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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Princess Royal Visits St. Dunstan's

HER Royal Highness the Princess Royal visited St. Dunstan's at Church Stretton on December 7th. Her Royal Highness was received by Mr. I. M. Bankes-Williams, Director of Training, and a number of St. Dunstaners and members of the staff were presented in the various houses. On a previous visit the Princess had made a detailed inspection of the Longmynd, so on this occasion she devoted the greater part of her time to the Hospital, Belmont, the Girls' Hostel, and Brockhurst, where she took tea with a number of St. Dunstaners and the Matron, Mrs. Dudley-Phillips. Her Royal Highness spoke a word of encouragement to a very large number of the men and women as she was going round and she took a particular interest in the Industrial Workshops and the Massage School. Many photographs were taken, including some of the Princess talking to Canadians, a South African, and some American St. Dunstaners, which will be of particular interest in their own countries.

I had the honour to sit with Their Majesties the King and Queen in the Royal Box at the Albert Hall, at the British Legion Festival of Remembrance. The King and the Queen asked many questions about St. Dunstan's, and expressed their deep interest in our work. All through our history members of the Royal Family have shown great kindness to St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners. I am sure all St. Dunstaners would like me to express on their behalf our loyal thanks.

Lord Normanby Honoured by the King

Lieut. the Marquis of Normanby received the Military M.B.E. for the services he rendered in establishing St. Dunstan's Braille School in a German prison camp. The regard in which he was held by the St. Dunstaners who were his fellow prisoners of war has been made known to all of us by their many stories, and with their aptitude for recognising these matters in their own way they have named the big ward in which they all slept on the occasion of their arrival at St. Dunstan's "Normanby."

I have had many talks with Lord Normanby and he intends, from his place in the House of Lords, to help us in our Parliamentary campaign for ex-servicemen.

We offer him our congratulations and thanks.

Presents from St. Dunstan's Overseas

Canadian St. Dunstaners from Pearson Hall, their Toronto Club, have sent us a magnificent parcel of presents, including cigarette lighters, knives, razor blades, pipes, and, for the girls, kirbigrips, and other rarities which we have almost forgotten in England. These welcome gifts will be used for prizes at our various competitions and dances, and the sweets will make a welcome addition to our Christmas fare at Church Stretton.

We shall also be enjoying some of the good things sent us by the Australian and South African Red Cross, and will be drinking the health of St. Dunstaners all over the world in Australian port. Our sincere and grateful thanks to our generous friends in the Dominions.

Pensions

The Parliamentary campaign came to its crisis in July. A new Royal Warrant was published in August and the new Supplementary Pensions were authorised as from the middle of August. A very considerable number of St. Dunstaners, most of them getting on in years and in moderate health, have received the substantial benefit of 10s. a week rise for single men, and £1 a week for married men and children's allowances as well. Some hundreds of cases have been reviewed and have been dealt with by our pensions staff. There are still a few exceptional or difficult cases to be dealt with. St. Dunstan's will watch the pensions system and lose no opportunity for demanding further improvement, but I think that at this stage we may well say "Thank you" to Parliament and the Government for these moderate concessions, and "Thank you" to Mr. Askew and his staff for a piece of good and speedy administrative work.

St. Dunstan's Stays in Regent's Park

Our Headquarters Office on the Inner Circle of Regent's Park was so severely damaged in the 1940-41 blitz that we had to abandon it, and we cannot go back there without re-building. Temporarily we have continued a small London office in Regent's Park and our main Welfare Office at Tyttenhanger Park, near St. Albans.

For administrative efficiency, as well as to make sure of having suitable offices for the post-war period, we have taken three houses on short leases in another part of Regent's Park. These three houses are to be our new Headquarters, and will take the place of the Inner Circle Office and the St. Albans Office, which have now closed down.

The new address is:

ST. DUNSTAN'S HEADQUARTERS,
9-11 PARK CRESCENT,
REGENT'S PARK,
London, W.1. (Phone: Welbeck 7921)

This will tide us over the next three or four years, and give us time to think about the future. My own opinion is that we shall remain in Regent's Park in the future, and that it is wise for us to do so because this address is familiar to friends of St. Dunstan's all over the world.

Christmas Greetings

My wife and I send our Christmas Greetings to all St. Dunstaners and their families and to St. Dunstan's friends everywhere. We are not sending Christmas cards, to save paper and labour. It is surprising how the denial of such small pleasures as the sending of Christmas cards on the part of millions of people adds up to make an enormous difference to paper supply, the demand on Post Office labour, and even railway trains and motor transport.

Anyone who has an administrative job at the present time in Britain appreciates how the strain of four years of war is exhausting our supplies and reserves of materials and labour. In peace time an administrator's difficulty was to decide what to do and how to do it. Now he has the almost insuperable difficulty of being unable to carry out his wishes for lack of labour and materials. Britain is really getting very short indeed of a number of important materials. Although this fact embarrasses us all and holds up our work, let us rejoice because it is really a sign that everything we have is being put into the war effort.

May I take the opportunity of thanking our depleted and over-worked St. Dunstan's staff all over the country for carrying on so well in spite of war-time difficulties. May I express my thanks to St. Dunstaners for their forbearance and understanding, and for going without many services which we used so readily to render them in peace-time, but which we cannot render now, or can only carry out with great delays.

Lady Fraser and I wish all readers of the REVIEW the best of good luck in 1944, and may this coming Christmas be the last of the war.

IAN FRASER.

Sir Arthur Pearson Anniversary

On the morning of December 9th, the anniversary of Sir Arthur Pearson's death, Drummer Downs and E. Ward, representing old and new war St. Dunstaners, with Sir Ian Fraser and Matron Pain, placed a wreath on Sir Arthur's grave in Hampstead Cemetery.

St. Dunstaner Decorated

At a recent Investiture, Lieut. Colin Beaumont-Edmonds, now in training at St. Dunstan's, Church Stretton, was decorated with the Military Cross in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East.

His personal disregard of danger, his powers of command and his initiative, it was said, were an outstanding example of the highest qualities of leadership.

Promotion

The second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Gobourn, of Cheltenham, has just got his commission in his father's old regiment, the Cameron Highlanders.

Decoration

Arthur Summers, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Summers, of Eastleigh, who is a Pilot Officer in the R.A.F., has been decorated by the King with the D.F.M.

Sons and Daughters in the Services

BRAZIER, A.C.1 E. T., Royal Air Force.
BURNETT, O-Sea. A. (Edmonton), Royal Navy.
BURNS, A-B. James (Salford), Royal Navy.
BURNS, Seaman Anthony (Salford), Royal Navy.
BROWN, L-Cpl. W. J. (Wellington), M.T. Dept.
BROWN, Driver H. (Wellington), Royal Corps of Signals.
DEARDEN, Cpl. N., Royal Corps of Signals.
FIRTH, Lieut. R. S. (Heswall), Royal Artillery.
FIRTH, Gnr. C. L. (Heswall), Royal Artillery.
FIRTH, L-Cpl. Alma (Heswall), A.T.S.
FIRTH, A.C.W.1 Nora (Heswall), W.A.A.F.
HALL, O-Sea. A. H. D. (Chilton), Royal Navy.
HILDICK, A.C.2 B. D., Royal Air Force.
MILLWARD, Pte. R. M., att. Suffolk Battn.
KEMPSTER, Sapper S. J., Royal Engineers.
MARSHALL, Driver H. (late Bridlington), R.A.S.C.
TREBY, A.C.2 John, Royal Air Force.
TURNOCK, J., R.A.O.C.
WRIGHT, Air Mechanic J. A. (Verwood), Fleet Air Arm.

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The daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. I. Corns, of Kenton, who are on the stage and are at present in the Middle East with "Ensa," were on the ship which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean last month. Like everybody else on board, they lost all they possessed, but escaped themselves.

Young St. Dunstaners

Marriages:

Evelyn Doris Radford (Castle Cary) to Henry Oliver, on January 6th last. (Now a prisoner of war in Germany.)

Sergt. W. Attrell (Polegate), of R.E.M.E., on December 8th, to Miss Nellie Joan Flint.

Robert Meckin (Workington) to Miss Tecla Schaufelberger, on September 9th, at Bermuda.

Constance Smith (Guildford) on October 20th, to Petty Officer James Gilbert, R.N.

Albert Bates (Oakengates), on October 9th, to Miss Daisy Birch.

The French Foreign Legion

I first came in contact with the Legion at Halfaya Pass, when they were struggling for possession of that natural fortress. I was at once struck by their precarious position, which was only a few hundred yards from the enemy's forward outposts; but afterwards, when I got to understand and know them as grand fighters, I realised that they revelled in such close quarter engagements.

They were a motley crowd, enlisted from almost every nation of Europe. Very few of them came up to the story book description. They were not criminals, as we are so often led to believe. Only about five per cent. of to-day's Legion comes under this category. The seekers of adventure were there, but only in small numbers. The majority of the men were soldiers—professional soldiers, with a love of fighting and not a love of France. It may be of interest to some people to know that the Legion consists mainly of Germans.

In France this great regiment was known as "La Légion Étrangère," which simply means "the army of strangers," because in the original Legion there were no Frenchmen, only foreign mercenaries. They were looked down upon by the French people, who also were under the impression that criminals were in the majority.

Nowadays we couple their name with that of the Fighting French Forces of the African campaigns; and so once more they come into the limelight and win new distinctions.

Soldats de la Légion,
De la Légion Étrangère
N'ayant pas de nation,
La France est votre mère.

JOHN A. LEE,

Church Stretton Notes

Some time ago a great film appeared, entitled "The Birth of a Nation." Will St. Dunstan's produce one on similar lines, embodying those of the first St. Dunstan's at Regent's Park and subsequent episodes at St. John's Lodge, Brighton, Ovingdean, Longmynd, and Brockhurst, and yet another next year when we are in our new work-shops?

Sir Ian Fraser has recently told us of further extensions to cope with our growing needs. Church Stretton, though small, has a marvellous talent for producing houses and sites at the appropriate moment, and we have acquired three or four "commodious premises conveniently situated, contiguous to all amenities," with vacant possession, as the land agent would put it. One of these can be adapted as a nucleus for training in all our arts and crafts. Thus Longmynd will become purely residential and men and staff will return for lunch and tea at their several quarters at Longmynd, Brockhurst, and any other we may subsequently acquire.

The ex-prisoners returned from their short leave on the 27th; in common with other repatriated prisoners they had received so many public ovations that they found the time too short for seeing much home life and are looking forward to spending Christmas quietly with their own people after three years' absence.

Lord Normanby, in his maiden speech in the House of Lords, pleaded the cause of the returned ex-Service men after the war. He also wrote an article in *The Times* describing the rise and development of the St. Dunstan's braille school at Haina Kloster: characteristically he made his account purely impersonal, so much so that *The Times*, a few days later, printed a letter from a member of "the school," pointing out that he had been their originator and mainstay from start to finish.

The British Aluminium Club, which has entertained us so handsomely every month, has now left Shrewsbury. We gave them a Dance and Supper at Morris's Café, Shrewsbury, on the 11th, and exchanged regretful farewells.

Invitations to dances, concerts, lunches and social evenings are so numerous that it is almost impossible to enumerate them here, and our readers might weary of the constant repetition of a list of names of

societies and individuals, many of whom entertain us once a month, and so we must content ourselves with the knowledge that our Entertainments Committee endeavour to express our gratitude for us.

On the 26th a Talk on Town-Planning was well attended; this was given by Mr. Doubleday, Regional Commissioner for the Birmingham district, and his talk was followed by many questions about aspects of the subject on which the lecturer had had no time to touch.

Congratulations to the following, who have passed tests in:—

Typing.—R. Ward, H. Greenhalgh, C. E. Brooker, A. Foster, F. Madgwick, J. Ince, E. Darnell, L. Hollamby, H. Cope.

Braille Interline Reading.—A. Reynolds, J. Lee, T. Brougham, C. Beaumont-Edmonds.

Braille Interpoint Reading.—Elsie Aldred, A. Wigglesworth.

Braille Writing.—W. Robinson, M. Barstow, A. Reynolds, E. Aldred.

Admitted to Hospital (Repatriated Prisoners of War).—Pte. G. M. Allen, E. Yorks Regt. (25), Hull; Pte. B. E. W. Bright, Royal Warwicks Regt. (23), Birmingham; Pte. W. Burnett, Tyneside Scottish Black Watch (22), Gateshead, Durham; Pte. L. W. Cook, The Buffs (31), Rainham, Essex; Cpl. W. S. Deuchars, Gordon Highlanders (33), Edinburgh; Pte. J. P. Doig, R.A.S.C. (24), Dundee; Gdsmn. S. J. F. Doy, Grenadier Guards (26), Paddington, London; Pte. R. D. E. Ellis, Gloucester Regt. (25), Gloucester; Spr. D. D. Fleisig, R.E. (24), Brockley, S.E.4; Rfmn. T. P. Hart, K.R.R.C. (27), Tooting, London; Gnr. S. A. Jackson, R.H.A. (39), Holloway, London; Pte. J. Legge, Seaforth Highlanders (27), Elgin, Morayshire; Dvr. E. Nash-Larkham, R.A.S.C. (24), Brentford, Middlesex; Pte. D. Parmenter, Q.O.R.W.K. Regt. (26), Catford, London; Tpr. J. Rodgers, Lothian and Border Yeomanry (28), Edinburgh; Rfmn. J. Shepherd, Queen Victoria's Rifle Regt. (25), London, S.W.1; Pte. R. Smith, Royal Scots Regt. (39), Edinburgh; L/Cpl. P. Timiney, K.O.Y.L.I. (32), Sheffield; Pte. F. H. Wareham, Dorsetshire Regt. (33), Wimborne, Dorset; Lieut. F. J. L. Woodcock, Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, Royal Canadian Army, Toronto, Canada; Pte.

Blackpool Notes

The Staff of the Blackpool Home join me in wishing all our friends—old and new—a Happy Christmas and a peace-bringing New Year. We are looking forward to the festive season and have already made out a programme of events.

The Rotary Club are giving us a dinner and concert on the 23rd, and on Boxing Day—the Monday one—we have booked for the Theatre, to see Emyln Williams in a brand new play—first time on any stage—called "Pen Don." Not the least important of our various parties will be the grand feast at mid-day, when the Staff enjoy the company of the troops. Mrs. Jones has been popping things up her sleeve for many a long day, so we shall not starve.

Here I feel like saying, with Mr. Lovejoy, "If ever a woman suffered," for Jock Jack, Sister Gornall and the ever-ready and willing Billy Parnell are practising so that we may have a real dance band instead of the radiogram (I never can get a wink of sleep in this office!!)

We have had the pleasure of an occasional visit from the boys of Church Stretton. They always get a very hearty welcome from the old boys, and it is very good for both generations to meet.

On Armistice Day—which one always considers "The Old Boys' Day"—we had a short Service in the Lounge. It was, as ever, very impressive, and everybody joined in the singing of our favourite hymns, which reminds us all of the brighter Brighton days. After the Service we went to the Cenotaph to place our tribute to Old Comrades, and in spite of the Blackpool gales we managed to keep our feet. The wreath was placed by W. Megson and J. McAndrew.

Whilst celebrating the Armistice of the last Great War, we do not forget our old friends, who have left us in recent years—men and Staff, so often in our thoughts. Neither do we forget the boys and girls who are doing so much to help us win this war. It is indeed an ever-surprising thought that the kiddies with whom we played—even nursed in the jolly Portland Place days—are now grown up—some wed—and are carrying on to the end the jobs that their fathers started many moons ago. We wish them all a happy and safe return.

We still have many splendid gifts to raffle for their Comforts Fund. At present

W. E. Young, D.L.I. (31), Rowlands Gill, Co. Durham.

Major E. A. Dunlop, Queen's Own Rifles, Royal Canadian Army, Toronto, Canada; Dvr. C. Hobbs, R.E. (38), Kingsbury, London; Cpl. J. Abel, R.T.R. (37), Banchory, Kincardineshire; Pte. A. E. Baldwin, R.E. (39), Lewes, Sussex; Pte. J. A. M. Beauge, Free French Army (21), Quebec, Canada; Pte. E. Griffiths, Sherwood Foresters (20), Wrexham; Pte. H. E. Bishop, U.S. Army (23), Nashville, Tennessee; Fus. J. H. Gardner, Royal Irish Fusiliers (37), Wallasey; Rfmn. R. A. Theobald, K.R.R.C. (29), Redhill, Surrey; Pte. J. W. McConnell, Army Catering Corps. (28), Ledbury, Herefordshire; Gnr. G. Smith, R.A. (L.A.A.), (19), North Shields; Cpl. L. Davies, London Irish Rifles (21), Gwauncaegurwen, Glam.; W/Sgt. A. W. Delmar, Recce. Regt. (33), Seven Kings, Essex; Lt.-Col. The Hon. C. G. Cubitt, D.S.O., R.A., Cowfold, Sussex; Tpr. P. Bagwell, R.T.R. (20), Bradford Abbas, Dorset; L/Sgt. J. E. Blackwell, D.C.M., Hampshire Regt. (26), Greenwich, London; W/Sgt. A. Reagen, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (36), Dagenham, Essex; Pte. A. W. Rogers, Parachute Regt. (28), High Wycombe, Bucks; Bdr. A. Roebuck, R.A. (29), Droylsden, Manchester; Tpr. J. D. Slec, R.T.R. (31), Penrith, Cumberland; Pte. S. Southall, Royal Warwicks Regt. (25), Smethwick, Staffs.

Discharged from Hospital, later to return to Training.—Pte. J. H. Dalton, L.A.C. H. Ward.

Discharged from Hospital, to return to Unit.—L.A.C. S. Eames.

Discharged from Hospital, later to go to Newington House.—L/Sgt. C. McNaught.

Comforts Fund Raffle

Our grateful thanks to all who made the splendid sum of £23 5s. 6d. possible in the Comforts Fund Raffle which we ran last month. The lucky prize-winners were:

1st, R. A. Clarke, of Gunnislake; 2nd, Miss Preedy (Braille Teacher); 3rd, Mrs. Charlton, of Church Stretton; 4th, J. Simpson, of Osmondthorpe; 5th, Miss Palphramand (Housekeeper of Staff House); 6th, Rev. A. Nugee (Church Stretton Padre); 7th, J. Papps, of Dunstable; 8th, Instructor Kitson.

Christmas Greetings from Church Stretton

Christmas Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all St. Dunstaners from all friends at Church Stretton.

we are raffling a huge shopping basket, given by W. Robbins, of Bournemouth, after which we have a large and varied assortment of *toys*. We hope to make much money on them all—especially as we are adding, as a small incentive, a ten shilling note as first prize—given by C. Peach.

In case others are interested, perhaps it would be wise to give a list of the articles now in hand and awaiting raffle—then, if they would care to send along their pounds, shillings, and pence, without expecting an acknowledgment, we will gladly add their names to the "swindle sheet." We will do almost anything for money for the Comforts Fund for sons of St. Dunstaners. The winners' names only to be published in the REVIEW. All tickets are 3d. each.

Woolly baby shawl (given by Mr. Swift, father-in-law of the late P. Brelsford); baby jacket (given by Mrs. Creasey, of Lancing); duchesse set (given by Mrs. Thomas, Rawdon); knitted bag (given by Sister Cohn); box of six knives (given by Mrs. Bradford, very useful, very sharp); bed-spread, lace (given by Mrs. Martindale); suit of pale blue pyjamas (given by Mr. Jones, friend of the late Charlie Butler); 10s. note (given by Mr. Charman); £1 note (Anonymous).

Then perhaps when these are all disposed of we can hope for more gifts—perhaps.
B. VAUGHAN DAVIES.

[We hear from Matron as we go to press that Robbins' basket realised £5 19s. 6d. This, with other gifts, made a total of £6 10s., which has been sent to Matron Pain.]

Good Work

A. Hayes, of Baker's Field, Nottingham, and his wife are both keen workers at a local canteen where our St. Dunstaner's particular job is washing up.

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The Yeovil Branch of the British Legion are old friends of St. Dunstan's. In sending a further donation from their collecting box, the Club Secretary writes:—

"On behalf of the Committee and members of the Yeovil British Legion, we would like to pay a tribute to Fred Westaway for his magnificent work on behalf of the Legion and that of St. Dunstan's. As a member of the Executive Committee he is closely and actively associated with all our activities."

The British Legion Charter

At the request of a new war St. Dunstaner, E. Russell, of Leeds, we have had put into braille a summary of the Charter of the British Legion. A limited number of copies are available and any St. Dunstaner who would like a copy is invited to get into touch with the Editor.

Blind Man Leads Raid

Praise for the skill of the Island Scouts now helping the Allies to rid the British Solomon Islands of the Japanese has been given by a New Zealand officer who landed on the island of Vella Lavella.

These loyal people have given very real assistance to the Allied forces, and officers say that, on ground familiar to them, they are the stealthiest scouts in the world.

An Islander, a chief called Ngatu, went on a raid with six other Solomon Scouts, although he is nearly blind. Relying almost entirely on his sense of touch, Ngatu helped the others to filch all the weapons from a Japanese camp at night and, next morning, the enemy awoke to find themselves unarmed with the Scouts at hand ready to escort them to the nearest Allied prison camp.

National Laying Trials

Report on the 1st month,
October 11th to November 7th, 1943

No.	Name	Test score value
1	Jackson, G. C. ...	102
2	Jarvis, A. ...	101
3	McIntosh, C. ...	85
4	Smith, W. Alan ...	82
5	Gregory, T. ...	74
6	Brown, M. Watson ...	73
7	Holmes, P. ...	71
8	Chaffin, A. ...	26
9	Campbell, J. ...	21
10	Hill, R. E. ...	14
11	McLaren, D. ...	13
12	Carpenter, E. H. ...	10
Average per bird,		9.6 eggs.

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"But I dread success. To have succeeded is to have finished one's business on earth . . . I like a state of continual becoming, with a goal in front, and not behind."—G. BERNARD SHAW (in a letter to Ellen Terry.)

"The Dotty Mag."

From "The Dotty Magazine," which the blinded prisoners of war produced themselves in Germany, we take the following from many other excellent items:—

Tit-Bits

Sailorman Hartley tells me he is going into the timber business after the war. Selling matches in Piccadilly.

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Since having his injections, Dennis Fleisig is worrying about losing weight. Never mind, Dennis. Old soldiers never die. . . .

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Jimmy Legge's ambition is to become a masseur. There's no reason why your ambition shouldn't be realised, Jimmy, providing you rub your patients the right way, and if they lie on the floor you should manage to reach them.

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Several letters arrived from Mr. Strutt last month. He asks if we like braille. Why doesn't someone have the courage to tell him?

Day in a Blind Man's Life as a P.O.W.

For those readers who are interested in the work of the blind, it is to the best of my ability that I chronicle the next few lines in as brief a space as possible.

A schedule has to be distributed among something like twenty individuals. This in itself is a difficult task, but with due consideration and patience, times have been accomplished for all. So, having finished breakfast, an hour on the business typewriter, beginning at 8.30 a.m., from 9.30 until 10 a.m. one works steadfastly at the braille typewriter. This is a machine which prints anything that is possible in black type. Work then ceases for the morning. Getting dressed, we prepare for an hour's stroll about the surrounding countryside, eventually having to return for our lunch.

Afternoon work commences at 1 o'clock, again on the business typewriter. It is essential that much practice should be got in on this machine. This lesson is followed by reading aloud from a braille book, which puts speed and expression into braille reading. Our day's work is now finished, and again we enjoy freedom on the other side of the barbed wire; if the weather is dull we walk rather a long way; contrary to that we enjoy basking in the sun in some

nearby meadow, returning some two hours later to enjoy a hearty Red Cross meal.

The evening is spent by having a book read to us.

And so I leave the reader to judge as he wishes, but also to assure him that our day as a prisoner of war is full of interest.

J. SHEPHERD.

South African Notes

From the "Tembani Times":

"Our Anatomy students are progressing by leaps and bounds and during the month they had their first session at the Cape Town University Medical School.

"It had been decided that we were not getting enough exercise, and early in September, Capt. Miller, who is a well-known physical culturist, came to discuss this matter with us.

"Our first afternoon of physical training took the form of a short route march. P.T. instructors from the local military camp came to Tembani and we formed up in threes, a St. Dunstaner on each side of a sighted escort, and, linking arms, we marched gaily away for a good hour's walk.

"Capt. Miller, who is as keen as mustard about our training, is now busy thinking out new means and devices whereby we shall be able to indulge in various sports and games, and to make P.T. an enjoyable pastime.

"On the 23rd of the month, Barnie Barnard left Tembani to take up residence on a local poultry farm, where he will learn the trade.

"We would like to congratulate Chris Gilby on his very successful broadcast (Chris is a pianist), and also on the beautiful guitar he made in the Tembani carpenter's shop."

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Corporal "Jimmy" Ellis, who is the Editor of the "Tembani Times," writes: "We produce six hundred copies per month in our own little workroom, where everything is done entirely under our own power. We cut our own stencils, do our own duplicating on a hand-operated machine, and our own assembling and clipping. There is quite a lot of work attached to this job; however, I find this work interesting and amusing, and with the co-operation of my colleagues at Tembani and the willing help of so many of our South African friends, the work is made easy and pleasurable."

“ In Memory ”

Guardsman William Henry Whiteside (*Grenadier Guards*)

We have to report with deep regret the death of W. H. Whiteside, of Lytham. He served from September, 1916, until October, 1918, when he was discharged from the Army after being wounded in France, and he came to us almost immediately afterwards. He was trained as a basket-maker and continued with this occupation for a considerable number of years. He was taken ill in 1942 and never seemed really to recover his health, and he died in Lytham Hospital on November 15th.

He was greatly esteemed in Lytham, and many friends and neighbours attended the funeral at Carleton Crematorium. St. Dunstan's was represented by Matron Vaughan-Davies, who sent a sheaf of fresh flowers on our behalf. This would have been his wish.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and son in their great loss.

Deaths

We extend our deepest sympathy to the following:—

MORBY.—To H. J. Morby, of Leyton, whose mother has passed away.

STEVENS.—To C. A. Stevens, of Ashford, who lost his wife on November 21st.

VERNON.—To A. Vernon, of Birmingham, whose father has died.

WATSON.—To J. Watson, of Manor Park, whose wife passed away on December 6th.

Mr. H. F. Bartholomew

We have heard with regret of the death of Mr. H. F. Bartholomew, who was for some time in the last war an orderly at the Bungalow and at St. John's Lodge. He was at one time butler at St. Mark's College and in St. Dunstan's very early days relatives of St. Dunstaners visiting them at St. Mark's General Hospital were put up in his house at Chelsea. One of his daughters married a St. Dunstaner—H. Blakeley.

Silver Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. P. Johns, Chesterfield, September 22nd (not L. Johns, of Exeter, as we announced last month); Mr. and Mrs. F. Frank, Yeovil, November 30th; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Batty, Killamarsh, December 5th; Mr. and Mrs. H. Crabtree, Haringay, December 7th; Mr. and Mrs. A. Jordan, Norbury, December 7th; Mr. and Mrs. G. Nancarrow, Newquay, December 21st; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Osmond, Walthamstow, December 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Nancarrow's son, William, recently discharged from the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, is being married on his parents' wedding day to Miss Cynthia E. Barnes.

Killed on Active Service

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Birch, widow of our late St. Dunstaner, W. J. Birch, of Fulham, whose eldest son, Harry, was killed on November 27th, after taking part in a raid on Berlin.

Guests of the Mayor

Half a score St. Dunstan's men and their wives from Chelmsford and neighbourhood were the guests of His Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress at a luncheon at the County Hotel, Chelmsford, on November 20th.

Sir Ian Fraser, National Vice-Chairman of the British Legion, was attending a British Legion Conference in the town at the same time, and was able to spare a short time from his duties at the conference to visit the luncheon party. He was accompanied by Col. Sir F. Carne Rasch, Essex County British Legion President.

In a short talk, Sir Ian dealt chiefly with pension matters. The Mayor and Mayoress also went among the men wishing them the best of good luck.

Sir Ian's daughter, Mrs. Macdonald, received the men as they arrived and soon became very popular among the men's wives; afterwards she presided at the luncheon.

There were many expressions of pleasure from the men at the opportunity of meeting Sir Ian and his daughter, and thanks for his efforts in getting augmented pensions for some of the men present.

All voted the occasion a very happy one.
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We have learned with regret of the death of Mrs. Rowley, widow of our late St. Dunstaner, which occurred on December 11th.