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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Welcome Home

IF all goes well, the sick and wounded prisoners of war will have arrived in Britain by the time you read these words. They will include the war-blinded group which I think consists of a Canadian officer, a Merchant Navy skipper, and eighteen soldiers and sailors, including an Australian. I am not sure of the exact numbers until I meet them, because some of the original St. Dunstan's group in Germany have recovered some useful sight and others have been repatriated direct to New Zealand.

The blinded men are already full St. Dunstaners and most of them have become expert typists and braillists during their long period of imprisonment. As was the case with the small group who recently returned from Italian prison camps, these men will receive a hearty welcome at St. Dunstan's, and the good wishes of all of us.

Readers may be interested in a question which I asked the Minister of State in Parliament on October 19th. Mr. Richard Law had been telling Parliament about the repatriation. I intervened to say:

While congratulating the Government and their diplomatic and military officers on this happy issue, may I ask whether, in order to consummate it, having regard to the long suffering of these men, my right hon. Friend will assure the House that he will represent to the Ministers of the Fighting Forces and the Minister of Pensions that these men will remain on full pay until there has been time for their claims for pensions to be fully looked into, so that there may be no practical omission on the part of our country in giving them the return they deserve?

Mr. Law replied:

I am sure that we are all very conscious of the debt we owe to these wounded and disabled men, and I will certainly pass on what my hon. and gallant Friend has said to the appropriate Departments. Perhaps I may add to what I have said by saying that these arrangements are being carried through under the personal supervision of the Adjutant-General, whose representatives will be on the quay to meet the men when they arrive. I am also authorised to say that my right hon. Friend the Minister of Pensions will have his representative on the quayside as well.

I have put down further questions to the heads of the Service Departments and the Minister of Pensions so as to follow the matter up.

Planned Listening

I have just been listening to the Brains Trust, with Donald McCullough as Chairman, and Huxley, Jenny Lee, Lord Provost Darling of Edinburgh and Malcolm Sargent taking part. I thought it a very good Brains Trust. I often listen to the play at 10.15 on Saturday nights and to other features. I get a lot of fun out of listening to broadcasting, and of course it is also part of my job as a Governor of the B.B.C. But as often as not I miss something that I would like to have heard, and the next day people say to me, did you hear so-and-so?

The idea has occurred to me that it would be a very great convenience to a blind man if he took the trouble to learn by heart the times and days upon which the regular features of the B.B.C. programmes were broadcast. Take the obvious cases I have mentioned, namely, the Brains Trust, 8.15, Tuesday; the play 10.15, Saturday; but these are not the only two; there are the regular series of talks, there are the variety periods, and the serious music periods, and there are the War Commentaries which occur at 9.20 or thereabouts on a regular day each week. The same thing applies during the day-time listening hours; there are regular times for school broadcasting and regular times for programmes which appeal to particular groups of listeners. Not all the programme is allocated in this way, but there is a very considerable part of it that follows a definite pattern each week.

Following this idea I have started an enquiry as to whether we could elaborate a series of short courses of instruction in the make-up of the B.B.C. programmes, and I have asked for the help of Mr. B. E. Nicolls and the Programme Department in this matter. It occurs to me that it would be of value to old St. Dunstaners, and if it can be presented in a useful form we will print it in later issues of the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW. I cannot help thinking also that it would be of use to new St. Dunstaners, and might form part of a short course of education at Church Stretton.

Too many people finish their education at the age of fourteen when it would have been of great assistance to them to continue for a longer period. At the St. Dunstan's of this war we have tried to make up for this to a small extent by courses in History and English and in current affairs. It is not easy when you are twenty-two or three or perhaps older to go back to school and learn to read braille and to typewrite, but it is very important that a man who has been blinded and is thus handicapped should not also be handicapped by having had an inadequate education. We mean to do what we can in the limited time at our disposal to remedy this, and I attach great importance to the general educational activities at Church Stretton. Educationists will tell you that it really does not matter very much what you learn as long as you learn to use your mind to concentrate, and to think. That is why some schools teach Latin and Greek, which are in themselves of no particular use in this modern world—save in limited spheres—but which are extremely good mental exercises. It may be that so simple a matter as learning by heart the make-up of B.B.C. programmes may prove to be a first useful lesson in the art of memorising and of concentration.

Reunions

This month's REVIEW carries news of Reunions in New Zealand and Australia. I am sure all St. Dunstaners in the Homeland and in other Dominions will reciprocate the good wishes sent to us by our comrades from the Antipodes. We have also had two small Reunions in England. During the past month I entertained a small group in Hull and another in Exeter. I happened to be in those two cities in connection with public and ex-Service business, and asked the small number of men who happen to live in the inner ring to come and lunch with me. It was not like the old reunions, where men from the whole area and from many counties used to gather together, and my wife and I look forward greatly to the return of these gatherings when the war is over. But it was at any rate a pleasure to see a few St. Dunstaners and hear how they are getting on, and we shall have similar gatherings whenever war conditions make it possible during next year.

Miss McCullough

Miss McCullough, "Kitty McCullough," as she has been affectionately known by the staff, retires from the service of St. Dunstan's shortly. Miss McCullough has reached

retiring age and has completed twenty-seven years' service with St. Dunstan's, having started early in 1916. She was a popular figure in the Accounts Department, where she became Appeals Cashier.

St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners owe a deep debt of gratitude not only to those members of the staff whose names are so familiar to them, and whose work lies in the Welfare Department, but also to others like Miss McCullough, who have contributed so much to the smooth running and goodwill of our organisation. St. Dunstaners and staff alike will join in wishing Miss McCullough the best of health and happiness in her retirement.

IAN FRASER.

Letter to the Editor

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

I feel that I must write in appreciation of all that the Staff must have done in connection with applications for Supplementary Pensions. The work entailed must have been very great, and it seems that no effort has been spared to try and obtain this extra help for the troops in these troublous times. It seems that the old firm is always thinking of our welfare, as witness the endeavour to see that no man shall be without warmth in the coming winter.

I am sure that I am voicing the thoughts of the majority when I say well done, Staff; our best wishes to you and our warm thanks.

Yours faithfully, W. LOWINGS.

Silver Weddings

Our congratulations to the following, who are celebrating anniversaries:—

Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith, Boldon Colliery, July 20th; Mr. and Mrs. N. Triggs, Ashford, September 28th; Mr. and Mrs. P. Austin, Higham Ferrers, October 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanners, High Wycombe, October 23rd; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hermon, Watlington, November 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. T. Twomey, Cork, November 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. F. Warin, East Rainton, November 16th.

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Captain Ian Mackenzie, son of Major Sir Clutha Mackenzie, found himself going through Church Stretton recently so he dropped off and met many good friends, including the Rev. Andrew Nugee.

Sons and Daughters in the Services

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MORTIMER, L.A.C. H. (Hull), Royal Air Force.
NICHOLS, A.C.2 Peter (Colindale), Royal Air Force.
MC CARTHY, O.S. G. (Nuneaton), Royal Navy.
NASH, L. Bdr. P. J. (St. Leonards-on-Sea), Royal Artillery.
NASH, L.M. W. Robin (St. Leonards), Royal Navy.
O'CONNOR, A.C.2 James (stepson, M. Conroy, Cork), Royal Air Force.
ORAM, L.A.C., Royal Air Force.

"Into the Battle"

Anthony Naumann, now at St. Dunstan's Officers' House at Church Stretton, has written a vivid description of the incidents which led up to the battle in Tunisia in which he lost his sight, while serving as a Lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade. Under the title "Into the Battle," it has been published in "Blackwood's Magazine."

His style is quiet but forceful, and his descriptions of the battle, particularly in the latter half of the article, are excellent.

St. Dunstaner "Film Star"

H. G. Gransby, who works in a war factory, writes:

"Some weeks ago I was working on my table when I was approached by the foreman and two directors from Pinewood Studios to ask me if I would help in an M.O.I. film. I agreed. In the afternoon I was taken to a part of the factory and mixed up with arc lamps, cameras, and about a hundred New Zealand soldiers. Then came the great moment when I played a New Zealand film star. This went on for five nights and, needless to say, I came in for plenty of leg-pulling from the girls' inspection departments. Later I was congratulated by the Directors."

Marriages

BAKER—FRANKLIN.—On October 9th, at Meole Church, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, Don Baker, new war St. Dunstaner, to Miss Netta Franklin. Geoffrey Cock, also a new war St. Dunstaner, was best man. Miss Franklin has for some time been acting as telephony instructor at Church Stretton.

SHEEHAN—MC CARTHY.—At St. Alban's Roman Catholic Church, Liscard, near New Brighton, on September 15th, R. Sheehan, of Gorley, to Miss Norah McCarthy (Sister McCarthy of Blackpool).

Church Stretton Notes

(The Chairman having devoted his Notes to us last month, your correspondent feels somewhat like the Israelite bidden to make bricks without straw, or the man who has prepared a speech, only to have the very words taken out of his mouth by his predecessor.)

We returned from our summer holidays on September 7th. Numbers are increasing steadily, so that duplicate classes and workshops are in full swing at Longmynd and Brockhurst.

Rowing at Shrewsbury on Wednesdays has been popular this summer, and it has been fine and warm enough to continue it through September. The tandems are out every half holiday and other evenings, and the Walking Club is preparing to keep circulation going.

We were to have had a series of lectures from Mr. Gaskell, of the Ministry of Information, but owing to his illness these have had to be postponed.

On September 10th, Miss Craven, of the Howard League for Prison Reform, spoke to us on the English Prison System, and gave some disturbing statistics of the increase in juvenile crime in war-time. We learnt a good deal about Juvenile Courts and aged J.P.s, the Borstal System, and After-Care; an interesting discussion followed this talk.

On the 24th, Lady Louis Mountbatten was inspecting St. John Ambulance Detachments in the neighbourhood, and spent two hours at St. Dunstan's. Starting with Longmynd, she visited the classrooms and workshops, where one-armed Johnny Dale presented her with a basket he had made. At Tiger Hall she inspected the Hospital and chatted with the patients, and after tea went to Belmont, where the girls presented her with a cake they had made; finally she went to Brockhurst to see the massage and industrial training before returning to the village for a St. John inspection.

The third week in September brought us a wedding, and news of two others. On Saturday, the 18th, Miss Joan Goss was married at the Parish Church here to Mr. Paul Milford. Many St. Dunstaners have met her, first as secretary to Matron Pain and now to the Director; others will remember her sister, for so many years secretary to Matron Thellusson and then to Matron Boyd Rochfort. On the same day, Bill Cowing, one of our youngest St. Dunstaners,

was married, and he and his bride came to spend their honeymoon in Church Stretton. On the previous Wednesday, Mrs. Broughton went to Liverpool to attend the wedding of Bob Sheehan and Sister McCarthy, who was with us at Brighton, Ovingdean, and Blackpool.

The Ludlow Ladies and the Shrewsbury Aluminium Club have already entertained us since our return, and several fresh escorts have joined the ranks of those kind friends who come from far and near in all weathers.

Congratulations to the following, who have passed tests:—

Typing.—I. Darling.

Braille Writing.—E. Dudley, G. Collins, J. Jolly.

Braille Reading (Interline).—E. Aldred, W. Phillips.

Admitted to Hospital.—Sgt. G. Miller R.A. (26), Sheffield; L.A.C. H. Ward, R.A.F. Regt. (21), Leeds; Sgt. I. N. S. Galloway, R.A. (29), Paignton, Devon; Spr. W. W. Bowerman, R.E. (39), London, N.W.10; Gnr. T. Cathcart, A.T. Bty. (29), St. Helens, Lancs.; Gnr. J. Dalton, L.A.A., R.A.S.C. (32), Co. Durham; Pte. J. H. Dalton, Green Howards (34), Middlesbrough; Tpr. W. D. Faulkner, R.A.C. (19), Smethwick, Staffs.; Pte. A. Ferguson, Gordon Highlanders (39), Broxburn, W. Lothian; C.S.M. J. G. Hill, Cameronians (36), Guisborough, Yorks; L/Sgt. C. McNaught, Scots Guards (31), Cambuslang, near Glasgow; L/Sgt. F. W. Morton, Green Howards (25), near Bishop's Stortford, Herts; Cpl. J. H. Nicol, R.E. (26), Pallion, Sunderland; L/Sgt. L. C. Pezzack, R.C.S. (29), Cardiff; Dvr. R. Taylor, R.A.C. (30), Wolverhampton; Gnr. C. W. E. Valentine, R.A. (24), Felixstowe; Pte. William Carmen, King's Liverpool Regt. (20), Widnes, Lancs.; Lieut. C. F. Beaumont-Edmonds, M.C., Queen's Royal Regt. (20), London, S.W.16; Marine M. W. Ash, Royal Marines (24), Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset; Sgt. T. A. Renshaw, London Irish Rifles (26), Nottingham; Pte. B. A. Josey, Oxford and Bucks L.I. (26), Windsor, Berks; L.A.C. Eames, R.A.F. (31), Barnet, Herts; Pte. R. Default, Canadian Forestry Corps (32), Broison, Quebec; Pte. E. L. Stent (re-admitted to Hospital).

Hospital Transfer.—Sgt. I. N. S. Galloway; Pte. T. E. Cooper (returning to duty).

St. Dunstan's Overseas

New Zealand

Some twenty blinded soldiers from all parts of New Zealand met together in Christchurch on Friday, April 2nd, and Saturday, April 3rd. It was the fourth triennial Reunion of New Zealand St. Dunstaners and the main purpose of this particular gathering was to meet and entertain four newly blinded soldiers of the present war: Pte. C. H. Humphries, Carterton, the first New Zealander to be blinded, Sgt. Major J. H. Hines, Christchurch, Pte. M. Roche, Lyttelton, and Pte. B. B. Carter, M.M., Pukekohe.

Among messages received were those from His Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand, Sir Cyril Newall, who has accepted the office of Patron, and Sir Ian Fraser.

A pleasing feature of the Reunion was the mingling of the men of the old war with the men of the new, and the exchange of experiences amongst them. The last war comrades were much impressed with the younger men, who are facing up to their handicap in the true St. Dunstan's spirit.

Members were particularly interested in the reports concerning Signalman T. R. H. Wood, a prisoner of war, whose splendid progress is an outstanding example under abnormal conditions. Two other New Zealanders were also in the camp, but their sight, happily, was improving. The meeting, through D. McPhee, President, expressed its pride and appreciation of the work that was being done by St. Dunstan's, with the British Red Cross, for blinded prisoners generally, and concluded with a vote of thanks and a message of goodwill to St. Dunstan's in England.

Victoria, Australia

The Victoria Blinded Soldiers' Association held its Annual Meeting on June 10th, and from R. Archer, Honorary Secretary, we have received the 25th Annual Report of that body for the year ending June 9th, 1943.

A message of goodwill is extended to the parent organisation, St. Dunstan's, by the Association, whose membership is now fifty-seven and includes four blinded soldiers from the present war: W. F. Cox, L. E. Johnstone, J. H. Taylor, and J. Todd. Three blinded ex-Service men have been

Hospital Discharge, hoping to take up Civilian Employment.—Cpl. R. Vost, Pte. G. Chisholm, L/Sgt. F. Morton, C.S.M. J. Hill, Gnr. Cathcart, L/Sgt. L. Pezzack.

Hospital Discharge, later to take up Training.—Pte. H. Cope, Gnr. H. Greenhalgh, Spr. H. Holland, Fus. L. Hollamby, Pte. P. Spring, Marine M. Ash, Pte. A. Ferguson, Dvr. Taylor, Dvr. J. Dalton, L/Sgt. E. Foster.

From Lady Louis Mountbatten

The following message has reached us from Lady Louis Mountbatten:—

I visited St. Dunstan's at Church Stretton on Friday, September 24th, and was particularly interested in the way the trainees were looked after, and much impressed by the type of instructor giving the necessary schooling. I was also struck by the speed with which the instruction was assimilated and by the obvious keenness with which the training was undertaken. The new scheme for giving training in such subjects as mechanical knowledge, upholstery, etc., to fit the blind to go straight into factories I thought extremely valuable. I thought also that the care given to the patients in the hospital was exceedingly good.

All the members of the Staff seemed very well chosen and sympathetic, and I particularly noticed the happy attitude of mind amongst all those I saw and the cheerful confidence with which they face the future.

I was so pleased to see some of our St. John members working at St. Dunstan's with such evident keenness and interest.

EDWINA MOUNTBATTEN.

Comforts Fund Draw

One or two kind friends have sent gifts to be raffled for the Comforts Fund, and we have therefore decided to have one big draw. Tickets will be available from Miss Pain, at Church Stretton, until November 20th. Price, 6d. per ticket.

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H. Morris, of Welling, writes: "My eldest son, Jim, made his landfall safely in Sicily. He wrote to say that he would be amongst the first in. He was wounded early on in the battle of Egypt, but is now quite recovered."

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Grandfathers.—T. Duncan, of Hull, D. Livingstone, Mauchline, T. E. Skelly, of Batley.

admitted to hospital during the present year, and their training is proceeding. They are: Bdr. J. H. Armstrong, F.O. D. N. Farquhar, and Bdr. M. Donald.

An interesting item in the Report is the fact that on November 28th last the Club Rooms were made available for a unique event—the marriage of a blinded soldier of the present war, L. E. Johnstone, to Miss W. Mouritz, daughter of one of the old members.

A tribute is paid to the Repatriation Department for its continued courtesy and consideration. The Department, by arrangement, is now responsible for the training of newly blinded soldiers, while the Association is responsible for welfare work.

South Africa Notes

In a recent issue of the "Tem bani Times" Mrs. Chadwick Bates writes:

Since my notes for the first issue we have welcomed the following newcomers to our "family":

Pte. T. Barber, West Yorkshires.

Pte. J. Brimlow, Royal Durban Light Infantry.

Lce.-Cpl. A. Lang, Provost Co.

Dvr. H. Patience, R.A.S.C.

Gunner W. Oxenham, Royal Artillery.

We are all feeling sad at having said "au revoir" to ten of our number—the largest contingent yet to leave us. They have been transferred to St. Dunstan's at Church Stretton, and took with them the best wishes of all at "Tem bani" and all visiting friends for their voyage and their future. Included in this ten was the "baby" of St. Dunstan's—South African Jack Vincent—the baby in age, but the oldest in residence. He was the first to arrive at Tem bani, on January 15th, 1942.

St. Dunstan's at Church Stretton will, on the arrival of these ten, have nineteen Tembanians in residence. We know that they will receive a warm welcome there, and we know too that all have been sufficiently long at Tem bani to have happy memories of their stay with us—good luck to them all.

Two St. Dunstaners have said "au revoir" to Tem bani during June—Sgt. D. P. Pretorius and Cpl. M. E. Barrett. The former left us as a fully-trained telephone operator and begins work with his former employers. Bill Barrett returns to his dairy farm to carry on with his work there.

These St. Dunstaners take with them the good wishes of all at St. Dunstan's for their future happiness and success.

Sgt. Leslie Northwood, who will shortly come to us, is at present in Brenthurst Hospital. During his convalescence he has been having braille and typewriting lessons and is making good progress.

Sapper W. Marais, M.M., is also at Brenthurst and is sharing the same instructors as Leslie. He will be unable to join us at Tem bani for some time yet.

Three new men with badly damaged sight will be transferred to Tem bani shortly. They are:

Parachutist A. Simpson.

Driver Gilbey, R.A.S.C.

Private C. W. Bates, R.A.S.C.

News of last war St. Dunstaners

F. Ogg visited us earlier in the year. He is still busy as physiotherapist at Addington Naval Hospital.

Albert Mason, of Pietermaritzburg, has met all our St. Dunstaners who have passed through Oribi Hospital.

A. D. Kirstein, who until recently was living in Johannesburg, has now removed to his farm just outside Klerksdorp to nurse that constituency for the Parliamentary seat, having been nominated by a good majority as the United Party's candidate.

H. A. Stayt has been recruiting officer for the South Coast of Natal for the past two years.

W. R. Meaker's son is in the Forces and is now in Egypt.

Mrs. McMillan, of Johannesburg, a St. Dunstan's widow, remarried recently and is now Mrs. Louw.

National Laying Trials

Report on the twelfth period of 28 days from August 16th to September 12th, 1943

Position	Name	Test Score	Value
1	Carpenter, E. H.	...	1191
2	Jackson, G. C.	...	1181
3	McLaren, David	...	1136
4	Chaffin, Albert	...	1133
5	Jarvis, A.	...	1114
6	Campbell, John	...	1071
7	Coman, Alfred E.	...	1040
8	Gregory, T.	...	1014
9	Fisher, T. M.	...	968
10	Hill, R. E.	...	960
11	Smith, W. Alan	...	849
12	Holmes, Percy	...	843
Average per bird,			1874.6.

Young St. Dunstaners

Marriages:

Marion Booth (Dukinfield) to Corporal Norman Eastwood, R.A.F., on August 24th.

Phyllis Spencer (Leicester) to Mr. F. E. Fryer, September 9th.

Ethel Jackson (New Malden) to Engineer Callaghan Buckley, M.N., August 7th.

John Livingstone (Mauchline) to Miss Esther Greenal, Manchester, September 7th.

Herbert Collins (Jarrow-on-Tyne), to Miss Patricia Draper, August 12th.

Albert Dodds (Whickham) to Miss Irene Bowston, April 24th.

Betty Clamp (New Bradwell) to Co. Sgt. Major John Sutherland, August 28th.

Frances Kirk (Lancing) to Melvyn Taylor, Canadian Tank Corps, June 13th.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Hurrell, Leicester, to Miss Margaret Lunt, on July 17th.

Elizabeth Hotson (Brough), on August 14th, to Guardsman S. Walters.

Rydon Burgess (Bristol) to Miss Joan Tovey, on July 24th.

Clifford Bond (Bath), on June 10th, to Miss Helen Collins.

L.A.C.W.1 May Williams (Chepstow) to Gunner Kenneth Tidley.

The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wenlock, on April 21st, to Miss Betty Foster.

Norman Lammiman (Chapel St. Leonards) to Miss Freda Small.

Florence Saxon (Stoke-on-Trent) to Mr. W. R. Darlington, December 26th, 1942.

Marjorie Worthington (Stockport) to Trooper Joseph Leah, October 2nd.

The serving son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, Bolton, to Miss Rebecca McEwan, July 26th.

Successes

Esme Swanston (Lockerbie) has qualified to enter the University of Edinburgh.

Harold Gunson (Batley) has secured his B.Sc. degree with honours at Leeds University.

Edna Heeley (Leeds) is now Theatre Sister at Worktop Hospital.

Mary Young (Glasgow), who is training to be a doctor, has passed her "seconds" and is now "walking the wards."

Matriculation: John Rhodes (Exeter), Margaret Cornwell (Rottingdean).

School Certificate: Patricia Richardson (Skegness), Michael Caldwell (Anglesey), Mary Woodhouse (Hilland), Billy Girling.

Sons and Daughters in the Services

ACTON, Pte. Colin, I.T.C.

AITKEN, Pte. W. (Newcastle), P.T.W.

APPEYARD, A.C.1 E., Royal Air Force.

AUSTIN, Sapper D. (Higham Ferrers), Royal Engineers.

BARLEY, Sig. J. W., Lincolnshire Regt.

BELCHER, Flt. Sergt. A. (Hampton), Royal Air Force.

BELCHER, Gunner E. (Hampton), Royal Artillery.

BENTLEY, S. B. W. (Gorton), Royal Navy.

BRAITHWAITE, Joan E., W.R.N.S.

BOYD, D. J. (Brighton), Royal Navy.

BROWN, Pte. D. (Nuneaton), I.T.C.

BURRAN, Air Mechanic Eric, Fleet Air Arm.

CALLAGHAN, L.A.C. (son of present St. Dunstan's trainee), Royal Air Force.

CALLAGHAN, Sergt. T. (son of present St. Dunstan's trainee), R.W.A.F.F.

CALLAGHAN, Cpl. C. M., P.A.I. Forces

CALLAGHAN, Sec. Leader, Royal Marines.

CHAMPNISS, O.S. D., Royal Navy.

COLE, Marine William (Southampton), Royal Marines.

COLLINS, P.O. O. (Jarrow), Royal Navy.

COLLYER, L.A.C. Wilfred, Royal Air Force.

COOPER, G. B. (Hull), Fleet Air Arm.

COX, L/S. P. K. (Bedhampton), Royal Navy.

COX, Sapper F. B. (Bedhampton), Field Squadron.

CURTIS-WILLSON, Wren Averil, W.R.N.S.

DAVIDSON, Driver S. (Manchester), Royal Artillery.

DAVIDSON, A.B. Cyril (Manchester), Royal Navy.

DUNCAN, A.C.2 D. A. (Carshalton), Royal Air Force.

DURRANT, Ivy V., W.A.A.F.

EDWARDS, O.S. S. (Tottenham), Royal Navy.

EDWARDS, L.A.C. S. (Hackney), Royal Air Force.

FEARN, Pte. G. W., East Lanes. Regt.

FRANK, Doreen (Yeovil), A.T.S.

GAMBLE, Midshipman Peter, Royal Navy.

GIENEY, Sapper J., Royal Engineers.

HAM, Signm. Fred, Air Formation Signals.

HERITAGE, L.A.C. Godfrey, Royal Air Force.

HERITAGE, Gunner Joe, R.A.

HENDERSON, Sergt. R. J. (Becontree), K.R.R.C.

HENDERSON, 2nd Lieut. S. T. (Becontree), R.A.

HOLMAN, Signaller James, Royal Navy.

HOWELL, Peter (Haywards Heath), Royal Navyl

HOWELL, Brian (Haywards Heath), Royal Navy.

HOWELL, John (Haywards Heath), Merchant Navy.

HUNT, A.C.1 (Romford), Royal Air Force.

ISAAC, Winifred (Glasgow), A.T.S.

JARVILL, Dvt. A. N., Royal Corps Signals.

JENNINGS, O.S. S. (Bradford), Royal Navy.

JEROME, A.C.2 J. K., Royal Air Force.

JOHNS, Eileen (Chesterfield), R.A.S.C.

JORDAN, 2nd Lieut. A. A. (Rhymsney), Welch Regt.

KIRK, Joe (Lancing), Royal Air Force.

KIRK, Tim.

KIRK, Flight Mechanic Dorothy (Lancing),

W.A.A.F.

KIRK, A.C.2 J. (Lancing), Royal Air Force.

LAVELL, Sapper A., Royal Engineers.

LAVELL, Corporal, Royal Air Force.

LINCOLN, O.S. Selwyn, Royal Navy.

LOMAS, Pte. P. (Burnley), Pioneer Corps.

MCDONOUGH, Driver D., R.A.S.C.

MEGSON, Cpl. R. W., Royal Air Force.

MILLWARD, Pte. (Adstock), Beds. and Herts Regt.

MORRIS, A.C.W.1 Maud (Welling), W.A.A.F.

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“ In Memory ”

P. J. Bannon

We have heard with deep regret from the Victorian Blinded Soldiers' Association of the death of P. J. Bannon, of Victoria, Australia. Although he never came to us for training he had been on our books for some years. He passed away in Caulfield Repatriation Hospital, Australia, after an illness of several months. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Death of Mr. Charles Vintcent

We have heard with deepest regret from Mrs. Bates, in South Africa, of the death of Mr. Charles H. Vintcent. For many years Mr. Vintcent acted as Chairman of our Committee in South Africa, with his wife as Honorary Organising Secretary, and together they did wonderful work for St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstan's men. They resigned their offices in 1930, owing to Mr. Vintcent's ill-health, but they continued to take the greatest interest in everything connected with St. Dunstan's. Mrs. Vintcent died last year, but Mr. Vintcent was in close touch with us until the time of his own death, which occurred on September 27th. The following cable was sent by the Chairman to Captain Jack Vintcent:—

“Lady Fraser and I and all at St. Dunstan's send you most sincere sympathy. Your father was a great friend to us and to all South African blinded soldiers. We shall all long remember with gratitude his friendship and generous help.

IAN FRASER.”

Poles' Tribute to St. Dunstan's Son

On September 23rd, in London, the Polish Minister of Military Defence, represented by Capt. Strumph-Wojtkiewicz, presented to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fleming, of Wembley, an inscribed clock in memory of their son, Driver J. F. R. Fleming, R.A.S.C., who lost his life in a brave attempt to save a Polish comrade from a 60ft. well in a German prison camp.

Death

KING.—We extend our sincere sympathy to L. R. King, of Brighton, whose wife passed away on October 16th.

Killed in Action

Our sincere sympathy goes out to E. Darnell, of Porthcawl, at present undergoing training at Church Stretton, whose son, a Flight Sergeant in the Royal Air Force, has been killed in an operational flight.

We offer our deep sympathy also to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sampson, of North Tawton, Devon, whose son was killed in action in Africa early this year.

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With deep regret we have heard that Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cole, of Birmingham, reported missing in 1942, is now known to have been aboard a ship that was torpedoed and sunk. Stanley, who had been serving with the Royal Engineers, was on his way home from the Middle East.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

Tribute

The Rev. L. M. Wollen, Minister of Greenwich Central Hall (Methodist) and Warden of Greenwich Central Youth Clubs, has paid a high tribute to Arthur Overill in an article. He has known our St. Dunstaner for two years as a member of his Church. “I am sure he was never a selfish man,” he writes, “but now he seems to live for the good he can do. . . . He is always thinking of some job to be done for the good of the community.”

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Irish St. Dunstaners will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. A. Straine, of Cremore Park, Glasnevin, whose wife is one of St. Dunstan's best friends in the Dublin area. They will join with us in sending our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Straine in her loss.