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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

A New St. Dunstan's South African Home Opened

Lady Duncan, wife of the Governor-General, opened St. Dunstan's Home and Training Centre at Wynberg, South Africa, on Wednesday, February 18th.

A number of blinded men are already in residence, including South African, Imperial and Anzac men. While they are waiting for repatriation and are recovering their health, they will learn to be blind.

In a message read at the opening ceremony, I wrote:

"We greatly appreciate Lady Duncan opening the Home. The Governor-General's personal interest, and the long association of the Governor-General's Fund, is of great value to St. Dunstan's. My Council thanks your Committee and many generous subscribers and volunteers who help us at the Home and throughout South Africa. Please ask Lady Duncan to convey my encouragement and welcome to new St. Dunstan's members. St. Dunstan's is proud to be able to help United Kingdom, Dominions, Indian and Colonial Governments to look after blinded Service men and women. The establishment of the Training Centre and Home in South Africa illustrates the widespread character of Empire commitments and mutual sympathy and support. Together the Empire will win victory over our enemies, and together St. Dunstaners will win victory over blindness."

This records another chapter in St. Dunstan's life. In the last war practically the whole of St. Dunstan's was in Regent's Park, which was as quiet and peaceful as any remote country district at the present time. It is true that I remember—and I am sure many old St. Dunstaners will share the recollection—standing out on the terrace at the old St. Dunstan's in 1916 or 1917 and listening to a flight of German planes, which made one of the few daylight air-raids over the capital, and I remember also being in the London streets when Zeppelins were about and anti-aircraft splinters were flying around, but these incidents, which seemed so dramatic then, fade into insignificance in the light of modern war.

This war is different, for danger and death come to all of us; moreover, communications are far more interrupted and less certain than in the last struggle. So it comes about that the wounded of the Allies are treated in those parts of the world where the armies operate, and St. Dunstan's brings its healing service to the base areas.

There may be further developments in India and Australia to meet the new conditions. Whether directly, as in Britain and South Africa, or indirectly in other parts of the world,

St. Dunstan's work and influence are at the disposal of all His Majesty's Governments whom we have the honour to advise and help. Early St. Dunstaners who remember Mrs. Chadwick Bates so well at the old House, will rejoice that the blinded men in South Africa have her sympathetic and skilled help, and we express to Brigadier-General W. E. C. Tanner (Chairman), Mr. H. Alers-Hankey (Honorary Treasurer), and the other members of the South African Committee, our sincere thanks for the efforts they are making to help the blinded men of all Empire countries who pass through the Union.

Mrs. Lilian Vintcent, O.B.E.

Friends of St. Dunstan's in South Africa will temper their pride at the important part they are now playing in the life of our organisation with regret on account of the recent death of Mrs. Vintcent, O.B.E.

When South Africans first returned to their country from Britain in the last war, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Vintcent established an After-Care organisation for them, looked after their every need, and raised considerable sums of money for St. Dunstan's South African and Empire work.

Until 1930 Mrs. Vintcent, with her husband's guidance and sure judgment, was godmother to South African blinded soldiers. They and we owed her a deep debt of gratitude, and her notable and devoted work will be a cherished memory.

IAN FRASER.

Brief Notes

At a whist drive held at Melbourn in aid of St. Dunstan's, W. C. Smith presented one of his baskets, filled with groceries, which was raffled. It made the splendid sum of £6 2s.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Cooper, of Hull, have a grand-child—a girl—born on February 15th, to their daughter.

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W. Kerr, of Widnes, has five sons in the Forces.

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The youngest son of our Canadian St. Dunstaner, C. Purkis, of Ontario, has come to England with the Canadian Overseas Forces.

Miss Boyd-Rochfort's Grave

Mrs. Malone, Matron Boyd-Rochfort's sister, has sent us a description of the family memorial which has been erected over Matron's grave at Brighton. The grave is of red Balmoral granite, with a polished head-stone; red chips fill the space between the granite curbs. On the head-stone is the inscription, "In glorious memory of Winifred Boyd-Rochfort, O.B.E., Matron of St. Dunstan's. Called to Higher Service, 8th February, 1941. The Great Physician called and prescribed a rest."

Young St. Dunstaners

Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Batty, of Killamarsh, was married on February 21st.

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John Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clarke, of Lee, now of the R.A.O.C., is being married on Easter Saturday, at St. Mildred's Church, Lee, to Miss Catherine Philpott.

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Edna May Steeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Steeley, of Hull, is marrying Mr. Leslie Rowson, at St. John's Church, Newland, Hull, on March 14th. Edna is much in demand at "Ensa" concerts.

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Neville Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Moore, of Southport, has passed his examinations for entry into the Mounted Police, Cairo, and is taking up his duties soon.

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All three sons of W. Davies, of Blockley, are now in the R.A.F. Wilfred is back in England again after serving out East; Sydney is in India; and young Donald has passed his examination for a pilot and is waiting to be called.

Promotion

Pat Mulvaney is now an A.C.W.1 in the W.A.A.F.

Church Stretton Notes

Hearing that the Comforts Fund was almost bankrupt, our choir offered to give a concert, at the Silvester Hall, to avert a financial crisis. The result was most gratifying. The audience had a good two-hour programme, and the funds rose by £25.

Joe Walch was compère again, entertaining us with stories of his bosom friend, Joe Murgatroyd, and enlightening the inhabitants of Church Stretton on the intricacies of braille. The solos ranged from grave to gay, and the concerted numbers included a topical version of Cock Robin, in which the entire responsibility for the death and obsequies of that unfortunate bird was thrust upon the Longmynd Staff. Sea shanties came in for much applause, and a duet from "Bitter Sweet," by Beryl Sleigh and Leslie White, was encored. The programme will be repeated early in March.

The wedding of A. H. Robinson, of Rayleigh, to Miss Cheverall, at St. Lawrence's Church, on February 17th, excited much interest in the village. Mr. Davenport gave the bride away, and K. Gatrell acted as best man. We wish them every happiness.

On February 24th, the Croft-Hermits, a well-known amateur dramatic society, came from Shrewsbury to give us an excellent performance of "The First Mrs. Fraser," by St. John Ervine. This was all the more appreciated because there is no theatre nearer than Wolverhampton. We hope that they will visit us again.

Preparations are in full swing for a Fete and Dance, on March 18th, our contribution towards the local Warships Week. Much Wenlock and Ironbridge have already held their week, and Lt.-Commander Buckley and R. Dufton were asked to take part in the opening ceremony, the Lt.-Commander taking the salute at the march-past. In spite of a piercing wind, R. Dufton made an excellent ten minute speech, at a temperature approaching zero—sailors don't care.

Tiger Hall has lost the two Nurse Corries, who came up with us from Ovingdean. They have been called up for service at a military hospital in the Home Counties.

G. Stanley has completed his training and taken a post as telephonist at Market Harborough.

On March 3rd came a special "Ensa" Troupe, known as "Sunshine Ahead"; these included the well-known Petulengro, accompanied by a charming lady, who read thoughts with the aid of his violin playing. On the 4th inst. we were all invited to a pantomime, given by the military. This was both cleverly-written and well-acted, the cook-housekeeper being especially noteworthy as a lady to be feared and cajoled.

The Raven Club have so far invited us to a Social Evening in Shrewsbury every month since our arrival, and Longmynd and Tiger Hall are deserted on these occasions.

It is marvellous how they can keep up the standard of hospitality under increasing difficulties of war-time, and we are very grateful to them.

Congratulations to the following, who have passed tests this month:—

Typing.—R. Alty, J. Padley, J. R. Barlow.

Braille Writing.—D. Baker, R. Dufton, L. Nicholas.

No men admitted for training.

Admitted to Hospital.—Pte. S. Heyes, R.A.O.C. (25), Rusholme, Manchester.

Comforts Fund

It will be of interest to St. Dunstaners to know that the number of names on the Comforts Fund list is now 579, so the money raised at the Church Stretton concert is very welcome.

Knowing how often our troops are moved, it is very necessary for us to have recent addresses before we can dispatch parcels to them. Will parents therefore help us as much as possible by keeping us posted with these changes?

Sons and Daughters in the Services

BOSWELL, Pte. Eric, I.T.C.
 COX, Pte. N. (Bedhampton), A.T.S.
 GLENDENNAN, R. C. (Dagenham), Royal Navy.
 GREEN, Charles W., Royal Navy.
 GREEN, Trooper G., Royal Tank Regiment.
 HORNSBY, Pte. P. M. (Sheffield), A.T.S.
 KERR, Sapper M. (Widnes), Royal Engineers.
 KERR, O.S. Neville (Widnes), Royal Navy.
 MILLIS, Rf. E. (Sevenoaks), C.L.Y.
 O'BRIEN, Pte. F. D. (Skelmersdale), Hampshire Regt.
 O'BRIEN, Driver E. J. (Skelmersdale), Training Battalion.
 PURKIS, Gunner S. (Ontario), Canadian Overseas Forces.
 WEEDALL, Gunner Norman, Royal Artillery.

Night Fighters

From "The Times," March 16th

The scheme described in these columns last week for the employment of blinded men in the aircraft and other war industries is sufficient justification of the faith which, during the last war, made St. Dunstan's, in the phrase then used about it, "a light shining in the darkness." That faith was new in the sense that it had not formerly been applied; it consisted of a claim, resolutely if tentatively made, that the loss of his sight does not in fact deprive a man of his right or his ability to serve his country and his fellows. From a figure of tragedy the blind man was transformed, in his own and in the general mind, to a pioneer. These night fighters brought to their adventure faculties of touch and of hearing which were sustained in some measure by the loss of the power to see and which, as was discovered, were capable of development and training. Weakness was turned into strength, and sentimentalism, which is the advertisement of defeat or the excuse for inaction, was banished. Most disliked of all those who came to the young St. Dunstan's were those who came to pity. They did not stay long. For they found themselves among men preparing for battle and with the assurance of victory in their hearts.

St. Dunstan's is older now; but the spirit of the night fighters remains unquenched and unquenchable. As the noblest orders of chivalry imposed restrictions and disabilities upon their members so that powers latent in the secular body might be brought to a full development, similarly the brotherhood of St. Dunstan has accepted loss as the condition of a more excellent service. Colonel Llewellyn, the Minister of Aircraft Production, has stated that many a pilot, though he may not know it, has flown an aeroplane a large part of which has been passed as fit for flying by a blind man. He added that pilots were so well trained in blind flying that they would appreciate fully how well one could manage without seeing what one was doing. Those who were privileged to know the late Sir Arthur Pearson and to hear from his lips the confession of his faith, can realize what great joy such a witness would have afforded him. Nor are the blind alone in their enterprise. As our columns have testified recently, the deaf and the mute also are treading the

St. Dunstaners in Aircraft Works

This was the article in *The Times* of March 13th, referred to in its leading article of March 16th:—

"A scheme for the employment of blinded men in the aircraft and other war industries was described at a luncheon in London yesterday.

"Mr. F. G. Miles, chairman of Phillips and Powis Aircraft, Limited, who presided, said that after hearing of the steps taken in the German aircraft industry to train blinded men for inspection work, his firm approached St. Dunstan's, offering to conduct experiments. His factory now employed eight blind men, including two blinded in this war, and more were to join them. They had already proved that sightless men could perform a number of skilled jobs, and by employing them in war industries firms could give these men a chance of hitting back at the enemy.

"Colonel Llewellyn, Minister of Aircraft Production, welcoming the scheme, said that many a pilot, although he might not know it, had flown an aeroplane a large part of which had been passed by a blind man as fit for flying. Pilots were so well trained in blind-flying that they would appreciate fully how well one could manage without seeing what one was doing.

"Sir Ian Fraser, Chairman of St. Dunstan's, said that so far in this war 150 cases had come to St. Dunstan's, and happily the development of science meant a much greater prospect of recovery than was possible 25 years ago. Half of those 150 cases had recovered useful sight, enabling them to go back to the services or commercial life.

"St. Dunstan's had placed in various war factories a number of men blinded in the last and the present wars. The work which St. Dunstan's started at the beginning of this war had gone well ahead, and they were now compiling an industrial register of manufacturing firms willing to employ sightless men and women who had been trained. In consultation with the prospective employer their training would be conducted on lines best suited to the firm."

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pioneer's way. Their example in these hours of crisis is the heritage and inspiration of all their fellows.

Howlers Up-to-date

Teachers and foster-parents have compiled an amusing lot of the sayings of town children now experiencing country life for the first time.

A little Cockney boy evacuated to a farm in the country was returning home one evening with his farmer host when an owl hooted loudly.

"What was that?" asked the boy.

"That was an owl," replied the farmer.

"I know that," said the boy, "but 'oo 'owled?"

Thatched houses were described as "houses with straw hats."

Windmills, also seen by many evacuees for the first time, gave rise to some quaint ideas. One little girl thought windmills were used to "fan the wheat so that it did not get too hot in the sun."

Two boys, evacuated to a Welsh country district, were taken for a motor-car drive. As they were passing a derelict coal mine one of the boys exclaimed: "Oh, look, Hitler's been here already."

Another boy who was sent away to a vicarage in Scotland tasted Scots porridge for the first time. He did not like it, so did not want to say Grace after the meal.

"But surely you can thank God for something," coaxed his host.

"All right," replied the boy, "thank God I was not sick."

Did You Know That—

Motor-cars in this country a little over thirty years ago numbered only 70,000. In 1937-38 (the last period under review) the number was 1,798,105.

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The farthest one can get from a railway line in England was, up to a short time ago, the village of Hartland (14 miles) in North Devon, but owing to the closing down of a small local line to Barnstaple, the record is now held by Lynton (18 miles).

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"Standing treat" was illegal on licensed premises in Great Britain from November, 1915, to June, 1919.

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The highest building in the world is not, as is generally supposed, the Empire State Building in New York (1,248ft.). The record is held by the Palace of Soviets, Moscow (1,365ft.) This, however, includes a 328ft. statue of Lenin.

Typewriter Ribbon Spools

For reasons of national economy will all St. Dunstaners in future save their metal typewriter ribbon spools and boxes, and hand them to the Social Visitor when she calls, who will then return them to Headquarters.

Unless we return sufficient spools to the manufacturers they will have to supply the next delivery of ribbons on cardboard, which will mean that ribbons will have to be rewound by men themselves, on their existing spools, before they can be used.

Look Out For This

Some months ago a short film was made by St. Dunstan's for use in connection with our appeals, and it has already been shown in several parts of the country. Now the Ministry of Information have incorporated it in a longer film dealing with the work which is being done for the blind generally. The M.O.I. have retained our original title, "Victory over Darkness," and the film will shortly be shown in cinemas all over the country.

Ernest Russell, a young St. Dunstaner of this war, now a telephone operator in Leeds, is the commentator.

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"Show a cheerful countenance to the world, and never let others see you give way to dependency. Preach to all around you the "glorious right" of this war in which we had to take our part, or else for ever hide our heads in shame. Be careful to spread no rumours or gossip, and be kind, gentle and unselfish to all. Cheer others on and help them to bear hardships, privations and sorrow in the spirit of true patriotism."

—F.M. LORD ROBERTS in 1914.

Old "Reviews"

The Editor wishes to express his sincere thanks to the many readers who have sent in copies of the REVIEWS asked for last month, and to say that, thanks to their kindness, his files are now complete.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Duncan, of Hull, who celebrated their silver wedding on January 31st, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. Prior, of Portchester, who will celebrate their anniversary on April 7th.

St. Dunstaner Meets an Author

Last month Mr. Bernard Newman, the well-known author, gave a lecture in Rhymney on "Spies in War-time." Mr. Taylor happened to be visiting me on the same day. We had both read some of his books, which we had enjoyed, and were delighted to have the opportunity of hearing him speak.

Mr. Newman spoke to us of the dangers in the life of a spy, how the smallest detail could give him away to the enemy, and how we often helped the enemy by our careless talk. Mr. Newman's experience as a traveller (he has visited nearly all the countries of Europe and taken an active part in spy work during the last war) made the lecture all the more interesting. Mr. Taylor and I were able to have a little talk with him after the lecture. I was rather anxious to know if all the matter in his book, *Spy*, was fact, and from his reply I gather that the book was mostly the experiences of himself and a friend during the last war, but that there was a little fiction. I had also read Mr. Newman's book, *Pedalling Poland*. This book gave me an insight into the conditions of life of the people of that country in 1934. At that time he had intended touring a part of Russia in the next year. I had never heard if he had done so, but he told me he had, and that he had written a book on his experiences, but up to the present I don't think the book has been put into braille. His book, the *Blue Danube*, has been brailled, and he thought I would find it enjoyable; some of his detective stories are also in braille. Mr. Newman was pleased to know that St. Dunstaners were deriving pleasure from those of his books which had been put into braille, and also recorded in the Talking Book Library.

The books I have mentioned above are to be obtained from the National Library for the Blind, and the book, *Spy*, has been recorded for the Talking Book Library.

G. M. JORDAN.

Marriage

ROBINSON—CHEVERALL. On February 17th, at St. Lawrence's Church, Church Stretton, A. H. Robinson to Miss Amy Cheverall, of Hastings. Miss Cheverall, a nurse, was wounded in an air-raid, and came to St. Dunstan's, where she met our St. Dunstaner.

Canine Notes

The Food Problem Solved

In some of our larger towns and cities, dog owners have been able, through the medium of dog-food shops, to obtain a small supply weekly for their dogs. In remote country districts, however, when the usual supply of biscuits was stopped, things were very difficult. I was placed in this unenviable position and I had either to make my own biscuits or put my dogs down. I decided on the former course. Now the weekly baking of my dogs' biscuits is as regular as the baking of the household bread.

The great thing in feeding biscuits is to have them fresh. By baking your own you are assured of this, and they do not lose that appetising smell which is so essential.

So now—how to make your own biscuits.

Get 3½lb. of wholemeal flour, and the same quantity of oatmeal. Powder up four Oxo cubes and mix into dough, just like making bread. After getting a good stiff dough, roll it out and cut into the size you think will fit your dog's appetite. Put them into a hot oven and bake for an hour, or longer, until they are a nice brown colour, and hard.

I forgot to add the salt. A good handful will do quite nicely. Will you please not forget this.

You will note that no rationed foods are contained in these biscuits. H. MARSDEN.

National Laying Test

Report for the fourth period of 28 days from January 5th to February 1st, 1942

Position	Name	Test Score	Value
1.	Carpenter, E. H.	...	411
2.	Smith, W. Alan	...	376
3.	Jarvis, A.	...	372
4.	Jackson, G.	...	363
5.	Fisher, T. M.	...	347
6.	Chaffin, A.	...	340
7.	Chaffin, A.	...	326
8.	Hammett, H. A.	...	319
9.	Fisher, T. M.	...	318
10.	Holmes, P.	...	308
11.	Jarvis, A.	...	308
12.	Holmes, P.	...	282
13.	Campbell, J.	...	273
14.	Watson-Brown, M.	...	227
15.	Capper, A. H.	...	198
16.	Jackson, G.	...	182

Average per bird, 60.45.

St. Dunstan's Bridge Club

In happy reminiscence of many pleasant days spent in past years, a number of us met at St. John's Lodge, on Saturday, March 7th, for the Annual General Meeting of St. Dunstan's Bridge Club.

In the unavoidable absence of Sir Ian Fraser, the chair was taken by the founder and Captain, H. Gover. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the Chairman then gave a brief resumé of the past two years' work. Despite the many difficulties that the war had brought upon us, the Club had shown itself most alive and with much activity. Deep sympathy was felt at the loss incurred through the death of Miss Boyd-Rochfort, and our esteemed colleague, Edmund Toft.

At the close of the report the very best thanks of the Club were recorded to all those who had in any way helped to make the many Saturday afternoons pleasant and enjoyable.

C. Thompson, our Treasurer, who has evidently had many lessons in cooking since the war, gave us a pleasant surprise when he told us that we had a balance of £1 19s. 10d. Good show!

Messrs. H. Gover, N. Downs, and C. Thompson were then elected to the Committee.

A discussion then ensued as to future activities. It was decided that every second Saturday in the month, matches should take place between teams of four; that Bridge Drives should also be held, and that the Committee be asked to pursue the question of possible matches against other bridge teams.

The meeting then expressed the desire to make a donation to St. Dunstan's Comforts Fund and a sum of 30s. was then voted with acclamation.

The subscription was increased from 2s. to 4s. per year.

The meeting was concluded in a brisk and businesslike manner, in a way which would have done credit to any of our Parliamentary institutions.

After the meeting many "rubbers" were played, but best of all an excellent tea was thoroughly enjoyed, and our sincere thanks are due to Miss Morrah and Miss Davis for their continued hospitality.

The first match of the season will take place on Saturday, April 11th, when two

Letter to the Editor

EMPANGENI,
SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor, "St. Dunstan's Review"

DEAR SIR,—I don't suppose that many of your readers will remember me, as it is many years since I was at the College. But the flame of enthusiasm for the cause of St. Dunstan's, which was then lit, has not yet burnt out, and each month I read with interest every item in your little REVIEW, which you are good enough to send me.

It will, no doubt, interest your readers to know that for the past seventeen years this little town in Zululand has raised money each year for your fund, and this year has been a record, as we have just sent a cheque for £450. I started this yearly collection, and then handed it over to the M.O.T.H.S., whose special job it is now.

Your supporters here were sorry to learn that the greater part of the building in Regent's Park had not escaped Hitler's attention.

Wishing you the best of luck, and assuring you of the continued support of Empangeni, with its five or six hundred European inhabitants.

Yours sincerely,
MOLLY COPPINGER.
(nee Sister Mahony).

Deaths

TEBBUTT.—Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tebbutt, of Nottingham, whose son, George, died in hospital on March 2nd. He was taken ill while serving as a gunner in the Royal Artillery.

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St. Dunstaners of the last war who were at the College will learn with the deepest regret of the death of Mrs. Hill (nee "Bo-Peep" Warden), who worked with us as a V.A.D. there from 1917 to 1919, and will be remembered with the greatest affection by many St. Dunstaners. Mrs. Hill was the wife of Commander Lawrence Hill, D.S.O., R.N., now on active service.

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Redhill representatives will pick opposing teams.

If there is anyone who would like to have a game of Bridge on Saturday afternoons he will be most cordially welcomed.

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“ In Memory ”

PRIVATE ABRAHAM H. PATSTON
(2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers)

We record with deep regret the death of A. H. Patston, of Parkstone, at the early age of 54. Patston lost his sight as a result of severe head wounds received in France. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1915 and he took up poultry-keeping and basket-work, but later gave them up to devote all his time to his garden.

Patston had not been too well for some time past, and was admitted to hospital in December of last year, suffering from heart trouble, but he returned home in February feeling somewhat better; his death on the 24th of last month therefore came as a shock to us all.

The funeral took place a few days later at Branksome, to which a wreath was sent from Sir Ian and his St. Dunstan's comrades.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow.

PRIVATE THOMAS WALL
(1st Hampshire Regiment)

We deeply regret to record the death of T. Wall, of Gosport.

Wall was wounded in France in 1914 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1915. He was trained in netting, continuing at this work up to the time he died. He had been suffering from gastric trouble of late, but it came as a shock when we heard that he had collapsed in the street and died without regaining consciousness.

The funeral took place at the Kingston Cemetery, Portsmouth, and was attended by his four sons, housekeeper, and Mr. Pantou.

Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's; we extend our sincere sympathy to members of his family.

FREDERICK S. SMITH
(Royal Defence Corps)

We record with deep regret the death of F. S. Smith, of Northampton, at the age of 74.

A gunner in the Royal Horse Artillery in his younger days (he served some years in India), Smith joined the Army the day war was declared, August 4th, 1914. As a result of his wounds he was discharged from the Army in 1918, but he did not come under St. Dunstan's care until 1929. His age then made it impossible for him to take up a definite occupation.

For a number of years he has been in failing health. He was admitted to our Home at Melplash last September, and later was transferred to Port Hall, Brighton, but he died there on February 1st.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades was sent for the funeral, which took place at Brighton Borough Cemetery.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow in her loss. They had no children.

PRIVATE C. A. BUTLER
(16th Sherwood Foresters)

We deeply regret to have to record the death of C. A. Butler, of Long Eaton, Notts. Only 48 years of age, he was one of our youngest St. Dunstaners of the last war.

Butler served from 1915 until 1917, coming under our care in February of the latter year, after losing his sight and his right hand as a result of his wounds received in France. Trained as a poultry farmer, he kept his interest in this in a small way, but had to take things very easily for some time, but he carried on wool rug-making up to the time of his last illness. Finally it was deemed necessary for him to enter Nottingham Hospital, where he died on February 1st. A St. Dunstaner, A. C. Cook, of Mapperley, is night-telephonist at the hospital, and he and his wife gave Mrs. Butler every possible help.

A wreath was sent from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades, the funeral taking place at Long Eaton Cemetery. Representatives of the British Legion (Men's and Women's Sections), were among the mourners, and the coffin was covered by the Union Jack.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Butler and her six children. They were a devoted family, and it is a sad fact that Butler died on the twelfth birthday of his twin sons, of whom he was so proud.

SERGEANT HORACE DEWIS
(Royal Air Force)

We have to report with deep regret the death of H. Dewis, of Bradford.

Enlisting shortly after the outbreak of war in 1914, he was discharged, with damaged sight, in February, 1919, after having been awarded the Military Medal for bravery. He did not, however, come under St. Dunstan's until 1934. He did not take up any heavy training, but carried on with wool rug-making for some years. He had been in bad health for some time; he died on February 21st.

A wreath from Sir Ian and his comrades was sent, and we extend our sympathy to his widow and the only son, in the R.A.S.C., who, being on seven days' leave, was able to see his father before he died.