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Fourth number of the School Magazine published during the war.

*"We must be free or die, who speak the tongue that
Shakespeare spoke,
The faith and morals hold which Milton held."—Wordsworth.*

SCHOOL HISTORY.

The School Calendar is as follows:—

Wed., 18th September. Term begins.
Tues., 24th Sept. Old Boys' Meeting.
Wed., 2nd Oct. Lantern Lecture.
Tues., 29th Oct. Old Boys' Meeting.
Mon., 4th Nov. Half-term.
Tues., 26th Nov. Old Boys' Meeting.
Mon., 1st Dec. Examinations begin.
Wed., 18th Dec. End of Term and Meccano Exhibition.
Wed., 15th Jan. Easter Term Begins.

SALVETE.

No. 296 A. S. V. Fowler, IIIa, St. Peter's.
No. 297. P. R. Cheeseman, IIIb, St. Augustine's.
No. 298. A. P. Barkaway, Prep., St. Augustine's.
No. 299. R. B. Sloman, IIIa, St. Augustine's.
No. 300. R. W. Anderson, IVb, School.
No. 301. D. C. Anderson, IIIa, School.
No. 302. T. R. F. Budge, IVa, St. Peter's.
No. 303. H. B. Reynaud, Prep., School.
No. 304. S. J. Reynaud, Prep., School.
No. 305. W. R. A. Adams, Prep., St. Peter's.
No. 306. D. A. Tremayne, Prep., School.

VALETE.

A. V. A. Baker, after 7½ years at school, left this term to take a post with Messrs. A. J. Parker & Sons, Ltd., Auctioneers and Estate Agents. He was Captain of School House and a tower of strength to our cricket team being Vice-Captain.

A. V. Smith, nearly 4 years at school has gone to the General Insurance Co., Ltd. He was captain of St. Augustine's House and an all-round athlete. He did well both in and out of school and held several cups. He led the cricket team with success.

R. Shaw, after 2½ years at school, has gone into the office of Messrs. Weeks and Sons, Agricultural Engineers. He was a popular member of St. Augustine's House.

We are pleased that our National Savings Group has done so well since the increased effort in January. This term's total is £45/4/5, which averages out at 1/6 per head per week. We have 102 names on the list since the group started but the number contributing each week is usually about 50 to 55. We hope the other 40 will become active savers each week.

With so many appeals for money it is very satisfactory to note that our boxes have done quite as well as usual. Thanks are due to the various boys who have undertaken the collections. The R.S.P.C.A. box, opened every January, contained 9/3 for 1939, the Waifs and Strays box, opened every January, contained 7/4, while the West Kent Hospital box, opened every quarter, contained 6/5 at Lady Day and 5/10 at Midsummer. In addition we made a special appeal on behalf of the Independent School's Ambulance Fund.

In common with the rest of the Nation we have carried on all our activities during the Summer Term, and are making complete plans to meet any contingency during the coming term. Despite the difficult circumstances the last term was one of the most successful in School History.

Now that night air raid alarms are more frequent we propose the following alteration. If a raid warning occurs after 10 p.m. and lasts for than an hour no pupil will be expected to be present until 10 o'clock the next morning (instead of 9.15 a.m.).

Adequate shelter protection approved by the local authorities exists at School, and in many cases boys will be safer than at home in the event of a raid. Additional work has been put in hand during the holidays, and all arrangements have been overhauled.

Mr. E. G. A. Bettle, 3rd Form Master, is now with the Royal Engineers. Mr. Bettle was prevented from serving until an alteration took place in the Schedule of Reserved occupations

he then immediately volunteered, and was accepted in the Royal Engineers. Mr. Bettle's many friends and present and past members of the school wish him all success. The 3rd Form and Upper School presented him with parting gifts, and the 4th Form have established a cigarette fund.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. D. P. Martin who is a trained and experienced master to take charge of the form while Mr. Bettle is on active service.

Excellent photographs of the Annual Sports and the School Cricket team were prepared by the Kent Messenger.

We like the story of the 3rd Form boy who told Mrs. Piper in reply to her question "From where comes Canterbury Lamb?" "Ah! you can't get it now. Its rationed!"

In the last issue of the Magazine appeared an account of the School visit to Messrs. Winget's of Rochester, written by R. Knight. We have had a request from the works' Manager, Mr. Marriot to publish their article in Winget's Magazine.

The swimming during the term reached an excellent standard and we were pleased to award the following badges to new swimmers:—
T. Marshall, R. Clarke, J. P. Pearson, T. F. Lederer, C. A. Pantony, R. W. Clarke, N. Walker, D. A. Percey, and J. P. Thirkell.

The end-of-term service took place at St. Peter's Church and was conducted by the Rev. Cooper.

Full account of our Cricket activities (some of the best) appear elsewhere but we must triumphantly record that we defeated the Old Boys XI, the first time for a number of years. The scores in this series are: School victories, 3; Old Boys' XI 3; 3 matches drawn.

The School continues to have more good posts than boys to fill them. Many of these positions require a knowledge of type-writing, and we urge all boys taking a commercial career to attend the special class organised by Miss Filmer for the School.

Once again we offer our sincere thanks to our advertisers to whose co-operation we owe so much.

UPPER SCHOOL NOTES.

The Mottoes were as follows:—

May. "Keep your temper, nobody else wants it." J. Thirkell.

June. "Every man is the architect of his own fortune."
G. Cheeseman.

July. "No man is defeated until he admits defeat." C. Beale.

The results of the special study books were as follows:—
1st, A. Barham, C. Beale; 2nd, T. F. Lederer; 3rd, J. Thirkell.
Mrs. Piper not only undertook the onerous task of judging the entries, but presented three prizes and a box of chocolates for the unsuccessful. A. Barham thanked Mrs. Piper for the Form, and we tender our thanks for Mrs. Piper's kindness.

We have staged our own Art Exhibition this term and a number of excellent maps and drawings were presented.

Full plans have been made for the coming Public Examinations and we hope to have a number of candidates.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS.

The ninth Annual Sports took place on July 12th at the Athletic Ground. It rained in the morning, but our good luck held and the afternoon was perfect. Unfortunately many of the country boys experienced bad weather in the afternoon and imagined that the event would not be held. In view of the unsettled circumstances we arranged a more simple programme, and no appeal was made for prizes. Nevertheless the afternoon was most enjoyable and the competitors vied with one another as strenuously as usual. The following are the results.

SPORTS RESULTS.

Half Mile, Class I.—1, A. Baker; 2, — Beale; 3, A. Smith.
Classes II & III.—1, Fernig; 2, Sheldon; 3, R. Barham.
440 yds.—Class I. 1, A. Baker; 2, A. Smith; 3, — Beale.
Classes II. & III. 1, Fernig; 2, R. Barham; 3, B. Baker.
220 yds.—Class I. 1, A. Baker; 2, A. Smith; 3, — Beale.
Classes II & III. 1, Fernig; 2, Craig; 3, R. Barham.
100 yds.—Class I. 1, A. Baker; 2, A. Smith; 3, Beale.
Class II. 1, — Fernig; 2, G. Cheeseman; 3, — Veitch.
Class III. 1, — Craig; 2, R. Barham; 3, B. Baker.
Class IV. 1, P. Cheeseman; 2, — Manchett; 3, — Dexter.
80 yds.—Class IV. 1, Manchett; 2, P. Cheeseman; 3, — Dexter.

60 yds.—Class IVa. 1, Mitchell; 2, P. Leaver; 3, A. Barkaway
Sack.—Class I. 1, — Thirkell; 2, — Gibbs; 3, — Ferrett.

Class II. 1, — Sawyer; 2, — Ives; 3, — Sheldon.

Class III. 1, B. Baker; 2, — Sykes; 3, M. Smith.

Class IV. 1, P. Cheeseman; 2, L. Leaver; 3, D. Swan.

Egg & Spoon—Class I. 1, Murray; 2, Pantony; 3, Gibbs

Class II. 1, T. Marshall; 2, N. Walker; 3, R. Marshall.

Class III. 1, J. King; 2, R. Barham; 3, Sykes.

Class IV. 1, Manchett; 2, Dexter; 3, P. Leaver.

Cricket Ball—Class I. 1, A. Smith (72 yds); 2, Beale, (68 yds); 3, A. Baker, (67 yds).

Class II. 1, Fernig, (61 yds); 2, Sheldon; 3, A. Martin.

Class III. 1, Craig (36 yds); 2, Aslett; 3, J. King.

High Jump—Class I. 1, Beale (4' 6"); 2, A. Smith; 3, A. Baker.

Classes II & III. 1, Fernig; (3' 10"); 2, R. Barham; 3, A. Martin.

Long Jump—Class I. 1, A. Smith (15' 9"); 2, Beale (14' 5"); 3, A. Baker (14' 3").

Class II. 1, Fernig (14"); 2, G. Cheeseman (12' 6"); 3, A. Martin (12').

Classes III. & IV. 1, R. Barham (7'); 2, P. Cheeseman (5' 4"); 3, J. King.

3-Legged,—Snr. 1, (A. Smith—Beale); 2, (Fernig—Barkaway) 3, (Thirkell—A. Baker).

3-Legged—Jnr. 1, (R. Barham—P. Stearn); 2, (J. King—Sykes); 3, (Craig—D. Swan).

Cycle.—Class I. 1, Beale; 2, A. Clarke; 3, Wilkinson.

Class II. 1, G. Cheeseman; 2, R. Marshall; 3, Veitch.

Classes III & IV. 1, L. Leaver; 2, Waterson; 3, D. Swan.

Swimming,—Snr. 1, A. Clarke; 2, A. Smith; 3, Beale.

Swimming,—Jnr. 1, R. Marshall; 2, R. Clarke; 3, Goble.

Relay. 1, St. Augustines; 2, School; 3, St. Peters.

VICTOR LUDORUM, 1940.

Senior—A. Smith, 26 points; A. Baker, 23 points.

Junior—B. Fernig, 21 points; R. Barham, 12 points.

HOUSE POINTS.

St. Augustine's, 1st, 210; School, 2nd, 106; St. Peter's, 3rd, 80.

Cricket Cup—St. Augustines, (Capt. A. Smith).

Epilogue: Hearing that we were a little in debt, Mr. & Mrs. P. Knight sent us a donation to redress the balance. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Knight.

CRICKET.

CRITICISM OF THE TEAM.

- A. V. Smith, (Captain). A skilful captain who has lead the cricket team with much success, and has always played a "Captain's innings."
- A. V. A. Baker, (Vice-Capt.) An excellent opening batsman, a quick fielder, and a good bowler.
- C. Beale. He has not only been a very capable member of the team but also a hard working secretary.
- J. P. Thirkell. A very capable wicket keeper and a steady hard-hitting batsman.
- L. W. Walker. An excellent all-rounder, a reliable batsman, and good bowler.
- N. Pullen. A good change bowler, and a useful batsman.
- D. Brooker. A hard hitter, and good bowler, has improved immensely in fielding. Must not try to score off every ball.
- G. C. Cheeseman. A promising member of the team who will profit by experience.
- B. J. Fernig. He has made a good start, but we expect him to do better later on.
- W. N. Swan. A sure batsman but strokes are rather unorthodox at present.
- P. N. Smith. A capable member but needs experience.

The XI thanks R. Knight for the splendid way in which he has acted as scorer, and also Mr. Williams for the way in which he has arranged and supported us in the matches.

CRICKET NOTES.

The Cricket has been very well attended by all the keen players. We have had many excellent games.

The first match was Probables versus Possibles, on the 2nd May, when the Possibles won by a small margin.

The second was a House match, St. Peter's beating the School by 40 runs to 26. The third match was a practice match, Walker's team versus Thirkell's. Walker's team won easily by 106 runs to 46. Pullen 31 runs, Fernig 24, and A. Smith 30 runs, were best scorers for Walker's team and Thirkell 22 runs for his own team.

The next game was a House match, St. Augustine's versus School, St. Augustine's winning by 42 runs to School's 13 runs. Clarke made a useful score of 15 runs for St. Augustine's and A. Smith 14 runs. School's highest scorer was Walker with 7 runs.

The next was the 1st XI playing against Teston, and winning by 12 runs. 1st XI's score was 50 runs to Teston's 38 runs. Our best scorers were Walker 23, and Brooker 11. The bowling was A. Smith 4 wickets for 6 runs, and Walker 3 wickets for 8 runs.

We then had another practice match, Mr. William's team (Streatham) versus Walker's XI (Hollingbourne). Hollingbourne scored 45 runs to Streatham's 20. Chief scorers were Walker 17 not out for Hollingbourne and A. Smith 9 for Streatham.

The first XI played Teston again beating them by more runs. Our XI scored 110 runs to Teston's 48. Scores for the XI were Walker 30, Brooker 29, Fernig 21 runs. Bowling A. Smith, 5 wickets for 7 runs, and Brooker 3 wickets for 10 runs.

The next game was St. Peter's versus St. Augustine's. St. Augustine's winning the game and Cricket House Cup, by 46 runs to 25 runs. Scorers for St. Augustine's were Barkaway 13, and A. Smith 13 runs. St. Peter's best scorer being A. Sheldon, 8 runs.

The following match was the much looked forward to match of the Cricket season:—1st XI versus the O.B.A. The School played extremely well beating the Old Boys by 56 runs to 34 runs. Highest score for 1st XI was A. Smith, 18 runs. The highest score for O.B. was W. Gilbert, 6 runs. The 1st XI bowling was D. Brooker, 1 wicket for 0 runs, A. Smith, 4 wickets for 9 runs, and L. Walker, 5 wickets for 17 runs. O.B. bowling was, D. Smith 1 wicket for 22 runs, B. Westover 7 wickets for 12 runs, D. Gosling 1 wicket for 1 run, and H. Gosling 1 wicket for 14 runs.

The next Match was a Junior School XI versus East Malling where we were beaten by 100 runs to 44 runs. Our batting was best shown by P. Smith, 23 runs.

The following match was 7 Upper School Boys, versus 13 IVth Form Boys. Upper School won easily by 76 runs to 57. Chief scorers were A. Smith 36 runs and Baker 15 runs for Upper School, and Martin 30 not out for IVth Form.

A Junior School XI playing a return match with East Malling where we again lost by 48 runs to 34 runs. Our best score was A. Baker, 12 runs.

We had a very fine game with the Gas Works. The 1st XI put up a brilliant fight, losing the game by 7 runs. Our score was 57 runs and theirs 64 runs. Chief scorers on our side were Thirkell 24 not out. Bowling N. Pullen 4 wickets for 2 runs and Baker 1 wicket for 5 runs.

We then had a combined 1st and 2nd XI match with Yalding, with the result that we beat them easily, although they put up a good attack. The scores 91 to 45 runs. The XI's best scoring was A. Smith 24, D. Brooker 23. Best bowling for us was A. Baker, 6 wickets for 10 runs.

A. Smith, (Capt.)



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CONTINENTAL SCHOOL.

There are many differences between school in this country and on the continent. Though the hours are much the same they are arranged quite differently. On the continent school usually starts at 8 a.m. and lasts till 1 p.m. There is no school in the afternoon, except one day in the week when there are games for two hours. Each lesson lasts 50 minutes and there is 10 minutes break after each. As each master only teaches one or two subjects, each lesson is taught by a different master. The bigger schools have often more than 800 pupils. The pupils are in classes after their age, and there are boys from 10 to 18 years. As each class would have 100 pupils they are split into two of 50 each, so that there are 16 forms in the school. As there are 50 boys in one class the master is not able to keep an eye on each one and therefore every two weeks a form of exam is held in each subject. No marks are given for any work, but there are four degrees: 'Very good,' 'Good,' 'Enough,' 'Not enough.' Those are given and the average of a terms degrees is taken for the report. The terms last five months and there are only two in a year, the first from September to February and the second from February to July.

The subjects are generally the same as in England, but more time is given to Physical training, but less to games.

T. F. Lederer.

LIBRARY.

During the previous term the School Library has been supported fairly well. This term we expect more support because of the winter evenings. There are a wide range of books, approximately 250, some of which were presented last term by the following:—Mrs. Piper, R. Anderson, D. Anderson, R. Shaw, W. Tucker (an Old Boy), R. Clark, J. Gladdish, P. King, and R. Marshall. Further books will be welcomed.

The subscription collected last term, which is usually given to buy new books was presented to the Private Schools' Ambulance Fund.

Used books from the library are sent to the West Kent General Hospital.

N. Pullen,
J. Thirkell.

(Thanks are due to Pullen and Thirkell for their work and enthusiasm. Ed.)

AIR RAID.

The black sky of midnight is made darker still by the hundreds of modern bombers. The bombers are on a raid on our coast. The pale yellow moon is covered up by the tremendous long objects humming like hundreds of bees. Suddenly the searchlights are flashed up, reflecting and illuminating on the transparent mica windows. From the camouflaged aerodrome beneath, our fighters take off at an unbelievable speed. They zoom around the bombers, and when within range let fly their machine guns which rattle on the fuselage of the enemy aircraft, and flattened cases fall down on the deserted street below. Then a salvo of bombs is dropped harmlessly on open ground, sending a shower of earth everywhere. Time and time again the fighters score direct hits and flaming masses of metal go crashing down to destruction. The men handling these machines are blown sky high and blood soaks through their smartly cut uniforms. Houses are overwhelmed and still the enemy carry on. Anti-aircraft fire opens and sends several machines to their doom. Finally they turn tail and fly, leaving behind a deserted trail of destruction. Then peace reigns again.

A. Barham.

TENNIS.

Tennis has been well attended this season. The fine weather has been appreciated.

Many new members have proved themselves useful players.

New balls have kindly been presented by P. Gibbs and J. Gibson.

House Cup: 1st round, Baker and Brooker (School) tied with Pearson and Gibbs (St. Augustine's) 12—12.

Smith and Cheeseman (St. Augustine's) beat Pullen and Beale (St. Peter's) 6—3.

2nd round. Baker and Brooker (School) beat Smith and Cheeseman (St. Augustine's) 6—3, Beale and Gibson (St. Peter's) beat Gibbs and Pearson (St. Augustine's) 6—0.

Final. Beale and Pullen (St. Peter's) beat Baker and Brooker (School) 6—3.

Result:—St. Peter's 20 points, School 15 points, St. Augustine's 15 points.

Cup. 1st round. Gibbs and King beat Brooker and Knight 6—3. Baker and Cheeseman beat Walker and Pearson 6—0. Smith and Beale beat Davis and Pullen, 6—1. Barkaway and Gibson, bye.

Semi-Final. Baker and Cheeseman beat King and Gibbs 6—3. Smith and Beale beat Barkaway and Gibson 6—0.

Final. Smith and Beale beat Baker and Cheeseman 6—3, 6—0.

A, Baker. Hon. Sec.

WORDS OF OUR PEOPLE.

Paper shortage has given opportunity to our London news-vendors. Their observations scrawled on improvised black-boards are our war-time substitute for printed posters. Straight to the point, these street philosophers express in a few words the spirit of our people. Here are some of their comments on recent news.

FROM THE EDGWARE ROAD. On an Air Ministry's report: "R.A.F. Over Hamburg. The Stars Look Down."

FROM TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD. Queen Victoria's devastating utterance is coupled with a song hit: "We are not interested in the possibility of defeat—There'll always be an England."

FROM A LONDON CORNER. Summing up the result of several recent air raids: "Wednesday 40 for 4. Thursday 22 for 1. Total 62 for 5. All stumped. Hurricanes stop play."

FROM TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD. On Hitler's appeal for peace: "Hitler makes one last appeal." We answer "To Hell!"

FROM ANOTHER LONDON PITCH. The recent Italian "victory" over our warships was debunked in four words: "Mediterranean Boat Race—Result."

FROM PICCADILLY. On Rome's statement that her Navy was unavoidably prevented from keeping its rendezvous with Admiral Somerville at Oran: "Because the bull-dog got first bite for a change."

A.M.W.

CHESS CLUB.

There have been few opportunities for Chess during the Summer Term, but we shall look forward to many games next term. We are very grateful to Mrs. Piper for presenting us with a Chess book.

P. Gibbs.

THE WAR AND RADIO.

Broadcasting has become one of the most potent weapons of modern warfare. Germany realises this. From her radio stations, during almost every minute of the day a barrage of propaganda goes out to the world. In Britain the B.B.C. has built up a vast organisation to inform the world of the Allied war effort and to counter the German campaign. Facts, truthfully and accurately presented, are the basis of the B.B.C. home and foreign programmes.

Before the war the B.B.C. each day transmitted four news bulletins for home. Now six bulletins are broadcast. They have a vast audience. Each night the nine o'clock is heard by some 15,000,000 listeners. At the outbreak of the war seven daily news bulletins were broadcast in English for overseas listeners. Today there are 16. In addition 43 bulletins in 22 different tongues go out. The languages include Afrikaans,

Magyar, Serbo-Croat and Arabic. The Corporation has assembled a staff with specialist knowledge of each of the country's needs and tastes. Many foreign listeners send suggestions, and are answered in their own tongue. Not only does the B.B.C. put out news, but it has a multi-lingual staff employed throughout the 24 hours listening to the broadcasts of every important European station, to those from the U.S.A. and to those from such distant countries as Japan and Chile. This Monitoring Service listens to 500,000 words a day. This material is transmitted by teleprinter to a central editorial staff of trained journalists and specialists in international affairs. News of importance is sent at once to Government Departments and to the B.B.C. news service. A digest of the day's listening of about 45,000 words is issued to all departments directly concerned with the prosecution of the war. From all over the world there is evident to show that the plain unadorned broadcasts of the Corporation are being listened to by a vast and growing audience.

William the Silent.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

We have already published a list of 38 Old Boys serving with the Forces. The following have been received since our last issue: 39, P. Bowler, Mine Sweeping; 40, J. Elbourne, R.A.F.; 41, G. Haywood, Navy; 42, M. Higgins, Army; 43, W. Apps, Royal Engineers; 44, A. Byam, Army; 45, E. Butler, Fleet Air Arm; 46, E. G. A. Bettle, Royal Engineers; 47, J. H. E. Piper, Royal Artillery; 48, J. Ford, Navy; 49, D. Bradley, Navy; 50, S. Reynolds, R.A.M.C.; 51 P. S. Anderson, R.A.F. We shall be pleased to receive additions, and to hear news of these or any other Old Boy.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Ferdinand Ansett who died after a short illness. Mr. Ansett was at school under Mr. McCabe and was known to many of our older members. A floral tribute was sent from the School and Old Boys' Association.

We have had two interesting letters from Mr. P. Bowler who is now on a Minesweeper. He has found the life rough but intensely interesting, and (we can believe) perilous. Mr. Bowler speaks in terms of the highest praise of the fisher folk who in general man these boats. "Paddy" is very anxious to

know about the Society, and the General Secretary will be pleased to forward addresses to anyone who wishes to write. We are hoping to receive an article from Paddy for our next issue.

On April 23rd a Dance was organised at St. Nicholas' Hall, and was a great success. Thanks are due to Mr. Rand and Mr. Hooker.

We have to record the marriages of Walter and Stanley Beale. Unfortunately no further details are to hand.

Reference is made elsewhere to the School v. Old Boys' Cricket Match. We were glad that we were able to play this Annual game in spite of the serious situation. Mr. Gilbert, one of our Vice-Presidents, was Captain and we thank him for his continued interest. We hope to turn the tables next year.

We have received letters from R. Whibley, J. Elbourne, P. Anderson, in the R.A.F., and from D. Fraser, in the British Tanker Service. We are glad to hear that they are making such excellent progress.

We learn that D. Fraser has been to Roumania, various parts of U.S.A., Canada, and the West Indies. He was much impressed with the United States, and with the friendly treatment he received there.

The Association's meetings have been regularly held, and we must thank officers, and members for their efforts. Our Chairman Mr. Wood, directs our Council with speed and efficiency and Mr. Rand has maintained the Association funds. However if there is any member who has not paid his subscription — — —!

The Chess Section will continue to meet at the Royal Star, and intending players should send their names to the General Secretary, Mr. A. M. Williams, who will pass them on to Mr. Anderson. It is also hoped that some football will be played.

W. Westbrook is still our official poet, and we hope to print another contribution shortly.

We have been very pleased to see the following boys when on leave:—J. Beale, A. Harrison, G. Goodchild. On behalf of our readers we wished them good luck.

NOTES FROM OLD BOY ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

(The following was received from an Old Boy closely connected with the Association's Football Section who prefers to remain anonymous.)

"The Ship that I am on is a dear old girl with a list to port. I have a sprung upper berth with mattress and two blankets and pillow. Its much softer than camping. The crew are mostly Scotties, and I am only just beginning to understand them. They are tough guys, but they do all they can to help me. We have a long day often starting sweeping at 3.30 a.m. Turning in time is 9.30 p.m., and in between that and 3.30 we get anchor or sailing watches 2 hours each pair. When we are short of cigarettes we sometimes get free ones from the Port Padre. We have also a Nuffield Trust Radio Set and that cheers us. We need not shave unless we like, and some of us look like young Tarzans. We have had some brushes with the enemy who does not like us, and we have given a good account of ourselves. I was most interested to read about mines in the last issue of the Magazine. Wishing you and all the Old Boys the best of luck.

Every effort will be made to maintain the Magazine in its present form during the war. We hope we shall be supported by all O.B's and friends of the School. Subscription 2/6, with O.B. membership 3/6. New subscribers welcomed.

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