killed in action 1 July 1916. Buried at Serre Road Cemetery No 2 Somme, France. [Service Number not known.]

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A LIFE OF USEFUL SERVICE ENDED

Death of Mr. Leonard G. Stileman-Gibbard

GRAND OLD MAN OF SPORT

It is with regret that we announce the death of one of the best-known and highly-esteemed figures in Bedfordshire, Mr. Leonard Gibbard Stileman-Gibbard, M.A., J.P., of Glen Lui, Sharnbrook. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard, who was eighty-three, had been ill for a long time, and death took place on Tuesday. The funeral is appointed to take place at Sharnbrook to-morrow (Saturday) at 2.45 p.m. He had led a very full life, characterized by useful service to the County and its people through a wide variety of agencies. He will best be remembered as a County magistrate, an indefatigable temperance worker, and a keen sportsman. He was known as Bedfordshire's Grand Old Man of cricket, a title he won on the field and of which he was rightly proud.

The late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was born on 22nd June 1856 and was the second son of Major-General William Croughton Stileman, 15th Regiment, Bombay Native Infantry, and of Frances, youngest sister to John Gibbard of Sharnbrook. The family has an interesting descent. William Gibbard, J.P., of Sharnbrook, was Deputy Sheriff of Bedfordshire in 1785 and his son and heir was John Gibbard, J.P., D.L., who married Mary, daughter of Leonard Hampson, whose wife was the daughter of the Rev. William Smith, Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford, Rector of Barton, Prebendary of Lincoln. This reverend gentleman married Mary Hawes, granddaughter of the founder of the Hawes Charities in Bedford. Descended from Sir Samuel Luke of Cople (the original of "Hudibras"), John Gibbard had nine children of whom another John Gibbard was the eldest and Frances was the youngest. Frances married Major-General W. C. Stileman and she died at Aden in 1863. There were five children of this marriage and the late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was the second son. He succeeded to the estates in 1871, under the will of his uncle, John Gibbard, and he assumed the additional surname of Gibbard. He married in 1884 Edith Geraldine, elder daughter of Sir Frederic Arrow, Deputy-Master of Trinity House, of Pilgrim's Hall, Essex. This lady, who had associated herself with her husband's varied public activities and had travelled with him round the world, died on 6th August 1928, aged seventy-one, and her loss was much lamented in the parish. There is one daughter, Miss Stileman-Gibbard.

Sharnbrook House, the seat of the family, was let some years ago, when Mr. Stileman-Gibbard built a smaller residence called "Castle Close", which is very pleasantly situated along the road to Colworth. The estates were known in the sixteenth century as Langtons and Parentines, names derived from owners in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The property was purchased in 1766. The rectory of Sharnbrook was acquired in 1770 by William Gibbard and passed to his son John. Some years ago Mr. Stileman-Gibbard moved to "Glen Lui", Sharnbrook.

The late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard had three brothers, viz., Arthur William Stileman, Harry Hampshire Stileman, and Charles Harvey Stileman, and a sister, Amy Mary, who died in 1884. Several of his uncles and brothers served in the Army and Royal Navy.

VIGOUR AND EARNESTNESS

There was something about the character of Mr. Stileman-Gibbard that suggests he inherited in no small manner the traits of his sturdy and distinguished ancestor, Sir Samuel Luke, who it will be remembered was governor of Newport Pagnell Garrison in which John Bunyan, as a soldier, is said to have drawn inspiration for his allegory of spiritual things in "The Siege of Mansoul". Describing the squires of that day G. M. Trevelyan observes that "In the reign of James and Charles I the manor houses of England produced a famous breed of men to sit in Parliament. The earnest personal character of their Protestant religion was combined with a cultured habit of mind and manner of gentlemen who were the ripe products of the English Renaissance." It was this side of the seventeenth-century gentleman, whether Roundhead or Cavalier, that seemed to have been transmitted to the late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard.

Religious work, temperance reform, county administration, and cricket were the principal phases of Mr. Stileman-Gibbard's activities in this County from his early manhood. He was educated at Brighton and at Trinity College, Cambridge, graduating B.A., 1876, and M.A., 1881. In all that he took in hand he was earnest, conscientious, and thorough. He always had the courage of his convictions. His brother magistrates in Quarter Sessions did not always see eye to eye with him, but they respected his ability and sincerity, and knew that any responsibility entrusted to him would be faithfully carried out. Some of his public work may have been distasteful to him, but he was deeply imbued with a sense of public duty. He had been a Justice of the Peace in the Sharnbrook Division since 1879. He became a Deputy Lieutenant in 1906 (resigning his commission early this year) and Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions in 1923. He was a member of the Standing Joint Committee for many years, Chairman of the Prison Visiting Committee, an assessor under the Clergy Discipline Act since 1892, a member of the Home Office Advisory Committee, and a member of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, in which he was much interested. He was formerly hon. secretary and treasurer of the Bedfordshire Christian Colportage Society. For many years he was Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Carlton School, which was one of his greatest interests, and his sterling advice to the boys was something that they were likely to remember through life.

In the various questions that Mr. Stileman-Gibbard took in hand he was at pains to make himself master of the subject. He had great intellectual power and was a forcible argumentative speaker. He was often outvoted but never beaten, and generally got his own way in the end. A zealous advocate of temperance, Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was a deeply religious man of the evangelical school and was warmly attached to the Church of England, in which he had been brought up.

A REDOUBTABLE CRICKETER

Most branches of sport claimed Mr. Stileman-Gibbard's interest, but cricket was his principal love. He played until he was seventy-three, giving excellent service to the County eleven and to the Club and Ground. He played in Bedfordshire cricket so far back as 1877 and had been a member of the County Club since its inception. He was chairman of the County Club for many years, retiring from this position at the end of 1935, when he was succeeded by the late Mr. R. W. Rice. Up to the past summer few County or Club and Ground matches were played without he was present. He invariably inspected the wicket with an expert eye and he always had a cheery word for the players.

He was introduced to the game as a boy at school at Brighton and was an accomplished all-rounder, keeping wicket, bowling, and batting with equal success. On going up to Cambridge he played for Trinity College. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard had many notable performances to his credit and he had the honour of playing against an Australian touring side for the South of England in 1886. He scored 46 out of 194, and the opposition bowlers included Giffen, Trumble, and Garrett.

Mr. Stileman-Gibbard retired in 1929 and scored 77 runs and took part in a first-wicket partnership of 135 runs in his last match. As Mr. Frank Crompton, the hon. secretary of the County Club, remarked at the time, "For a gentleman seventy-three years of age this was a very noteworthy feat of endurance in itself. . . . Having now laid aside the bat, Mr. Stileman-Gibbard will be able to reflect with the greatest satisfaction upon his concluding match . . ."

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 1939.

MR. L. G. STILEMAN-GIBBARD

Public People Attend Funeral at Sharnbrook

A simple funeral service for Mr. Leonard Gibbard Stileman-Gibbard, of Glen Lui, Sharnbrook, who died on 19th September at the age of eighty-three years, was attended by people well known in public life at Sharnbrook Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard served the County in many ways, but was perhaps best known as a magistrate, temperance worker, and sportsman. He was the "Grand Old Man" of cricket so far as Bedfordshire was concerned; he played in the County XI years ago and continued to take part in club cricket until late in life.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Sharnbrook, the Rev. C. E. Howlett, and Canon Holmes (late of Milton Ernest). Mr. F. Dickens played the organ for the singing of the hymns "On the Resurrection morning" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er".

The family mourners were Miss Stileman-Gibbard (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stileman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stileman, Mr. and Mrs. Arrow, and Mrs. Kenwricke-Cox (nephews and nieces), Miss Beatrice Bettington (first cousin), Dr. Donald Carr (first cousin), Mrs. Harold Padwick (cousin), Nurse T. Horton, and Miss S. Parrott.

Among those who attended the funeral were the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire (Lord Luke), Sir Anthony Wingfield, Mr. S. H. Whitbread, Lady King-Harman, Miss King-Harman, Colonel and Mrs. R. R. B. Orlebar, Colonel Talbot Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Graham, Captain S. H. Starey, Mrs. Talbot Jarvis (Hon. Secretary of the Sharnbrook Nursing Association), Mrs. Collins (Bedford), Miss Joan Wells (representing Mrs. Wells, Toft House, Sharnbrook), Colonel H. O. Wade, Mr. A. R. Alston, Mr. C. D. Linnell, Mr. A. C. Wildman (representing Mr. R. W. Allen, C.B.E., D.L.), Dr. and Mrs. R. Stuart, Miss E. Z. Lucas (British Women's Total Abstinence Union), Mrs. Josselyn, and Mr. J. C. E. Robinson, Dr. Montague Lawrence, Capt. and Mrs. R. Milburn Crowe,

Mr. A. W. Previté, Mrs. C. S. Taylor, Mrs. Fountain, Miss Dickens, Mr. E. Brimley, Mr. E. Brimley, Mr. E. H. Godfrey, Mrs. Mole, Mr. T. H. Pacey, Mr. F. W. Fountain, Mrs. Brown, Mr. W. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, Mr. J. Bromwell, Miss M. Bromwell, Miss Parrott, Mrs. Horrell (representing Mr. E. H. Horrell), Mr. A. F. Wood, Mr. R. Newell, Miss Bayes, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hilton, Miss Pacey, Mr. C. Roberts Gawen, Mr. J. Pike, Mrs. Cooke (representing Mr. H. J. Cooke), and Mr. L. G. Benson (representing the Sharnbrook and Souldrop Flower Show Committee).

Inspector Smith, P.c. Wheeler, P.c. Henry, and P.c. Croft represented the Bedfordshire Constabulary.

Mr. Frank Crompton was to have represented the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, but illness prevented him from attending.

AN APPRECIATION

BY COLONEL R. R. B. ORLEBAR

We have received the following tribute to Mr. Stileman-Gibbard, coupled with some interesting personal reminiscences, from Colonel R. R. B. Orlebar, one of his oldest friends:—

As one who knew the late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard intimately, not only as a neighbour but as a lifelong friend, will you allow me to supplement your admirable notice of him with a few personal reminiscences.

In boyhood's days he was full of the keenness of youthful sport whether it was in catching the pike in the pools at Sharnbrook House or more often in catapulting blackbirds up the hedges in which he made me very jealous, for he was a much better shot than I was. He thoroughly enjoyed such surroundings of a natural country life, and I always understand that it was largely for that reason that his uncle, Mr. John Gibbard, who was a well-known sportsman of the old school, at his death in 1871 left him the Sharnbrook property somewhat unexpectedly out of the direct line of succession. My vague recollections of Mr. John Gibbard centre round his spectacles, which he was constantly breaking. They were great round ones and each time he broke them he put the broken bits on a sheet of paper, drew a pencil line round their circumference and sent it to the optician, saying, "Send me another glass exactly this size". The consequence was that they increased in diameter every few months until they became like overlapping windows on his face as I still remember them.

It was in this atmosphere of rather rough and ready sport that his nephew grew up and learnt to thoroughly enjoy everything that came his way, from a wooden boneshaker bicycle (which is still in existence) to the fuller delights of being a hard rider to hounds, a brilliant cricketer, and an excellent shot.

The fact that he had an intense love of this life and excelled in all games, lawn tennis and hockey included, gave honourable prominence to the great decision of his life to peremptorily discard both games and sport because he thought that they interfered with and even ran counter to his sudden resolve to devote himself to the cause of extreme temperance and evangelization. If only he had let the two currents of his life blend at this time instead of separating them rather aggressively he would not have lost an influence with some of his former friends which he afterwards found it difficult to recover. In the years which followed he devoted himself, sometimes with over-strenuous zeal, to the causes which he had so deeply at heart whilst he suppressed the promptings of his sporting life with unabated determination.

Then after his marriage to his warm-hearted and most considerate wife—who died eleven years ago—came a gradual change which all his friends welcomed and looking at sport and games on their best side he entered once more into their field. Through all these years I had been steadily trying to get him to take a normal view of them and had asked him to shoot at Hinwick year after year, but to no purpose. The only answer I got was, "*cui bono?*", till to my utter astonishment he suddenly accepted an invitation to a day's partridge driving, which I shall never forget. He had parted with his guns and he borrowed a rusty old sixteen-bore from a farmer, which he had never seen till that morning and which hardly looked safe to use. I remember that we were standing behind a plantation and four tall coveys came over his head, and to my admiring astonishment he killed a right and left out of each of them. It was an extraordinary performance for anybody who until that day had not fired a shot since he was a young man. He was as delighted as I was and there was never any more "*cui bono?*" after that. Never again did he lose his interest in shooting and it is extraordinary to relate that the very day before his death whilst the nurse was out of his room he got out of bed, put on his dressing gown, went to his study for his gun, and when she returned she found him sitting on his bed having taken the gun to pieces and was cleaning it. What is bred in the bone will come out in the blood!

So it was with his cricket. He loved it to the end. A few days after he had played his last match for Bedfordshire Club and Ground, in which, at the age of seventy-three, he scored 77 and took part in a first wicket-stand of 135, I was sitting with him in his bedroom and he told me that during his innings he had continually felt the pain of a heart attack till at last he could stand it no longer and got out, but he added, "I was stupid not to go on and make a century which I feel sure I could have done".

At the time of his death he had been a magistrate on the Sharnbrook Bench for just sixty years (as curiously enough my father had also been) and his constant attendance there and his unceasing care for the welfare of the lads at the Bedfordshire Reformatory (the Carlton School), where for many years he was Chairman of the Committee of Management, are well known and involved duties to which he gave precedence over any amusements.

Thus has passed from our midst o who had many complex characteristi all of which played their part in enabli his friends to see that beneath them the same foundation of earnestness a resolve to serve his God in doing wi seemed to him right without ever flinchi under the pressure of public opinion.

COURT TRIBUTE

Before the actual business at Sharnbro Sessions on Friday, Col. R. R. B. Orleb paid a tribute to the late Mr. L. G. Sti man-Gibbard.

"He has been a member of this benc said Col. Orlebar, "for sixty years, and was senior magistrate in the County, h ing been appointed in 1879. He was last of what I might call my boyh friends in this neighbourhood and I c sider it a privilege to have had the i macy of that friendship. This enabled to understand his character more co pletely than those who had not known h so long. He was a man with a mar sided character. He was a brilliant spor man."

Col. Orlebar then spoke of various in dents in the life of Mr. Stileman-Gibba and continued, "As regards his duties this bench, he was most assiduous in th and I think that throughout his life it w not only a duty but a pleasure to him carry out these duties. We feel gratif that he has passed away at a time l this when trouble is hanging over t country."

Col. Orlebar asked the Clerk of Court (Mr. E. T. Williams) to send a let of sympathy on behalf of the bench to M Stileman-Gibbard.

Mr. E. T. Williams associated hims with the remarks and the Court stood silence.

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SPORT OF THE WEEK

EIGHTY NOT OUT

Mr. Stileman-Gibbard's Performances

Birthday greetings to Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, who celebrated his eightieth birthday this week. Like Mr. Orr, to whom I referred a week or so ago, he is a stalwart of Bedfordshire cricket and still retains a lively interest in the County Club and the Club and Ground. Few home matches are played without he is present, and he always inspects the wicket and has a cheerful word with the players. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard is our Grand Old Man of the game, and all will join me in wishing him many more years of good health and happiness.

Born on 22nd June 1856, Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was introduced to the game he loved with honour for so many years at school at Brighton, where, as a small boy, he became a fast bowler. Later he turned his attention to wicket-keeping with equal success. On going up to Cambridge he played for Trinity College, and one of his colleagues was Mr. Alfred Lyttleton, who later became the Colonial Secretary in the Government.

PLAYED UNTIL SEVENTY-THREE

He played cricket until he was seventy-three, and gave excellent service to Bedfordshire and the Club and Ground both as a bowler and a batsman. When he retired in 1929, Mr. Frank Crompton, the hon. secretary, made the following richly-deserved complimentary comment in his annual report to the County Cricket Club: "Owing to ill-health, the Chairman (Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard) was able to appear in only two of the Club and Ground matches. In the first game against Southill he scored 31 runs, and in the second match, a few days later, against the Bedford Conservative Club, he scored 77 runs in a first wicket partnership with Mr. E. S. Vole which yielded 135 runs. For a gentleman 73 years of age this was a very noteworthy feat of endurance in itself, but it was particularly pleasing to see him time his drives so perfectly and cut with such freedom. He also fielded finely in this match, making a smart catch at square leg. Having now laid aside the bat, Mr. Stileman-Gibbard will be able to reflect with the greatest satisfaction upon his concluding match, which terminated with such success a very long and very creditable association in Bedfordshire cricket with both bat and ball. He was playing in Bedfordshire cricket in 1877. Viscount Clifwater, who had recently become a Vice-President of the Club, was also playing for Bedfordshire in those days."

PLAYED AGAINST AUSTRALIANS

Mr. Stileman-Gibbard has many notable performances to his credit. Let me recall a few to your mind, if you are old enough to remember. As the County Eleven met Hertfordshire on Wednesday and Thursday this week, it is appropriate to record that way back in 1881 he distinguished himself against our old rivals in a game at Luton. He took five Hertfordshire wickets for 21 runs (as did Tom Brown), and thus contributed largely to Bedfordshire's handsome victory. Hertfordshire were dismissed for 65 in the first innings. Again in 1887 he caused dismay to Hertfordshire players, taking three wickets for 14 and six for 29 in the first and second innings respectively. He also had the honour of playing against an Australian touring side. In 1888 he and Mr. H. Pigg, of Hertfordshire, played for Hastings against Bexhill. They made a grand stand. They scored over 100 runs in forty-six minutes, and not until 216 runs had been scored were they parted. As the side was out for 240 it will be appreciated that the bowling was good.

As a result of this excellent performance Mr. Stileman-Gibbard and Mr. Pigg were invited to play for the South of England against the Australians. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard made forty-six out of 194, which ranks as a high performance, especially as the bowlers included Giffen, Trumble, and Garrett.

HEADED AVERAGES

In 1881 he headed his Club's bowling averages. He bowled 431 overs, of which 196 were maidens, and took 54 wickets for 585 runs, giving an average of 11.1 per wicket. In 1882 he sent thirteen Rutlandshire men back to the pavilion for 64. One of his best batting performances was against Norfolk at the Bedford School ground, for in the first innings he scored 68 out of a total of 172, and in the second innings 68, also out of a total of 172. In 1904 he topped the Bedford League First Division batting averages with an average of 43.66.

In more recent years Mr. Stileman-Gibbard again proved his worth with the ball. In a match between the Club and Ground and the Old Modernians the Old Boys were scoring freely. Graham and Newman (who later played for Surrey and is now a member of Sir Julien Cahn's side) had carried the score to 121 for one wicket. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was called upon to bowl, and he quickly gave marching orders to the Old Boys, who were all out for 163, Mr. Stileman-Gibbard securing six wickets for 21 runs. And in 1919 he carried his bat through the Club and Ground's innings for 57 against Wellingborough School.

These are only a few outstanding feats: there were many others. A photograph of Mr. Stileman-Gibbard in company with Mr. Jack Hobbs, the England and Surrey cricketer, and Mr. Frank Crompton is reproduced on page ten.

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Our Cricket Portrait Gallery.

8.—L. G. Stileman Gibbard.

Photo] [A. J. M. Haseall.

Character and cricket are always found closely associated with each other, and no greater living example of this rule could be found to-day than in the subject of our sketch, L. G. Stileman-Gibbard is one of the strongest personalities and characters off the cricket field and one of the keenest and ablest exponents of the grand old game it has been my pleasure to meet. Alas, it is only too true that even to-day he is streets ahead of the young generation of players, who, as a rule, develop the spectacular rather than the effective and scientific side of the game. An orthodox 50 from him made by strokes all round the wicket is quite as thrilling as from the batsman who lands most of his strokes safely over the chalk line denoting the boundary. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was introduced to cricket while at school at Brighton, where, when a small boy, he was known as a fast bowler. Later he took to wicket-keeping with equal success. When at Cambridge he played in the Trinity XI. with Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, who later became Colonial Secretary. Besides being a squire, Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was Deputy Lieutenant for the County in 1911, and he has also been a Justice of the Peace for many years.

According to "Wisden," Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard was born on June 22nd, 1856, so that in a week's time he will be entering upon his 68th year. A personal request from Mr. L.S.-G. asking me "not to go on making him believe he is a veteran, or he soon will be one," is only another example of his sense of fitness, and in respect for his wish I refrain from making much comment on this fact. I can perhaps get over the difficulty by saying he has probably partaken of more Christmas dinners than any other cricketer who is playing regularly in good class cricket every Saturday, and sometimes in the week. A testimony of his ability to-day is found in the chorus of "well bowled" or "well caught" from the fielding side when it means L.S.-G. has to retire. Ask experienced batsmen like Graham, Newman, Joyce, and Wilfred King—yes, and any other of our leading County players—if they feel very happy when well set, they see the v—— (Oh! I'm sorry, I nearly fell again, Mr. Gibbard!) see our subject take his sweater off in preparation to bowl that high simple-looking stuff, which looks to some spectators and young players what probably a dummy looks like to a baby, something to get at. As a rule, when both this class of people attain their object they are both at least quiet, one in the pavilion and one in sleep.

In 1886 Mr. Herbert Pigg, of Herts. County, and Mr. Stileman-Gibbard were playing on the Hastings ground for Hastings against Bexhill. They both opened the batting, and at such a rate did they score that 100 runs were registered in 36 minutes. Not until 216 was reached did the first wicket fall, and the side were all out for 240, so that it will be gathered that the bowling was good. It is not surprising to hear that through this excellent performance both were invited to play for the South of England against the Australians. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard scored 46 out of a total of 194, which ranks as a very high achievement when it is realised that the chief bowlers were Giffen, Trumble, and Garrett. Our subject's first appearance for Beds. County was in 1877, when he was played both as a bowler and a bat. During that year he took three wickets for 14 in the first innings, and six for 29 in the second against Herts. In 1881 he headed the County bowling averages with 431 overs, 184 maidens, 595 runs, and 54 wickets. Average 11.1. During this year Tom Brown and Stileman-Gibbard dismissed Herts. for 45, both getting five wickets for 21. The next year he sent 13 Rutland men back to the pavilion during the match for 64 runs. His best batting performance was against Norfolk, on the Bedford School ground. He made 88 out of a total of 172 in the first innings, and 68, also out of a total of 172, in the second innings. In 1904 he won the First Division League best batting average with an average of 48.66.

Of more recent performances the writer can remember on one occasion Beds. Club and Ground were playing the Old Modernians on a plumb pitch. The Old Boys were scoring at a terrific rate, through Graham and Newman, and 120 runs were up for one wicket. Stileman-Gibbard went on, and commenced to tantalise the batsmen. They jumped out, played back, scratched and pecked at the bowling, and soon, with the rest of the team, received marching orders. The whole team were out for 163, and Stileman-Gibbard had secured six wickets for 23. On another occasion, in 1919, he carried his bat through a complete innings of 112 for 51 not out, against Wellingborough School. Only a fortnight ago Stileman-Gibbard made 51 not out for Beds. Club and Ground, and he followed this up with 66 for the Conservative Club last week. May he continue to take an active part on the Bedfordshire cricket fields for many years to come.

Next week Percy Burke, the County batsman and wicket-keeper, will hang in our gallery, or shall we say, to be correct, his photograph? "HOW'S THAT."

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 20 MAY 1960-1.

A GREAT SOLDIER AND SPORTSMAN

Death of Old Bedfordians Club secretary

The well-known and respected soldier and sportsman, Lieut.-Col. Herbert Orr Sutherland, of Kimbolton Road, Bedford, died suddenly in Bedford General Hospital on May 15, aged 70.

Educated at Bedford School from 1898 to 1908, Colonel Sutherland took up the post of secretary of the Old Bedfordians Club soon after his return to his native town of Bedford in 1951.

While at school he was a keen sportsman, playing cricket for the County Club, and Rugby for the East Midlands in the County Championships, while still a schoolboy.

On leaving school he decided on the Army as a career, and after a year at Sandhurst was granted a commission in the "Fighting Fifth", the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. He served with the Regiment in India for four years, and on the outbreak of war in 1914 went to France. There he was injured and captured, spending two years in enemy hands.

Lieut.-Col. Sutherland was repatriated in 1917 and later was engaged in Regimental and War Office duties until 1923 when he was appointed an instructor at the Small Arms School at Hythe, Kent.

IN WEST INDIES

Regimental duties in the West Indies and Egypt followed until he retired in 1936. During his service he represented his Regiment at many sports, including polo, cricket, Rugby, hockey, golf, tennis, and squash.

A year later he became secretary of the Beaconsfield Golf Club, a post he held for several years. He was recalled in 1939, serving in various appointments. He was finally demobilised in 1944, and resumed his secretaryship at Beaconsfield. He returned to Bedford in 1951, and three years later took up the post as secretary of the Old Bedfordians Club.

Lieut.-Col. Sutherland was a member of three well-known cricket clubs, the Free Foresters, the Incogniti, and the Band of Brothers. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, two of whom are married.

The funeral service will be held today (Friday) at St. Andrew's Church, Bedford, at noon. A memorial service will be held in Bedford School chapel on Saturday, May 28, at noon.

TWO TRIBUTES

The following tributes have been received:

Sir Douglas Gordon, president of the Old Bedfordians Club, writes: Old Bedfordians will be sorry to learn that our secretary, Lieut.-Col. H. O. Sutherland, unexpectedly passed away on Sunday after a short illness. His kindness and charm had endeared him to every member of the Club, and we in Bedford, who saw him almost daily, will miss a dear friend.

Mr. Frank Crompton, secretary of Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, writes:

He expressed for many of us English manhood at its best. Graced with a delightful and natural charm of manner, he won the deepening trust and affection of all who were privileged to know him.

For all his talents, and with all his remarkable athletic distinction, he retained a modesty that won profound admiration.

There could be no mistaking the innate culture that gave such poise and refinement to his personality.

His loss to cricket is indeed a tragedy, but those who knew him never forget. His light remains!

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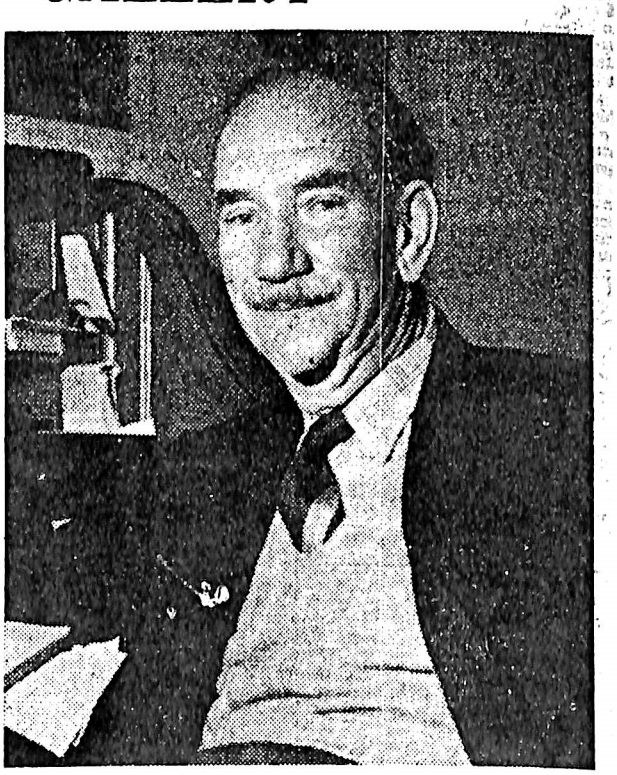
A BEDFORDSHIRE PORTRAIT GALLERY



LIEUT.-COL. H. O. SUTHERLAND

YEARS of service and of endurance with the famous "Fighting Fifth"—the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers—have endowed Lieut.-Col. H. O. Sutherland with a philosophical attitude to life. As it happened, in a small way he had need of some such resource long before his professional career began, when, as a scholar of Bedford School, he had to leave Upper School and join the then newly-opened Preparatory (the "Incubator"). That "demotion" was an unkindly blow to youthful pride, though doubtless the then Sutherland minor took it without bitterness.

He was at Bedford School for ten years. He won his colours at Rugger, Cricket, and Fives, and was captain of the three teams. He also played for the County Cricket XI and for East Midlands in the Rugby County Championship while still at school.

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By the time he left school, at 18, he had decided on a military career. There followed a year at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst (which he represented at Rugger and Cricket), and then "by the greatest good fortune"—as he has described it—he sought and was given a commission "in the finest Regiment in the British Army—the Fighting Fifth", the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

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He served with the Regiment in India for four years and on the outbreak of the first World War went with the "Fifth" to France. There, on the last day of the advance following the retreat from Mons, he was wounded and captured. Two years in the hands of the enemy, he had one lucky break: a form of parole in Switzerland for one year, under an arrangement between the belligerents for seriously incapacitated prisoners of war. (During his year there he became an experienced skier.)

Lieut.-Col. Sutherland was repatriated in 1917 and later was engaged in Regimental and War Office duties until 1923, when he was appointed an Instructor at the Small Arms School at Hythe, Kent—where he spent, in his own words, "four pleasant years".

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Regimental duties at home and abroad (in Germany, at Cologne; and in Ireland, the West Indies, and Egypt) followed during the next nine years of his Service career. He retired in 1936.

A year later, after a course under the late Major Sarel, of the Beaconsfield Golf Club, he became the club's secretary, a post which he held (except for the years of the second World War) for eight and a half years. During 1939 to 1944, recalled to the Colours, he served in various appointments. He was finally demobilised in 1944.

He then resumed his secretaryship of the Beaconsfield Golf Club, remaining with the club until 1951.

In that year he came back to his native County and Town—and three years later was appointed Secretary of the Old Bedfordians' Club, a position he still holds.

At the Club's headquarters in the offices of the Harpur Trust, Lieut.-Col. Sutherland endeavours to keep in touch with all the club's 5,000 members, through its district Vice-Presidents—a contact which in range is world-wide.

One ventures to feel that this is a service which affords Lieut.-Col. Sutherland the kind of satisfaction most real to him—because it is a service both social and personal.

BEDS

H O SUTHERLAND Captain – Northumberland Fusiliers.

Wounded in shoulder

Transferred to GRADENTREL Sept 1915 to March 28 1916

LARINSDORF HOSPITAL 28 MARCH to 18 APRIL 1916

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"On ~~28 March 1916 to~~ 20 April shoulder operated on by Dr NIESSEN after X'ray taken.

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Heidelberg 28 July to 11 Aug

Transferred to Sinsheim 11 Aug 1916

"When I arrived in Sinsheim I could hold an object in my hand & on my shoulder 3 centimetres deep, having been wounded for just on 23 months."

College, Cambridge (captained by M. W. L. Morris, O.B.) we were beaten 6-3. Both the matches were against fairly strong opposition, and they taught us a good deal. We still have a lot to learn and perfect —when to come up to the net, when not to volley, when to let our partner play the ball, etc. But these are early times, and after Burton comes back from his official, protracted exeat we hope to have a settled team.

Captain Uberoi is again proving a very helpful coach, and is not only teaching the better players to improve their game but, equally important,, is teaching boys who have never played the game before to enjoy it. It is a pleasure to see boys deriving pleasure from tennis who have never in their lives liked any other ball game. K.S.

OLD BEDFORDIAN NEWS

In Memoriam

It is with the deepest regret that I report the death of "Herbie" Sutherland, the Secretary of the Old Bedfordians Club, on Sunday, 15th May. A note of his career and achievements will be found below but it is of his service to the Club and his devotion to the School and everything connected with it that I wish here to pay tribute.

His loyalty to, and affection for, the School found full expression in his unstinting labours for the expansion and consolidation of the ties between Old Boys and the School. First as Honorary Secretary and latterly as President I have been privileged to work in the closest association with him and I have been filled with admiration for the amount of work he put in for the Club and for the way in which he kept members in touch. His charm of manner and his modest unassuming approach to young and old O.B.s alike was perhaps most marked at the Club's dinners and similar functions, and most of all during successive Old Bedfordian Weeks, when no Old Boy, however long or short a period might have elapsed since he last visited the School, was allowed to feel a stranger. "Herbie" made a point of getting in touch with each one, introducing them to possible contemporaries, to the Head Master and to the President. He was held in great regard and affection.

I and many others have lost a personal friend and the world is a poorer place for his passing.

A.D.G.

Letters and cables of sympathy have been received from numerous O.B.s all over the world.

HERBERT ORR SUTHERLAND
Lieut.-Colonel
late Royal Northumberland Fusiliers
Born, 1st May, 1890
At the School from September 1898 to July 1908
Secretary of the Old Bedfordians Club since 1954
Died at Bedford on 15th May, 1960.

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—*The Bedfordshire Times.*

The Funeral Service took place at St. Andrew's Church, on Friday, 20th May, and a Memorial Service was held in the School Chapel on Saturday, 28th May. It was attended by Old Bedfordians, Masters and senior boys of the School. The service was conducted by the School Chaplain and the lesson was read by the President of the Club.

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ERIC ROBINSON
Born, 11th November, 1887
A member of the Staff from June 1920 to December 1946
Housemaster of Castleside, 1929-30,
and of Redburn, 1931-40
Died at St. Asaph on 26th May, 1960.

We reprint here an extract from the article from the *Ousel* of 5th March, 1947. This notice was