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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Miss Hester Pease, After-Care Visitor for the Yorkshire and East Anglia area for many years, has sailed from this country to become Matron of our Home in South Africa, under Mrs. Chadwick Bates, O.B.E., who is Chairman of the Home Committee.

After being Lounge Sister at Brighton, Miss Pease joined the staff of the After-Care Department in March, 1931.

This is an occasion to praise the work of the ladies who do our After-Care visiting, and to recognise how arduous and exacting and important it is, especially in war-time. The problems of to-day for our men and their families are so much more numerous and difficult of solution, and the strain of travelling is so much greater. But the After-Care Visitors carry on, and we perhaps do not fully realise the importance of the services they render until suddenly we lose one. Men in the Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Nottingham, Cambridge, and Rutland area will feel keenly the loss of a real friend, but they may console themselves that young St. Dunstaners from the Middle East and other distant theatres of war who are trained or partially trained at St. Dunstan's, South Africa, will benefit by her great experience and kindly understanding. St. Dunstaners will feel that in sending Miss Pease to South Africa we are sending with her their own spirit of which she will be the messenger and interpreter. We say "thank you" to Miss Pease for her services, and wish her good luck, and we are glad to feel that just as the Dominions help us so vigorously in so many ways, so it is our privilege from time to time to help them from the Mother Country's vast store of tradition and experience.

Major Brunel Cohen

Major J. Brunel Cohen was recently an honoured guest at Church Stretton. As a member of our Council he came to see how we are carrying on our Hospital and Training Centre. In a letter after his visit, Major Cohen said: "I admired all the men I met so much, officers and men, teachers and pupils; there seemed such a wonderful spirit of self-confidence and optimism; no job seemed too big for anyone to tackle."

We thank him for his visit and for this tribute.

Major Cohen is himself an outstanding example of triumph over disability. He was very grievously wounded in 1917, losing both his legs above the knees, but he leads a most active life and gets about with great dexterity. His crippling disability did not daunt him, and he has devoted his life to bettering the lives of ex-servicemen. Member of Parliament for the most critical eleven years after the Great War, he contributed much to the shaping

of legislation, pensions warrants, and the employment of disabled men. He has been Honorary Treasurer of the British Legion for twenty-one years, the only man to hold office continuously since the Legion began. Our blinded soldier colleague, Captain William Appleby, shares with Major Cohen the honour of having been a Member of the National Executive Council of the Legion without interruption since its inception. Captain Appleby, who is also a Member of our Council, has been a visitor from time to time to Church Stretton, where his inspiration and help has been greatly appreciated.

I have said over and over again in these Notes that St. Dunstan's and the Legion are brothers in arms, and must stand together, particularly in having a go at the Ministry of Pensions. Major Cohen's visit, and his speech, which is reported on another page, will do much to cement the good relations between our two bodies.

Frederick Martin, C.B.E.

St. Dunstaners will join with me in offering congratulations to Mr. Fred Martin, a St. Dunstan's officer, who was awarded the honour of Commander of the Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.), in the recent Honours List.

Mr. Martin, who was one of our earliest St. Dunstaners, has for many years been one of the most prominent men in Aberdeen public life. From 1922 until 1924 he represented East Aberdeen in Parliament, and since then has taken an active part in the local government life of the City and Council. He is Chairman of the Public Health Committee of Aberdeen County Council.

His wife has been a Justice of the Peace for many years, and they have two daughters, both of whom have qualified as doctors, and are now working in E.M.S. hospitals.

IAN FRASER.

St. Dunstaner Killed in Air Raid

A St. Dunstaner, S. Dyer, and his wife, have been killed by enemy action. Dyer, who was a telephonist, lived in Dollis Hill before the war, but moved to a town in the West of England when his firm evacuated there. A tribute appears on page 8.

Dyer is the second St. Dunstaner to lose his life by enemy action.

Braille Shorthand Machines Wanted

The braille shorthand machine is quite a complicated and special piece of apparatus. One is required by every man who is trained as a telephone operator in order that he may make notes and take messages. The other day a St. Dunstaner offered his machine to us, saying it was issued to him twenty years ago, but since his occupation no longer required the use of it it had been carefully put away. "I am glad," he went on, "to think that it can now be of use to a new St. Dunstaner."

Of course, we are getting some new machines, but we want more, and it will help us, as well as making a little con-

tribution to the war effort, if any St. Dunstaner who has a shorthand machine will send it in.

Notes and News

H. Maher, of Old Kent Road, S.E., and his wife narrowly escaped injury when the undetected bomb exploded near the Elephant and Castle recently. They, and the people they were talking to, were flung in different directions, but none, fortunately, was hurt.

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W. Ruddock, of Northallerton, who has organised yet another successful whist drive and dance in aid of St. Dunstan's, presented a basket to be raffled. It was won by another St. Dunstaner, A. Collins, of Potto.

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Frank Rhodes, now of Exeter, is finding his tandem of great value. He and his son go backwards and forwards to work and school respectively on it, and now he is looking forward to a fortnight's holiday with it. Last January he made the journey to London, and, later, to Doncaster. Good going.

Church Stretton Notes

Whitsuntide came at the end of a spell of fine weather, with spring and summer flowers all out at once, and we planned outdoor events for Saturday and Monday. For Saturday, a treasure hunt; for Monday, a walk through the woods near Ludlow, with tea at Gray's Cafe.

Saturday morning was none too promising, but at 2.30 p.m. the treasure hunters set forth in couples, guided from one point to the next by a cryptic message which was delivered by an oracle at each post. Our Chairman helped, unwittingly, to mislead a few couples; it so happened that he and Miss Canti had only cycled a short way when the tandem jibbed badly close to the road leading to the treasure. Several hunters thought they must be the next point, the clue being "They don't play like that in Trafalgar Square"; well, they don't, but all the same that was only a coincidence. The track was well-laid, but the hunters were so nimble of brain and foot that they were all at the winning post half an hour before Mrs. Heenan, of the Crown House, expected them. Her tea, however, as we all know, was well worth the wait. Mickey McCrea and his partner, Miss Smith, were first; N. Cook and Miss Anthony came in second.

Monday set in wet and grew steadily worse, but the majority paddled or slid down to join our bus at the Fountain, which decanted them at Ludlow. Here they were picked up by their partners, mostly friends they had made among the Ladies' Club and the Rotarians who entertained them at their own homes, and brought them to join the party for tea at the Cafe. It was some consolation that Tuesday was wetter if possible than the holidays. The Tandem Club now numbers 21; we do not know if our Chairman has enrolled as an honorary member, but several of the older generation (maximum age 73) have enjoyed rides. Since last season we have bought a second tandem, and plan to go foursome on Saturdays, with picnics in good weather. Rides started at the end of April, and the tandem is out each day (weather permitting) after tea. "If summer weather really arrives," writes Lady Buckmaster somewhat plaintively, "we shall take advantage of long evenings and stay out to supper." Miss Canti is still her second-in-command,

and other V.A.D.s take their turn occasionally at the wheel.

The Salopian Alpinists are working somewhat tardily. We were not amused when only two turned up for one expedition. However, every living thing hibernates longer here than in the sunny south; we hope for good weather before the dog days.

We still have good news of our boys at Reading; two more came to see us during their week's leave, P. Todd and P. Campbell, both in excellent spirits and very fit. Leslie Copeland, who joined them last month, wrote a very happy letter to Matron.

Robin Buckley has left us to take up an appointment as Lecturer with the Admiralty; our best wishes and congratulations go with him.

Dr. Rosenberg is studying massage at Great Portland Street, and has found many Polish friends in London. He passed his tests in English braille and typing before leaving Church Stretton.

We have to thank:—

1. The Raven Club for another Dance and Concert at Shrewsbury.

2. The Ludlow Ladies' Club for a Social Evening on the 21st.

3. The Croft Hermit Players for a performance of "A Dangerous Corner," by J. Priestley. Within a moment of the rise of the curtain a revolver shot prepared us for a succession of thrills.

4. The Western Command Dramatic Society for seats at their performance of "Pagliacci" on the 27th.

Congratulations to the following on passing their tests:—

Typing.—Reinder Waas, A. Key, A. Mitchell, B. Priest.

Braille Reading (Interline).—Miss B. Sleigh, R. Buckley, D. W. Woodget.

Braille Reading (Interpoint).—J. Padley.

Braille Writing.—R. Buckley, J. Padley, P. Campbell, Dr. Rosenberg.

Admitted to Training.—R. Millett, W. Glover, S. Heys.

Admitted to Hospital.—L.A.C. T. A. Morris, R.A.F. (36), Cardiff; Lce.-Sergt. W. Murphy, Welsh Guards (29), Cardiff; Trooper E. F. Watson, R.A.O.C. (18), Barrow-in-Furness; Pte. E. Wichman, R.C.O.C. (26), Verdun, Quebec.

Discharged.—Capt. Rosenberg, from Hospital to take up Massage; Pte. E. Wichman from Hospital for repatriation to Canada.

Major Cohen's Visit

During the last week-end in May, Major J. Brunel Cohen, Hon. Treasurer of the British Legion and a Member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, was the guest of Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, at Church Stretton. In the course of his visit, Major Cohen saw every aspect of the work of the Hospital and Training Centre, and had many informal chats with the men and staff. Before starting his official tour of inspection, Major Cohen addressed the St. Dunstaners who were assembled in the Lounge. He said:—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I am very grateful to Sir Ian Fraser for having suggested that I should address you for a few minutes this morning.

May I first of all say what a privilege it is to meet you all, and how very much I admire the wonderful spirit with which you have all settled down to new jobs under what may be considered the greatest of hardships. It is a tonic to come amongst you.

As Treasurer of the British Legion I would like to assure you of the greatest welcome from our members and Branches if you decide to join our organisation.

Apart from the fact that the Legion is a great benevolent institution, it stands also for good comradeship, and in many towns and villages is a centre for all local activities. If you join your local Branch, particularly if you live in a small place, you can be assured of making friends and having people to talk to, and of being introduced to other interests. I am sure that your wives will appreciate being left alone for a while if they know that you are being entertained and amused elsewhere.

The Legion is a great employer of disabled men, and at our Poppy Factory in Richmond we keep just under 400 badly-disabled men working all the year round making some 35,000,000 poppies, all to be sold on November 11th.

As you know, St. Dunstan's participates in our collection, and a new agreement has been entered into between us whereby St. Dunstan's receives a certain portion to help them in their activities on behalf of men wounded in this war, in addition to those wounded in the last.

I have just come back from Wales, where I visited a small factory run by the Legion, employing 13 men weaving woollen materials on hand looms. I was astounded at the quality shown in this work.

I have seen many of the goods which have been made in the past by St. Dunstaners and now I am going round to visit your workshops here.

Once again I must say what a pleasure it is to meet you all. May I wish you the best of luck.

The Derby Sweepstake, 1942

The draw for the Derby Sweepstake took place at Regent's Park on Wednesday, June 10th, and was made by M. Burran and Mr. E. Stanford, Appeals Organiser, in the presence of Miss Marshall, Appeals Secretary, Drummer Downs, Mr. J. Rose, Publicity Officer, the Editor of the REVIEW, and other members of the staff.

The result of the draw was as follows:—

Horse	Ticket No.	Name
ARGON	876	A. CHILTON, Linslade
BIG GAME	48	P. F. ROBINS, N.W.6
CAVENDISH	294	Capt. CHAPPLE, Merstham
CANYONERO	520	E. SHEPPARD, Bromley
GOLD NIB	375	J. JERRARD, Sompting
HASTY SHOT	663	R. A. CLARKE, Gunnislake
HYPERIDES	142	T. W. SAUNDERS, Bethnal Green
SHAHPOOR	381	J. BROCKERTON, Coleraine
SEASICK	205	F. R. CREASEY, Lancing
SUN CHARIOT	525	W. RAINE, Colchester
SOLWAY	740	P. PRATT, Brandon Collicry
TRIBONIAN	541	A. REES, Stansted
UJJI	328	C. H. COOK, Walthamstow
WATLING STREET	709	H. A. HAMMETT, Cartton, Oxford
THE FIELD	46	C. HUTCHINSON, Bradford

One thousand tickets were sold—a total of £125. As announced in the April REVIEW, 10 per cent. was devoted to the Comforts Fund, which therefore benefits to the extent of £12 10s. After deducting £4 to cover the cost of printing and postage, a balance of £108 10s. was left to be distributed in accordance with the printed rules.

First (50%)	£54 5s.	H. A. HAMMETT.
Second (20%)	£21 14s.	T. W. SAUNDERS.
Third (10%)	£10 17s.	C. H. COOK.

With the exception of SUN CHARIOT, all the above horses started in the race, and the holders of these ten tickets receive £2 3s. 5d. each. The three big prizes are being paid in cash and in National Savings certificates.

Mrs. Broughton

Many older St. Dunstaners and old members of the staff, as well as the St. Dunstaners and staff at Church Stretton, will offer hearty congratulations to Mrs. Broughton on the 25th anniversary of her voluntary service to St. Dunstan's, which she has recently celebrated.

The Chairman has written to Mrs. Broughton a letter expressing on behalf of all St. Dunstaners their grateful appreciation of her devoted work and friendship.

Braille Magazines

Owing to war-time difficulties the Braille Club Committee has decided to discontinue the issue of the Braille Packet Magazine at the end of June.

Many St. Dunstaners, I know, have less time to read at the moment, but if some of the readers of Braille Packet would like another magazine in its place, please let me know. The following periodicals are still available: Hampstead, Hora Jucunda, Science Journal, Tribune.

D. A. PAIN.

Sons and Daughters in the Services

ABBEY, Winifred, W.R.N.S.
 BRIDE, Stoker (2) E. (Dublin), Royal Navy.
 BURNETT, Rifleman B. (Edmonton), K.R.R.C.
 BUTLER, Pte. B. (Distington), A.T.S.
 COLE, A.C.2 L. J. (Sholing), Royal Air Force.
 GARRATT, A.B. H. E. (Nottingham), Royal Navy.
 JARVILL, Trooper N., R.A.C.
 LAMMIMAN, Trooper N. D., Royal Armoured Corps.
 LEE, Driver J. D. (Sacriston), R.A.S.C.
 MITCHELL, A.C.W. 1 J. (Leith), W.A.A.F.
 POWER, Pte. John (Waterford), T.T.O.
 SAMWORTH, Terence, Royal Navy.
 SAYERS, Pte. G. (Northampton), at present in hospital.
 SCOTT, L.A.C. Leslie (Langley), Royal Air Force.
 SHERWOOD, Reginald (Reading), R.A.M.C.
 STAMP, Driver W. J. (Keelby), R.A.S.C.
 STEVENSON, Pte. Albert (Brighton), Royal Sussex Regt.
 STEVENSON, A.C. 1 E. A. (Brighton), R.A.F.
 WENLOCK, C. S. (Carshalton), Royal Navy.
 WENLOCK, Rifleman R. B. (Carshalton), K.R.R.C.
 WINDLE, Gunner L. J., Royal Artillery.

Promotions

The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Summers, of Eastleigh, is now a Flight Sergeant. He took part in the recent raid over Cologne.

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Leslie Wild, son of the late J. Wild, of Stockton-on-Tees, has secured his commission in the Royal Marines.

Missing

We have heard with regret that the son of our late St. Dunstan's officer, G. S. Hough, of Southern Rhodesia, has been reported missing while serving with the R.A.F.

Young St. Dunstaners

There is news of two young St. Dunstaners who are prisoners of war. E. A. Alexander, of Bournemouth, writes that his son in Germany is working on a farm. He appears to be well and cheerful, and writes three or four times a month. J. Donnelly's son is working in a German paper mill, at his trade. He adds that he gets a game of football every week.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hornsby, of Sheffield, was married on May 16th, and their daughter, Marjorie, was married three days later.

Brenda, youngest daughter of G. J. Smith, of Leicester, was married to Lance-Corporal Gadd, of the R.A.A., on February 21st. Brenda is in the W.A.A.F.

Their daughter has just presented Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson, of Cleveleys, with a grandson.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Richards, of Birch Park, Manchester, has won a scholarship to Burnage High School.

Jack Loram has passed his examinations and has qualified for Warrant Rank three marks below the top man. Stanley is now A.C.1. Bill, in the Navy, has not been home for nearly three years.

Arthur Dunstan, son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara, of Clara, is to be married to Mary Claire O'Meara on June 24th.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Knights, of Romford, was married on June 7th to Mr. R. J. Thomas, of Dagenham.

Ivy Dodds, daughter of our late St. Dunstan, R. Dodds, of Whickham, Co. Durham, was married on March 21st to Mr. Albert Carpenter.

Douglas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucocq, of Cardiff, has passed an examination which entitles him to a Special Place at Canton High School, where his brother, Raymond, is also a pupil.

Letters to the Editor

Long Words in Braille

To the Editor.

DEAR SIR,

The letter of W. T. Scott raises an old story, and I question whether the suggested code at the beginning of a book by the time it had been memorised by the reader would save anything in time in the reading of the long words he mentions. In certain special works it is a recognised method to include a list of special abbreviations at the beginning, but even in these cases we are very cautious. To have such lists in general literature, and in magazine articles, would, I think, be a mistake. Considering the varied degrees of fluency in braille readers, and the difficulty many people find in memorising, I feel sure that we would soon have as many complaints about learning the lists as about reading long words. In many cases the loss of space is only apparent, or of little moment, as we have found when trying to work up an omission. You would have to set the space taken by a long word against the list and explanation at the beginning, and there would be little to gain, I think. Possibly a more useful suggestion would be a more frequent and scientific abbreviation of long words. This would cause no hesitation on the part of the reader, and it certainly is a trial to have to read and write words like "responsibilities" when it occurs many times in transcription. If we could only add a few more abbreviations and contractions to our existing code I think we should get over many difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

J. L. GLAZEBROOK.

Controller,

National Institute
for the Blind.

Bournemouth.

Chess

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,

For a number of years previous to entering St. Dunstan's, I was an ardent chess player. At St. Dunstan's my mind was fully occupied with training in braille, type-writing and basketry.

During the last month I have met a young blind student of Worcester College for the Blind who is a keen chess player. He succeeded in re-enlisting me and, to our great pleasure, it has been like the opening of an interesting book.

After acquainting oneself with the board and shape of the chess men, there is no great difficulty; the whole scheme opens and develops into a problem that can only be solved by the individual keenness of the players themselves. I would strongly advise my fellow St. Dunstaners to take up chess. It is a passport to good companionship.

Yours sincerely,

Derby.

S. W. WAIN.

Dark Glasses and White Sticks

As a result of the Chairman's Note last month on "Dark Glasses and White Sticks," the following are extracts from some of the letters which have been received:—

"In the matter of dark glasses, is it altogether one for our individual discretion? Officials and the public generally owe us a certain duty, one which I have always found them eager to discharge. Do we not also owe them a consideration to declare ourselves?"

"On the personal, practical side, I travel regularly about this district, and I have three main fences to negotiate—buses, excavations, and prams. I am on my way to keep a professional engagement, and I want help. I want it quickly, and I always get it because I wear dark glasses. The road in which I live is never free from the diggers. A navy sees an apparently sighted person approaching. He takes no action and the next second the man is down the hole. A woman with a pram owns the earth, but she will make way for a blind man, and for him alone. No, sir, we are not our own masters in this matter. As for white sticks, let the civilians have them, and let them be a civilian badge. I never leave my house without my dark glasses, my St. Dunstan's badge, and an ordinary stick. I am an ardent believer in the integrity of St. Dunstan's, for we are a race apart."

J. H. MELLOR.

Addiscombe.

"The only thing I know worse than black glasses is the monocle, but surely the men who wear these things are the best judges? I myself have a perfect pair of glass eyes, and it's difficult for anyone to tell that I am blind. After twenty-one years with an ordinary stick, I was dared to try a white stick. I took up the

A Progressive Bridge Club

During the past two months the activities of St. Dunstan's Bridge Club have been many and varied. On the second Saturday in April, a duplicate match took place between teams captained by Messrs. Collins and Coles. After a most interesting match, Collins' team won with a margin of 800 points. The last Saturday in April saw a large and distinguished gathering in St. John's Lodge. There were five tables arrayed in battle for a most enjoyable bridge drive. The bridge was reasonably good, but the small talk and gossip was all that one would have wished. After a ding-dong struggle, Messrs. J. Middleton and N. Downs came out the successful victims. May 9th was the date for the second duplicate match, and Messrs. Winter and Hughes were the opposing captains. "Our Joe" carried off the honours for the day. Most other Saturdays there has been much bridge, and it is indeed a pleasure to all of us. During the next three months practically each Saturday is occupied. There are to be duplicate matches, bridge drives, and also duplicate matches with other Clubs.

R.P.C.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations upon their silver wedding anniversaries to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clare, Brockenhurst, July 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. M. Goundrell, Keyingham, near Hull, June 26th.

Competition Corner

The missing words in last month's competition were: Derange, Enraged, Angered, Grandee, Grenade.

The first correct solution opened on June 8th was sent in by J. Boon, of Woodingdean, Brighton, to whom the prize of a National Savings certificate is being sent.

Births

BURDIS.—To the wife of S. Burdis, of Burnley, on June 12th, a son.

PREEDY.—To the wife of H. E. Preedy, of Stoke Newington, on June 12th, a son—Brian.

Marriage

KITSON—WATKINS.—On June 16th, at St. Benedict's Church, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Flying Officer E. K. Kitson, to Miss Doris Mary (Pat) Watkins.

challenge, and words cannot express how useful it has been.

"Perhaps the Chairman has not got to get about alone, or has he tried a white stick? He says he can remember the first time he tried to go out alone, and lots of the V.A.D.s were running after him, but he didn't say that he was a bit of a 'Clark Gable,' 19 years of age, tall, fair, and handsome.

"I am of the opinion that all totally blind should carry a white stick."

J. MACFARLANE.

Queen's Park.

"I don't think we can do better than to follow the advice of our grand old chief, Sir Arthur Pearson, who used to say, 'Always remember that you are a perfectly ordinary fellow, who is unable to see.' In my opinion, all this carrying of white sticks, guide dogs, and the wearing of black glasses only goes to encourage sob stuff, and tends to the belief that we are extraordinary men, which is the very thing all self-respecting St. Dunstaners wish to avoid. One cannot hope to become an efficient blind man without getting a few cut noses and a bruise on the head occasionally, but all this is part of the game and gives us excellent practice in self-control."

F. HUME CROWE.

Bedford Park.

"I am a young St. Dunstaner of this war, and I should most certainly like to give my views on the article by Sir Ian Fraser, relating to the use of dark glasses and walking sticks. Up to a point I agree, but I am far from being in full agreement. I never use a stick when I am in enclosed premises, or in the company of an escort. I have conquered some long stretches of main road, but I could not manage this without the assistance of my trusty stick. I say this quite frankly, that I feel no shame in admitting this; it certainly allows me to go about in a smart, brisk manner. To sum up, I never venture without my stick beyond our garden gate. I consider the use of dark glasses our duty to the public. Most certainly we should give some warning."

W. ALLEN.

Carmarthen.

(A further selection of extracts from letters we have received will appear next month.)

“ In Memory ”

THOMAS COLLINS
(*Sapper, Royal Engineers*)

It is with deep regret that we record the death of T. Collins, of Cardiff.

On account of his age—he was nearly 72 when he was admitted to St. Dunstan's—he did not take up any special training.

He had had a number of accidents, which affected his health generally, and the raids on Cardiff in 1941 upset him mentally. At the beginning of May he was admitted to the City Lodge, Cardiff, where he died on May 18th.

A wreath from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's was sent to the funeral. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow in her sad loss.

JOHN IRELAND
(*3rd Yorkshire Regiment*)

We very much regret to have to record the death of J. Ireland, of Richmond, Yorks—one of our comparatively new St. Dunstaners.

Ireland was a greyhound trainer before enlistment. He was discharged from the Army in 1918, but he did not come under St. Dunstan's care until 1938, when his sight had failed very badly as a result of wounds received at La Basse. His health did not permit of his undertaking any serious training, but he did a little netting as a hobby. He was ill only a comparatively short time before his death, which occurred at his home on May 15th.

A wreath was sent from Sir Ian and his comrades, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and rather large family, most of whom were able to be at the graveside. Unfortunately, the youngest boy, who is serving with the Royal Artillery, was delayed on the journey and consequently did not arrive home in time for the funeral.

PRIVATE EDWARD CHARLES WHEELER
(*1/4 Royal Berkshire Regiment*)

We record with deep regret the death of E. C. Wheeler, of Newbury, at the early age of 50. Ever since his admittance to St. Dunstan's, Wheeler was a keen basket-worker, and he followed this occupation until November of last year.

He never had very good health, but it was hoped that when he was discharged from hospital in February last this would be much improved.

Unfortunately, in spite of his wife's excellent care and attention, his health gradually declined and he passed away very peacefully on May 4th.

Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's, and another from his comrades of the Berkshire Regiment. St. Dunstaner C. E. Bolton, of Newbury, and his wife attended.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Wheeler's widow and three young children in their sad loss.

PRIVATE SIDNEY REGINALD DYER
(*5th Royal Berkshire Regiment*)

As announced on page 2, it is with deep regret that we record the death of S. Dyer and his wife as a result of enemy action.

Dyer was wounded in 1917 and shortly afterwards came to St. Dunstan's. He was trained as a telephone operator and took up his first job in 1920. In 1927 he started work with the Municipal Mutual Insurance Co., on whose staff he had remained ever since. When his firm evacuated to the West Country in October, 1940, as a result of the London air raids, he went with them.

On Sunday, June 7th, during a sharp raid, a direct hit was made on the boarding house in which Dyer, his wife, and his boy of sixteen had been living. He and his wife were among those killed, but Dennis, his son, was out cycling and so escaped.

Many officials of the Municipal Mutual Insurance Co. attended the funeral, including Mr. J. Bond, O.B.E., Managing Director, the General Manager, the Managers and Heads of all other Departments, and among others present were Captain Lingwood, of the local branch of the British Legion; Mrs. Moore, representing St. Dunstan's; and St. Dunstaners F. A. Rhodes, of Exeter, and Mrs. Rhodes, L. Johns, of Exeter, A. W. Back, of Teignmouth, and Mrs. Back, and S. C. Loram, of Brixham, and his son. There were many wreaths and flowers, including a wreath in the form of our badge from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Dennis in his loss. At present, he is being looked after in every possible way by Mr. Bond, and his Headmaster, Dr. Carrington, of St. Olave's Grammar School, is also helping him greatly.

Deaths

We offer our deepest sympathy to the following:—

DIXON.—To J. Dixon, of Watford, a widower, who lost his daughter, Jessie, on May 15th.

FOOLKES.—To W. A. Foolkes, of Bletchley, whose mother, with whom he has always lived, died on April 20th at the age of 86. She had been bedridden for some time.