

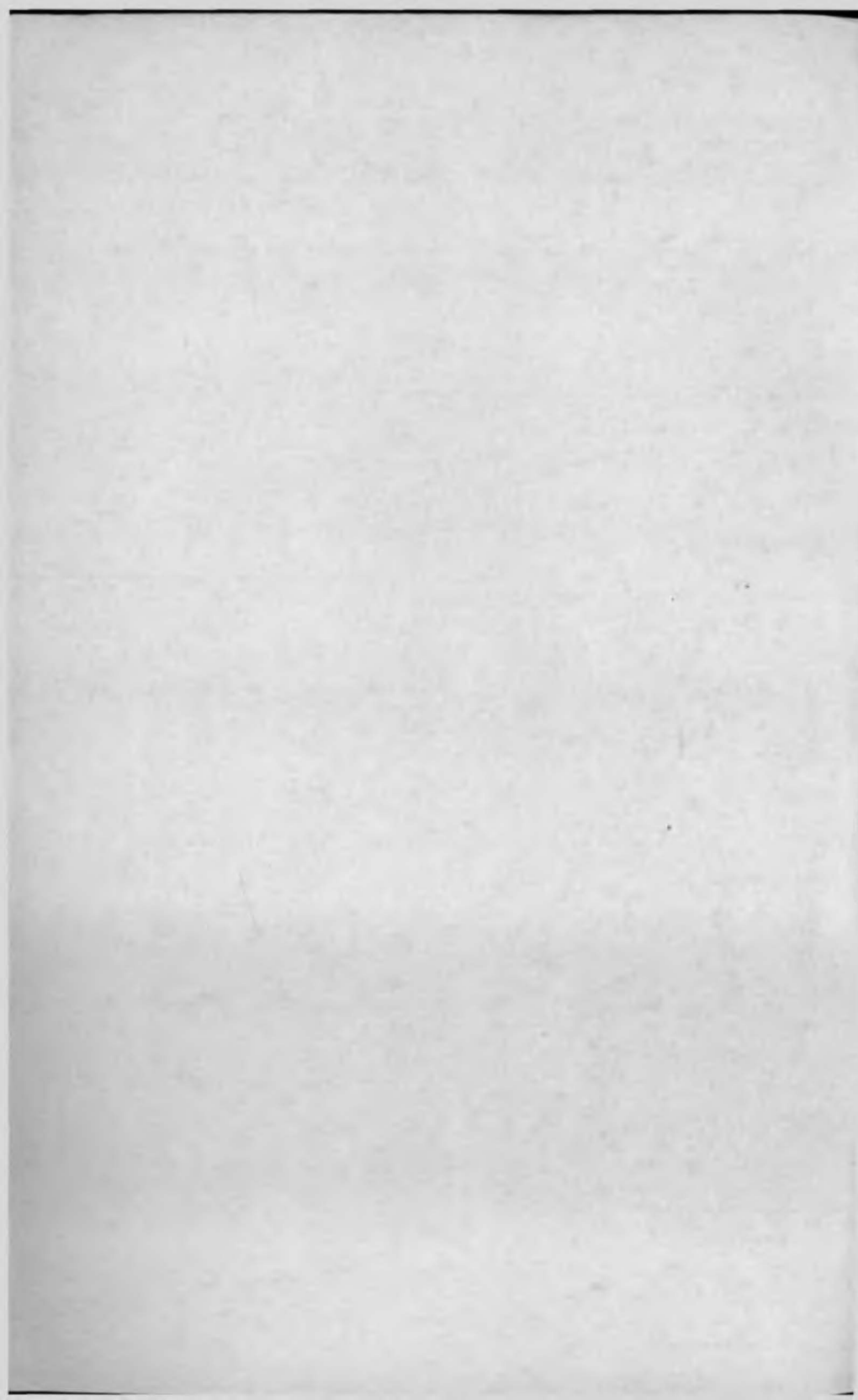


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### EDITORIAL.

That the War, which affects everybody and everything, would, sooner or later, affect the School Magazine, was only to be expected. Shortage of paper has necessitated its curtailment. Moreover, pressure of work at the printers, owing to reduction of staff, together with other disorganisation has delayed its publication.

Contributions were not readily forthcoming until the eve of going to press. Charitably, we attribute this to the alarms and excursions incidental to the visits of the Luftwaffe, with their attendant distractions.

This Term has been on the whole as successful as any other Term. School activities are in full swing, but sporting activities have been continued on a reduced scale only, owing to the difficulties attendant upon bus and train journeys, and the "black-out."

The School bore many scars of war at the beginning of the Term, but, happily, the stained glass window above the entrance is now the only "casualty" to remind us of the bomb that fell in the School precincts.

The School made a magnificent effort during the "War Weapons Week," and the aggregate sum collected was much in excess of expectations.

We conclude by wishing all our readers a Happy New Year.

H. G. JONES, K. L. LEWIS, Editors.

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**OBITUARY.**

We regret to announce the death of Sergt.-Major O. A. Bird, who was formerly Drill Instructor at the School. He served with the 6th Welch in the South African War, and was the model for the Boer War Memorial in the Swansea Recreation Ground. For some years he had been living in Derby, but had recently returned to Swansea. We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow and family.

Since going to press we have learned with much regret that Mrs. John, the wife of our esteemed Head Master, has passed away. For several years she had borne a painful illness with patience and fortitude. We offer to Mr. John and his family our most sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

We also regret to announce the death of an Old Boy of the School, Eric Clatworthy, of the R.A.F., who died in Cimla Hospital. He died for his country, and the grief of the family may be tempered with pride. We offer our sincere sympathy to his family.

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**FORM NOTES—IVA.**

The Form has been well represented in most of the School activities this Term.

E. D. Morgan, K. Winston, L. Godsall and G. Thomas still sing sweetly as members of the choir.

The orchestra includes J. Thomas, D. Luce, P. A. Williams and H. Richards, all of whom have been members for a long time.

About half the Form regularly attend the meetings of the Literary and Debating Society; and several, who are scientifically minded may be seen at the meetings of the Scientific Society, especially the Lantern Lectures.

Several boys are helping Mr. Morgan to make the new marionettes.

Two boys, R. Gammon and E. Humphreys have been away all this Term. We wish them a speedy recovery and are glad to welcome back P. Arnold who has just returned after a long absence due to illness.

### FORM NOTES—IVB.

During this Term the Form has decreased in numbers. At the end of the last Term we lost an evacuee, namely, P. J. Frankis. He spoilt H. Rosenberg's record by taking the 1st place. Another evacuee, J. L. Jones, has taken Frankis's place. Three members of the Form are in the choir and three are in the orchestra.

We are sorry to lose G. Swaine who has had to go to hospital. Several members of our Form have taken part in Inter-House Rugby matches.

Most boys in the Form are in the National Savings Club, and the Form contributed generously during the Swansea War Weapons Week.

WM. FALVEY.

### FORM NOTES—L.VI. ARTS.

The Form has shown great interest in the Literary and Debating Society ; many encouraging maiden speeches have already been delivered by members of the Form, and we have amongst us some budding orators. (May this state of affairs continue.)

The back-bone of the Welsh Society is supplied by three members of our Form. 'Nerth ci yn ei ddant.'

The Senior Rugger Team is represented by four stalwarts. Gentlemen, what a pack !!!

It transpires that several pupils are seriously taking up machine gunning in their spare time. This news has been greeted with great opposition.

The Form's motto for the National Savings effort must be " Little by Little," but we soon hope it will be " Large Lumps."

To those who have contributed to the success of our Form this year, whether they claim honours or not, I would commend in good faith a well worn maxim that still can be our aim.

And when the one Great Scorer comes  
To write against your name,  
He'll write, not that you *won* or *lost*  
But how you played the game.

S.T.G.

### FORM NOTES—VB.

Christmas Term, 1940. Returning to School after our blitzkreiged holidays, we did our best to settle down and carry on in the normal way in spite of nocturnal activities by undesired visitors.

We soon got used to the usual School commands (which we had almost forgotten during the School holidays) such as "Stop all" and those words dreaded by most of the Form "Grammar Books out."

As soon as the various School organisations and societies got going we entered into them with spirit as we have done in previous years. Boys in the Form took part in Miscellaneous Bees, organised by the Literary and Debating Society and many other boys in the Form turned up to support them. The Scientists of the Form attended the meetings of the "Scientific Society." Owing to the fact that the majority of us do not speak the mysterious Welsh language we are represented in the "Welsh Society" by only one or two boys. The four largest (toughest) boys in the Form belong to the Senior Rugby Team. The same boys are still in the School Orchestra. Although we enjoy (?) school life we are looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

R.V., J B.R.

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### FORM NOTES—LOWER VI SCIENCE.

Philip Bowering is a new pupil from Glanmor, who has the bad habit of asking too many questions in Physics. At present he is learning to play the trumpet. His melodious notes can be heard all over the School.

Roy Carrol has a mania for meddling with the Physics apparatus, and one day (if we are fortunate) he may electrocute himself. Owing to his frequent chats with the two female members of the Form, he has been moved to a secluded part of the Physics Laboratory.

Ronald Dahlgren is exceptionally keen on cricket and openly rejoices when a member of the team leaves, for he is then promoted in the batting list. He also fiddles in the orchestra.

Brian Flowers, another new comer from Glanmor, is the recognised musician of the Form, having already composed two songs, but like all geniuses he is very temperamental and we fear that soon he will ignore us, and stride about the School with long hair. We are very cautious to know, to whom he dedicated his love song "Chant D'amour." We doubt whether it was to his mother.

Walter Hodges, the musician of the Form, recently made half a bottle of paraffin disappear from the Physics Lab., much to the consternation of the Physics Master, who is still amazed at this supernatural feat.

Howard Jenkins, the wild man from Ammanford, like all true Welshmen, is a keen Rugby fan ; the only thing he lacks is the ability to play.

Ken Morgan, the "laughing" boy of the Form, who is always "merry and bright," is reputed to be a great mathematician, but he is handicapped by the fact that the Maths. Master is unable to read his writing.

John Owen, the giant (?) of the Form, sometimes called by West, his rival in stature, "the mighty atom," comes in useful to give vent to our feelings after a trying day. He does not object, provided we render him first aid.

Alan Thomas, a regular patron of the late-door is "popular" among the prefects, who are thinking of putting his name on the late-book, whenever he comes early.

Ken Thompson, also from Glanmor, is the destroyer of the Form, for in addition to his liking for breaking apparatus in the Chem. Lab., he has a keen admiration for the arson criminals, and carries matches with him to light things !

Sidney West, the footballer of the Form, and idol of the Lower School in soccer, is more at home on the football field, than on the platform of the Debating Society, where he has a curious habit of throwing his speeches all over the floor.

News in General.—As a result of our exceptionally fine results in Physics, we are considering publishing a book entitled "The Application of Cook's Law to Physics Laboratory Results."

We offer our condolences to the Chemistry Master for the destruction of the best crockery he had in the laboratory.

## FORM NOTES—UPPER VI ARTS & SCIENCE.

There are two peculiar facts about this year's Prefects, the first is that there are two joint Head Prefects, and the second that the whole of the VI are Prefects. The activities of the members of the Form are, tabulated below :

D. Abraham.—On the Committee of the Literary and Debating Society and the Committee of the Scientific Society. Is a victim of an epidemic known as "double maths."

G. G. Allen.—One of the joint Head Prefects, on the Committee of the Literary and Debating Society, and Secretary of the Scientific Society.

J. Budge.—Youngest member of the Form, lately "evacuated" to Mumbles.

W. Curtis.—One of those lucky boys who does not have to read in the morning.

L. Evans.—A "present" from Glanmor, and member of the Committee of the Literary and Debating Society.

P. Fairs.—Another ex-Glanmor boy. Rugby Team.

W. Harris.—Member of the Scientific Society, and a promising speaker in the Literary and Debating Society.

W. Hocknell.—Another ex-Glanmor boy.

R. P. Hullin.—Other joint Head Prefect, Chairman and Librarian of the Scientific Society.

H. Jones.—On the Committee of the Literary and Debating Society.

K. Lewis.—Chairman of the Literary and Debating Society.

W. Jenkins.—Member of Rugby Team. Renowned for his short speeches (with apologies to Max Bacon), also Welsh Society.

C. Ponsford.—Secretary of the "Lit. and Deb."

A. Strick.—Ex-Glanmor boy, who started the "double maths" epidemic in this Form.

J. Walters.—Chairman of the Welsh Society, and Secretary of the Rugby Team and Committee of Scientific Society.

GRAHAM GEO. ALLEN, U. VI Sc.

### HOW TO GET ON.

"Tell me how to get on in life," said the kettle.

"Take pains," said the window.

"Never be led," said the pencil.

"Do a driving business," said the hammer.

"Make light of everything," said the fire.

"Make much of small things," said the microscope.

"Never do anything off hand," said the glove.

"Reflect," said the mirror.

"Be sharp," said the knife.

"Find a good thing and stick to it," said the glue.

"Try to make a good impression," said the sealing wax.

indebted to an American Journal for the above.  
Happily the debt is not collectable.



## THE LOST RACQUET.

One evening my friend and I were strolling in the park, when I found a tennis racquet on the grass. I could see that it was a very expensive one and had a peculiar blob of sealing wax on the handle, but there was no sign of any name or address. Of the few people who were about, no one seemed likely to be the owner, so I considered it best to take charge of the racquet, leaving word with the park ranger as to where it could be claimed.

When we reached home I showed the racquet to my mother and father. They agreed with me that it was a good one, and the owner would probably be trying his (or her) best to find it. That night my father was reading the newspaper when he drew my attention to an advertisement that read "Lost: an expensive tennis racquet. Anyone finding it return immediately to Tennis Club, Wembley, Reward."

I decided that I would make the return of the racquet my first duty the next day. But just as I was about to ascend the stairs to my bedroom, feeling satisfied that my action in bringing the racquet home had been for the best, a knock was heard. I answered it, saw a tall man standing in the porch. The light from the house streamed out in such a way as to illuminate his body and leave his head in darkness.

He was dressed in white flannel trousers and a blue jacket, but two things that caught my eye were his shoes, which were an unusual pattern of black and white. He wore a bunch of pansies in his lapel.

He raised his hat and said: "Excuse my being so late, but I have been informed by the park ranger that you picked up my racquet this evening. It was very careless of me to leave it there, and I must thank you for looking after it. It is a 'Speedwell racquet,' blue and white frame, and has a blob of sealing wax on the handle."

"Yes, I have it," I told him. "Won't you come in a moment?"

"Er, no thanks, I'm in a great hurry. Just let me have it and I'll be off," he replied.

I got the racquet and handed it to him. He put a piece of paper into my hand and raised his hat.

"Thank you again, sonny, you've saved me the trouble of advertising for it. Good-night." And he turned abruptly and strode off.

When he had gone, I suddenly realised what his last words meant. Saved him the trouble of advertising. And yet there was that notice in the paper, but he was able to describe it. Perhaps there was more than one racquet lost that day. The whole thing puzzled me, and I felt rather disturbed.

The following day, the puzzle was solved. The morning papers carried the story of how Tom Terry, the tennis star had lost his famous "lucky" racquet, and the description of the racquet was exactly the same as the one I had found. This was a real mystery, and I felt very upset at having failed. So much so, in fact, that I decided not to go and see Tom Terry's exhibition game that week; although it was my last chance before he continued on his tour, and I badly wanted to see him. I felt I couldn't face it, knowing that I had, in a way, contributed to his loss.

Later that week I went to the station with John, my friend, to see his cousin off on her holidays. There was a big crowd at the station, and I was glancing idly about when my eye fell on a tall man in a dark suit; and the very first things I noticed were—the pansies in his lapel and the striking black and white shoes; This was the man who had the racquet, I was sure of it;

Without stopping to tell John, I slipped after him. I did not know what I could do. I was afraid to fetch anybody in case I lost him in the crowd. To my great relief, I saw him engage another man in conversation, and I stood waiting for his next move, wondering what I could do. A porter came by wheeling a barrow piled with luggage, and standing out like a signal to me was a bundle of racquets and a yellow hide suit-case marked "T. T." Tom Terry of course, that was the reason for the big crowd at the station. I searched my pocket for a pencil and paper. I had a pencil but no paper. For a moment I was stumped, when I saw a kiosk near displaying picture postcards. I bought one and on the back wrote, "I know who has your racquet. Come at once!" I stopped the porter. "Is Mr. Terry here?"

"Yes, sonny," he grinned, "Want his autograph?"

"No," I told him quickly. "Listen! Please get hold of Mr. Terry at once, and tell him to come here as quickly as possible. Give him this card and he'll understand. But hurry, please!"

The porter could see I was anxious and after one keen look at me, turned and hurried away. In a few seconds he was back and with him, the well known figure of the tennis world. In a few words I told the tennis star my story.

"Good boy," he patted my shoulder, "I know that gentleman very well, and I can see that he stole my "lucky" racquet in the hope of making me lose my games. He's a bad loser. And now I think I'll go and have a talk with him." And with a grim expression on his face, he strode across to the man with the pansies and black and white shoes.

Of course, everything came out all right. As for my reward it was beyond all my dreams. I have now a specially autographed racquet, I still get privilege tickets to all his games when he plays near here, and between these local matches he finds a little time to teach me how to become a champion.

J. ROSS, IIc.

### THE SCHOOL WAR SAVINGS GROUP.

In June of 1939, there was formed in the School, a Holiday Association whose object was to collect weekly subscriptions which would enable a member to save sufficient money in four years to spend a holiday abroad. The membership was limited to 50, but when in September, war was declared, the Association unanimously decided to join forces with the National War Savings Groups, and its members soon increased to over 300 members. In the first half-year ending Mar. 31st, its subscriptions amounted to £190/8/0, and in the second half-year ending Sept. 30th, a sum of £283/5/0 was subscribed.

At the present moment a total of £1000 has been reached and over 1200 certificates have been purchased by the members.

Appeals made during the Swansea War Weapons week met with an extraordinary response, for a sum of not less than £613/8/3 was collected. One Form must be singled out for special mention and praise. 3A has a 100% membership, and during this particular week, its contributions exceeded £60. Mention must also be made of the excellent posters advertising the campaign in the various Forms. In the competition for the most original and striking posters, the First Prize was awarded to H. Rosenberg, 4B ; Second Prize to C. Donovan, 5B ; Third Prize to R. Evans, 4a ; and Fourth Prize to F. Hughes 5B. The Judges found great difficulty in "placing" these posters, and wish to congratulate the following competitors for excellent work :—J. Bleay 4B, D. Luce 4A, A. Harris 4C, V. Yates 5B.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES,  
ABERYSTWYTH,

Dear Mr. Editor,

November, 1940.

When I left school I was asked to write an 'Aberystwyth Letter' to the School Magazine. This is, I believe, a usual custom, but unfortunately, some of us seem to forget the old School, and omit to write. However, I hope that this letter will fulfil an obligation, and at the same time, give the School an insight into University life from my own point of view.

I often felt that the masters did not work hard enough on our behalf, but now I realize that it was I who did not work enough. Since I came into residence, I have decided that success or failure will depend entirely upon myself. It is true that we have to attend lectures regularly, but even this is not compulsory. Lectures begin at nine o'clock, and go on until six. Usually I have to attend about three lectures a day. Of course, they are not evenly distributed. On Monday and Tuesday, for instance, I have only two lectures, whereas on Saturday mornings I have four. All students dislike 'niners,' because we have to rise rather too early. For Aberystwyth students eight o'clock is an unearthly hour !

After finishing lectures I am free to do what I please. Usually I return to my 'digs' and do some reading, or go to the College Library. I would not wish anyone to get the impression that student life is all hard work. We have our periods of relaxation. As a relief from text-books, most of us read novels, and I think that this practice helps us to appreciate and enjoy works which have nothing to do with the prescribed courses. Herein I believe lies the true value of a University Education.

During the first week or so of my residence in 'Aber,' I found it very difficult to settle down. The College was indeed a complete maze. In order to find a lecture room I used to wander around, going through corridors and running up stairways, and then finally discovering the lecture room to be in some obscure corner. Lecturers usually walk slowly into the room, and give the impression that they have come there at great personal inconvenience. During the lecture all students are expected to take notes. Most lecturers speak rather quickly, and it is therefore rather difficult at first to take notes at the required speed. However, I am now able to do so without much difficulty. Sometimes I 'get lost,'

and I have often found myself looking over the great expanse of Cardigan Bay, disturbed only by the drone of the lecturer's voice.

Wednesday is an 'off-day' for everyone, but most students have joined the O.T.C. contingent, and it is by now a very strong body indeed. Training is very similar to the ordinary Army training, except that the Sergeant addresses the students as "Gentlemen," and not as—well, you know! However, on Wednesday afternoons, an hour or so is devoted to map-reading and military tactics. This is not liked very much because it involves a certain amount of 'swotting.' Since so much time is given to O.T.C. work, the University authorities have decided to introduce military tactics and history as a part of the College course. Students who desire to do so are now able to take an 'intermediate stage' paper as a part of their degree course. I do not think that many students are taking advantage of this concession. Most students I am glad to say, look upon their O.T.C. Training as a part of their contribution to the war effort. Wednesday night is, of course, students' night, and the cinemas and other places of amusement are full of 'tired' students seeking relaxation from their work.

A few days before coming up to Aberystwyth, I began to worry as to the possibilities of my being "ragged." Aberystwyth is noted for this practice, but it is not intended to be anything but a "friendly" gesture of welcome. After registering in the Science Library, on my first day here, a host of "freshmen" were taken to a room for an examination. I must say, that I was really "taken in." As soon as I saw the examination paper, however, I realised I was being "ragged." We were asked a number of questions, and I can remember a few—"Why have you come to College," "Are you a normal student?" and so on. After answering, we were taken to a room, where the "examiners" were waiting for us, the papers were brought out, and we were all asked questions. Mistakes were pointed out, and we had to explain points which were not clear to the examiners. Despite the fact that I did not relish being "ragged," I confess that I had a good deal of fun out of the experience.

Social activities in the College have been considerably curtailed this session. The black-out and lack of room in the College are the reasons for the curtailment. Many students from the University of London are here "for the duration,"

and room has to be found for them. Amongst their students are found men and women from all parts of the world—China, Africa, India, and many other countries. It does not take very long to become friendly with them, and thus, we are able to gain first-hand knowledge and experience of their countries. There is no colour bar, and as students, we all feel that we belong to a great body with representatives all over the world. I am sure that intercourse of this sort between different races will have far reaching results in the future. I have noticed that some of the Indian students are excellent tennis players, and have an uncanny sense of direction.

London students take a great delight in the social activities of the College. In the meetings of the Library and Debating Society they are very prominent with their ready wit. This is, of course, the chief College Society. There are many other departmental societies—the Historical Society, Philosophical Society, Geographical Society, the Science Club, and “Y Gymdeithas Geltaidd.” This last society is, of course, mainly the creation of Welsh students. Their meetings are so good, that London students may be seen sitting in the front seats, laughing at jokes they cannot understand. Societies generally meet in the evenings at about eight o'clock, and go on until ten or so. They are all well attended.

Saturday afternoon is devoted to sporting activities. The College playing fields are easily accessible (there being no hills to climb, or buses to ride), and are in pleasant surroundings. There is a miniature grandstand in the grounds, and most students go there to shout encouragement (or otherwise) to our College Rugby team. Most students go to see the Rugby and Soccer matches, but we have also a Rowing Club. There are four boats, two belonging to Aberystwyth, and two to the U.C.L. If the sea is calm, members climb into the boats and row across the bay. Some of the more enthusiastic members of the Club go out for an early morning row, but as the mornings get colder, I expect they will remain in bed.

As students, we gain much by our communal life. Herein, I believe, lies the true value of University life. In conversation we are able to gain and appreciate the point of view of different people from different parts of the country. This will, of course, be a great asset to us in our future careers, because we learn to be tolerant, and most of all, we see the value of criticism.

I believe that I have given a long, but, I hope, not too long account of College life as I see it. The only regret I have is that I have none of my old School fellows with me, and it is rather difficult, at first, to make new friends. However, I believe that my stay in Dynevor has helped me a great deal to fit in with what is to me, a new life. I am sure that my friends in the other Colleges share the same feeling. May I conclude with my best wishes to the School, the Headmaster and Staff, and the pupils.

Yours sincerely,

"A Very Recent Pupil."

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### SUCSESSES OF OLD BOYS.

W. Smitham, B.Sc. (Metallurgy). He formerly held a responsible position under the Ford Motor Company. Now he has been appointed Aeronautical Inspector in the Civil Service.

F. T. Seacombe, B.A. (Hons. History), Lampeter.

Haydn Davies, who won a State Scholarship and an Exhibition to 'Jesus College,' Oxford, has obtained his B.A. degree with Hons. in History.

P. J. Watkins, awarded a Leaving Scholarship.

K. Williams, awarded a Leaving Scholarship.

Roswell Davies, was awarded a Welsh Church Scholarship of £45 per annum.

Hopkin J. Williams, Ministry of Agriculture Scholarship of £60 per annum plus fees, tenable at Aberystwyth.

Ivor Isaac, a former pupil of this School and a graduate of the University College, has been awarded an Agricultural Research Scholarship. Only three of these scholarships are awarded in the whole of Great Britain. It is tenable for three years, of which at least one is to be spent at Cambridge, and carries emoluments of £200 a year, with additional amounts for fees, etc.

Ivor Roberts Davies, has obtained the M.Sc. degree of the University of Wales. Mr. Davies graduated in 1936 with Hons. in Physics, and after taking the Diploma in Education he was engaged in research work at Swansea University College. He holds a Commission as Flying Officer in the R.A.F. V.R.,

## SENIOR RUGBY XV.



Captain, Derek Wales; Vice-Capt. Arthur Jenkins; Secty., John Walters; Committee: Captain, Vice-Captain. Secretary, Walter Hodges.

Record: Matches Played 5. Won 3, Lost 2. Points for —33. Against 16.

Scorers—D. W. Rees, (4 tries), W. G. Hodges (2 tries), D. K. Davies (2 tries), W. A. Jenkins, J. Walters, and Hubert Jones (1 try each).

At the general meeting of the Rugby XV held at the beginning of the term the above officials were elected for the season. At the meeting it was reported that a full fixture list had been arranged for the season, and confidence was expressed that another successful series of games was anticipated. This was also evident after the trial match, when it was noticed that new talent was available, including P. Fairs and G. James, who have recently joined our School from Glanmor.

These hopes were not to be realized, because several of our opponents found that they would not be able to make the journey to Swansea for the games. In spite of this decision, the School were extremely fortunate in being able to play some of the matches.

The first game of the season was against Neath County School at Neath. After a fine open game the School were beaten by 1 goal, the only score of the match. The next match was played against the Grammar School when the School were defeated in an evenly contested game by 8 pts. to nil.

The next two games were against Glanmor Secondary School. In the first the School XV were successful by 15 pts. to nil, and in the other were again successful, scoring 2 tries to a reply of 1 penalty goal by our opponents.

The following Saturday the School XV scored a fine victory over Port Talbot County School by 12 pts. to nil at the School Field.

A combined House Match was also played during the term, when Grove and Dillwyn defeated Roberts and Llewellyn by 16 pts. to 12 pts. in a thrilling match. So successful was this match that the hope was expressed that further matches of this nature will be played next term.



## SWIMMING CLUB.



The Annual Meeting of the Swimming Club held at the beginning of the Summer Term, was well attended. The following officers were elected :—

Secretary : J. Richards. Junior Capt. : A. Harris. Senior Capt. : A. Thomas.

Unfortunately, owing to the War, the Gala was not held this year. However, continuity was maintained

by holding the Championship events, the results of which are as follows :—

Senior Championship—N. Blyth, U.V.A.

Junior Championship—A. Harris, 3c.

Senior House Championship—Llewelyn.

Junior House Championship—Roberts.

Senior Form Championship—5A.

Junior Form Championship—3B.

We congratulate A. Harris, 3c, who came third in the Swansea Junior Diving Championship held at the Baths, there was fierce competition for this Championship.

The Junior Squadron, which had been training hard throughout the Season, came second in the Durk Cup Competition. The Senior Squadron, although handicapped through lack of training, gained second place in the Ben Evans' Shield Competition.

On behalf of the boys, we should like to thank Mr Yates, Mr. Chandler and Mr. McGiven for their whole-hearted support throughout the Season.

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## THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

As is usual at the beginning of the Christmas Term, the Orchestra found itself deficient in first violins, but these vacancies were easily filled by keen aspirants from the seconds. There is an increasing flow of young violinists from the Junior Orchestra, where competition is keen to be promoted to the Senior Orchestra. This Term we have been very fortunate in having two Glanmor boys to strengthen our ranks, Brian Flowers ('cello), and Ralph Burgess (flute).

These two boys have already played a prominent part in the musical side of school life. Brian Flowers has composed a 'cello solo, complete with orchestral accompaniment, and also a very stirring and patriotic song "For Britain," and both show great talent. In the latter part of the Term we had the pleasure of hearing an Air by Purcell, played by Ralph Burgess, flute, and Brian Flowers at the piano. Another pupil of Glanmor at present with us, Philip Bowering, is endeavouring to master the trumpet.

### EUREKA I

In these inquisitive times we are frequently asked to inform educational authorities, university governors, paternal governments and other public bodies our "age last birthday." To remember the date and year of birth is easy, but to give one's "age last birthday" without being a year or two out is not so easy. We therefore have pleasure in letting all our readers into the secret of doing this easily and correctly by means of the telephone. This is how it is done.

Take your telephone number (or someone else's), double it, add 5, and multiply by 50. To this number add the present year (1940), and also the number of days in a year (365). Then take away the number of members in the House of Commons (615). If you deduct your year of birth, you will have the 'phone number you selected and, in addition, your own age this year.

This, brothers, is real progress, and represents a great advance on the old method of taking the year of birth and then counting on the fingers.

### JUNIOR RUGBY.

This year the team has done very well. We opened the season by drawing with Oxford Street, and defeating Manselton, but we lost the next match. The following match was won, and then, after the Christmas vacation we defeated the Pentrepoeth team twice.

Bad weather made us postpone many of our matches, but we were not to be deterred, so we held regular practices in the gymnasium. We had a great 'find' in Craven (3b), who has proved himself to be an exceptionally strong place-kicker. Finally we would like to record our appreciation of the interest shown by Mr. George and Mr. Gregory in the team.

Record.	P	W	D	L	PTS. FOR	PTS. AGT.
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H. J. R., 3A (Sec).

### An Episode in the Life of an Englishwoman.

There were five in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Evans, and the three young children, Peggy, Pat, and John.

Mr. Evans was a Flying Officer in the R.A.F., and was, at the time, stationed at Aboukir Bay in Egypt. His family had followed him out to Egypt in the spring of 1930, and were now living comfortably in a small house overlooking the bay.

Every morning the children would start to school at eight o'clock, and then spend the afternoon bathing in the warm waters of the bay. At 5 o'clock the homeward trek would commence, and Peggy, Pat, and John would go straight to bed after an exhausting but most pleasant day.

One night, after the children had gone to bed, Mr. and Mrs. Evans were having supper together, when suddenly they saw glowing beacons light up the distant coastline.

The chain grew until the bay was lit up from one end to the other. The telephone bell rang, and Mr. Evans was told to report at the station headquarters. Hashish runners were trying to smuggle their dope ashore. Fortunately they had been seen by vigilant coastguards, and the chain of beacons had quickly transmitted the warning message along the bay.

Mr. Evans then went upstairs to his room, carefully loaded his service pistol, and, with a hurried farewell, took his departure.

For over an hour the deathly stillness of the eastern air was undisturbed, when suddenly Mrs. Evans who had dosed off to sleep, was wakened by the sound of approaching native voices.

Her first thought was for the children, and she rushed upstairs to wake them. They came downstairs in their pyjamas, and were told to sit by the fireside until the "nasty men" had gone away. Mrs. Evans told them stories until they finally fell asleep on the sofa.

Everything was peaceful once more, and she began thinking of her home in England, and her girlhood friends there. One never fully realized the beauty of England until one had travelled far from those native shores. How pleasant it would be to see an English garden in bloom, or even to hear the cuckoo once more! And so her thoughts sped quickly home to England, when suddenly the alarming report of a pistol rent the air. This time it was much nearer, and the fanatical cries seemed to come from her very doorstep.

There was a metallic clang as if something had struck the keyhole of the front door. Mrs. Evans prayed quietly to herself that nothing should harm the children, and then the shouting and firing slowly diminished until it became merely a muffled echo in the close heat of the Egyptian night.

It was now three o'clock in the morning, and as the danger seemed to have passed, Mrs. Evans woke the children to send them back upstairs to bed. She tucked them all in bed, and then went back downstairs to wait for the fast rising dawn.

That same morning Peggy, Pat, and John came downstairs to breakfast at 8 o'clock before going off to school. Yes, there was their dad, and from him they learnt all about the previous night's excitement. Hashish runners had tried to smuggle their dope ashore from the island two miles out in the middle of the bay (the same island that Nelson had circumnavigated in 1798 to surround the French). The coastguard had given the alarm and airmen had been called out to round up these smugglers. In the ensuing skirmishes one runner had been killed, and a coastguard's hand had been severed at the wrist.

How thrilled the children were as they listened attentively, but they little dreamt of the anxiety their mother had experienced during that eventful night.

That morning Flying Officer Evans went off to work as usual. Mrs. Evans went to the door to see him off, and returning to the dining room she saw lying half-hidden beneath the carpet, a dented cartridge case. She picked it up, placed it in the pocket of her apron, and then commenced her day's work.

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### THE MARIONETTE GUILD, 1940.

Even though the School has heard little news this Term of the Marionette Guild, we have been working hard on the carving of new puppets. Owing to the regulations regarding the black out, we have been unable to remain during the evenings as there are no curtains in the Art Room, therefore progress has been very slow ; but nevertheless, we have not confined our work to Art lessons, and the enthusiasm of members of the Guild is as great as ever. Soon the new marionettes will be completed.

For the new plays we have the Toy Town characters, and our new puppets are two feet in height, while those we staged in "The Nativity" were only fifteen inches in height. These

new puppets consist of nearly all the well-known "Toy Town" personages: the Mayor, Ernest (the Policeman), Mr. Growser, Larry, Denis, the Inventor, and about ten others.

In proportion to the increased height of the marionettes, the stage has had to be made much larger, and the acting area is twice as large as it was before.

In the near future, volunteers will be called for to take the various speaking parts of the characters in the play; and, of course, a considerable amount of practice will be necessary before their voices are good enough for the public performance. For instance the rich, mellow voice of Ernest, the Policeman, the quivering voice of Larry, and the hoarse voice of Mr. Growser (which would make anybody's throat feel like sandpaper after a long rehearsal) will all require much patient practising. There are several other difficult parts waiting to be filled by boys endowed with patience and enthusiasm.

In spite of these difficulties, we feel sure that this play will come up to our best expectations, and that it will satisfy the ambitions of all who are helping to make it a success. We hope to give the School, and the spectators from the outside world a surprise; and, if possible, to improve on the high standard of the set which scored such a triumph in the "Nativity Play."

#### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY, 1940-41.

President; Mr. Llewelyn John, A.R.C.S., B.Sc.

Committee: Chairman, R. P. Hullin. Secretary, G. G. Allen. Librarian, R. P. Hullin. B. Hullin 5B, R. Robinson U. VA. W. Hodges L. VI, Haydn Richards 4A, G. Craven 4B, G. Bidder 5A, D. Abraham U. VI.

Owing to the late start of the above Society, only two meetings (at the time of writing) have been held. The opening lecture, as usual, was given by our Headmaster, Mr. Llewelyn John, on the "Scientific Way." It was a very interesting and well attended lecture. Mr. John's inimitable way of lecturing was experienced at its best, and at one time it was thought, to the great pleasure, but ultimate disappointment, of the audience, that Mr. John was going to take his false teeth out. Furthermore Mr. John shewed that white people as well as negroes (and such like) are impressed by a little bit of trickery (or should it be quackery), and after such a demonstration believed almost anything the so called doctor or witch doctor told them. The meeting was extremely successful.

The following Monday on the suggestion of Mr. B. C. George, a discussion was held to decide "The Best Invention of the last 50 years." The speakers were A. Strick and G. G. Allen. Owing to the timely intervention of a suggestion by Mr. W. S. Evans, the meeting closed very successfully.

A suggestion was also made, that a Scientific Bee should be held to finish the Term, and also that this Term a lecture should be given by Mr. Jewell on "Colour Photography."

GRAHAM GEO. ALLEN, Secretary.

### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society this term has been most successful, in all ten meetings have been held. At the beginning of the term the following officials were elected: President, Mr. Llew. John; Chairman, K. L. Lewis; Secretary, D. C. Ponsford; Committee: G. G. Allen, H. G. Jones, L. Evans, D. Abraham and S. Griffiths.

The Committee has been extremely active, and has provided a regular debate once a week. The Society, opened by the President on Oct. 24th by a short and pointed address, commenced its programme with a miscellaneous Bee. The attendance for the first meeting was encouraging. The following are a few of the debates held this term.

October 31st.—'Examinations are unfair'. Proposers: H. Kanter and N. Blythe. Opposers: S. T. Griffiths and Glyn James.

November 5th.—This week was the most exciting time in the whole world, especially in America, since the Presidential Election was being held. A mock election between Roosevelt (Democrat) and Willkie (Republican) was held, and proved to be one of the most successful meetings of the term. Two hundred members attended. Great enthusiasm was shown by the large number of speakers from the floor. An unanimous vote in favour of Roosevelt was carried (the result in America the following day). Speakers: Roosevelt: D. Abraham and L. Evans. Willkie: P. Fairs and H. G. Jones.

November 14th.—'School Life is a waste of time.' Proposers: H. J. Williams and W. A. Jenkins. Opposers: K. L. Lewis and W. Curtis.

The attendance at this meeting fell to 75, but increased in the next meetings. A miscellaneous programme was arranged consisting of Bees and Impromptu speeches. The best impromptu speech was given by W. A. Jenkins, who spoke on 'Puddings.' D. COLIN PONSFORD, Secretary.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

Income	FOOTBALL ACCOUNT.	Expenditure
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Grant from General		To Equipment ... 8 12 9
Fund ... 32 13 5½		Hospitality ... 9 10 4½
Part Payment for ...		Travelling Expenses 8 10 3
Badges ... 1 2 6		Badges, Photo, Film,
		Postage, Fees, etc. 7 2 7
	£33 15 11½	£33 15 11½

## CRICKET ACCOUNT.

By Grant from General	To Equipment ... 6 17 3
Fund ... 17 17 4	Hospitality ... 7 0 0
	Travelling Expenses 2 16 11
	Postage, Photos, etc. 1 3 2
£17 17 4	£17 17 4

## ATHLETICS ACCOUNT.

By Grant from General	To School Sports ... 0 18 6
Fund ... 4 2 10	Travelling Expenses 2 19 2
	Affiliation Fee ... 0 5 2
£4 2 10	£4 2 10

## FIVES ACCOUNT.

By Grant from General	To Fives Balls ... 3 18 3
Fund ... 1 10 3	
Sale of Fives Balls ... 2 8 0	
£3 18 3	£3 18 3

## BADMINTON ACCOUNT.

By Grant from General	To Equipment ... 3 6 0
Fund ... 3 19 8½	Hospitality and
	Travelling expenses 0 13 8½
£3 19 8½	£3 19 8½

## MAGAZINE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Grant from General				To December issue	10	5	0
Fund ... ..	27	8	0	July issue ... ..	17	0	0
				Postage ... ..	0	3	0
	£27	8	0		£27	8	0

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

By Subscriptions for				Football Account ...	32	13	5½
the year ... ..	91	5	0	Cricket Account ...	17	17	4
Balance (loss) ...	2	7	11	Athletics Account ...	4	2	10
				Fives Account ...	1	10	3
				Badminton Account	3	19	8½
				Swimming Club A/c	0	14	2
				Magazine Account	27	8	0
				Orchestra Account	3	12	11
				Welsh Society A/c	0	2	10½
				Refectory Games ...	0	13	10
				Film Institute Sub.	0	10	6
				Sundry Items ...	0	7	0½
	£93	12	11		£93	12	11

Audited and found correct, Nov. 12, 1940,

W. S. EVANS, G. G. ALLEN, D. J. WILLIAMS.

## NOUS NOUS DEMANDONS!

Where and when do members of the Literary and Debating Society rehearse their speeches?

Who is the friar of the Lower VI Arts?

Who prophesied ten years ago, that the pane of the Upper VI Science door would be broken?

Why was the Lower VI Form Room littered, at the beginning of the Term with white powder and marks. Do the Scientists use face powder?

What boy 'narked' a certain Master's milk?

Who are the best Geologists of the Lower VI Arts?

Who knits socks for the troops during his off periods?

What Master boasts that he has a watch?

Who tried to light a forge and nearly burnt himself to death?

What is the attraction of being a fire-fighter in the Girls' School?

A.W. & H.K., Lower VI Arts.



## SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS, 1940.

M Allen, I. D.	Jones, E. J. G.
Blackmore, G. T.	Jones, H. F.
M Blyth, W. N.	M Jones, H.
Botcher, R. B.	M Kanter, H.
Brooks, A.	M Keane, F.
Buller, W. J.	M Kiley, T. J.
Burridge, W. C.	M Lock, L. T.
M Carr, C.	M Mathias, E. W. E.
Carroll, R. M.	M McLennan, D. J.
M Dalgren, R. H.	Millard, V.
Davey, E. S.	Miller, G. A.
M Davies, E. P.	M Morgan, K.
Davies, K. W. A.	M Owen, J. M.
M Evans, J. D.	Robinson, L. T.
Evans, K. H.	Rogers, P. H. C.
Fox, S.	M Scott, K. A.
Galvin, C.	M Shanahan, W. P.
Gilbert, C.	M Sims, E. W. G.
Glass, D. I.	M Smith, G.
M Grant, N. J.	M Thomas, A. & R.
M Griffiths, S. T.	Thomas, G. M.
M Gwynn, D. C. V.	Wales, D. E.
Harrison, L. G.	Watkins, W. M.
M Hodges, W. G.	Watts, E. J. S.
Hopkins, A.	M Webb, E. J.
Hughes, H. E.	M West, A.
M Hughes, V. T.	M West, S. B.
James, H. R.	Whelan, B. P.
Jarvis, D. B.	Williams, D. B.
M John, D. N.	Williams, W. J.
Johns, B. A.	Williams, W. P.

M Matriculation Equivalent:

### "Supplementary Certificate."

Abraham, Dennis	Jenkins, William Arthur
Budge, John Edward	Levine, Eric
Curtis, William James	Pitman, Kenneth John
Davies, Roswell Morgan	

### "Higher School Certificate Stage."

Allen, Graham George	Riches, Donald George
Bowen, Thomas Aubrey	Thomas, Edward Ellis
Godsall, Albert William	Walters, John
Hullin, Roy Powell	Watkins, Phillip John
Morgan, Thomas Francis I.	Williams, Kenneth Rhys
Parkes, Malcolm Campbell	

## List of Boys admitted Christmas Term, 1940.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3377 Amor, William Roy        | 3433 Light, William Thomas    |
| 8 Barry, Phillip Terrence     | 4 Longden, Ernest Joseph      |
| 9 Bennett, Raymond            | 5 Marmont, Donald Owen        |
| 3380 Beren, Peter Alexander   | 6 Marsh, Keith Edmun          |
| 1 Bird, Frederick G. B.       | 7 Matthews, Wm. Clifford      |
| 2 Blagden, Frank R.           | 8 McLelland, Allan G.         |
| 3 Bradley, Albert L.          | 9 Michael, Wm. Frederick      |
| 4 Burrows, George G.          | 3440 Morgan, Trevor Melville  |
| 5 Connor, Terence M.          | 1 Morris, John                |
| 6 Couch, David Francis        | 2 Murphy, Lennard B.          |
| 7 Davies, Geoffrey Brian      | 3 Nicholls, Wm. Eustace       |
| 8 Davies, John Gwynfryn       | 4 Phillips, Owen David        |
| 9 Davies, Richard Evan        | 5 Phillips, Ralph             |
| 3390 Dixon, Richard Stanley   | 6 Preedy, Bernard H.          |
| 1 Dixon, Roy                  | 7 Price, Dulpin               |
| 2 Dooley, John C. A.          | 8 Price, Douglas Warlow       |
| 3 Edmonds, Terry              | 9 Reed, Ivor John             |
| 4 Ellis, Glyndwr L.           | 3450 Regan, James Henry       |
| 5 Ellis, William Eric         | 1 Rees, Stanley Arthur        |
| 6 Emanuel, Thomas Ellis       | 2 Reynolds, Michael J.        |
| 7 Evans, Elwyn                | 3 Richards, Byron             |
| 8 Evans, John Spencer P.      | 4 Richards, Edgar James B.    |
| 9 Evans, Mydrim Thomas        | 5 Richards, Sidney Gordon     |
| 3400 Ferris, Douglas Clifford | 6 Roberts, David Reginald     |
| 1 Ford Hubert                 | 7 Roe, Henry Clive Beynon     |
| 2 Gambold, William J. F.      | 8 Ross, John Gilbert          |
| 3 Glinn, Terrence G. J.       | 9 Shapton, Royston Walter     |
| 4 Goldstone, David J.         | 3460 Short, William Edward    |
| 5 Goss, Arthur Ernest         | 1 Thomas, John                |
| 6 Griffin, Kenneth J. J.      | 2 Thornton, Kenneth R. D      |
| 7 Griffiths, Vernon E.        | 3 Walters, Harry              |
| 8 Griffiths, William D.       | 4 Williams, Albert Iwan       |
| 9 Grove, Brian Douglas        | 5 Williams, Arthur Frank      |
| 3410 Gwyther, Eric Ronald     | 6 Williams, David Gordon      |
| 1 Haines, David Leo           | 7 Williams, Derek Thomas      |
| 2 Hall, Edward George         | 8 Williams, Keith             |
| 3 Harwood, Douglas J.         | 9 Yelland, Brian              |
| 4 Hillman, Donald             | 3470 Bowering, Philip Desmond |
| 5 Hobbs, Peter Ernest         | 1 Burgess, Ralph              |
| 6 Hopkins, Thomas S.          | 2 Evans, David Lynden         |
| 7 Horton, James Ronald        | 3 Fairs, Peter                |
| 8 Howell, Geoffrey L.         | 4 Flowers, Brian Hilton       |
| 9 Hughes, John Dudley         | 5 Hocknell, William           |
| 3420 Hyman, Ronald L.         | 6 James, Henry Glyn           |
| 1 Ingerfield, Edward J.       | 7 Jenkins, Philip Howard      |
| 2 Jacob, Wm. Thomas           | 8 Silver, Joseph              |
| 3 Jenkins, Thomas S.          | 9 Strick, Arthur James        |
| 4 Jewell, John Brynmor        | 3480 Teiman, Edward David     |
| 5 John, Roger Lewis           | 1 Thompson, Kerry Hughes      |
| 6 Jones, Dennis               | 2 Williams, Peter             |
| 7 Jones, Raymond Ernest       | 3 Jaycock, John               |
| 8 Kennedy, Eric Edward        | 4 Jenkins, John Valentine     |
| 9 Kneath, Graham George       | 5 Phillips, Myrddin James     |
| 3430 Lehan, Robert Allan      | 6 Rees, Wyndham               |
| 1 Lewis, Donald William       | 7 Jones, Alan West            |
| 2 Leyshon, Alan Mackay        |                               |

