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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### New Zealand

**T**HERE is news this month of three events which make their contribution to St. Dunstan's story.

A radio commentator told the other day how a "little St. Dunstan's" had been opened in Auckland, New Zealand.

Donald McPhee, himself a St. Dunstaner, who is head of the New Zealand Blinded Soldiers' Association, and I, are in frequent correspondence and have been discussing with each other and the New Zealand Government for some time the best way of dealing with the war-blinded of that Dominion. As with all the other Dominions, the plan is that, should a New Zealander be blinded in the European theatre of war, he would come to St. Dunstan's for a period of preliminary training before being returned to his own country. Those blinded in the Middle Eastern and Eastern theatres usually go back home direct, where McPhee's organisation, with the help of the Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Blind Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund and the New Zealand Institute for the Blind make the necessary arrangements for training. I expect the "little St. Dunstan's" that is reported is a special house or section near to or associated with the New Zealand Institute for the Blind, and set aside particularly for soldiers, sailors and airmen.

So far as I know there are ten present war St. Dunstaners in New Zealand, of whom two were prisoners of war in Germany and Italy and who were repatriated last year.

### Canada

During March, a house was opened in Toronto, Canada, especially for the training of the new war-blinded, and here again the pattern is the same. Colonel Edwin Baker, himself a St. Dunstaner, is the administrative head of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and it is under his leadership and the valuable help on the training side from other St. Dunstaners, such as A. G. Viets and W. C. Dies, that this enterprise has been launched. The same plan of mutual assistance between the Dominion and the Mother Country has been carried out, but in the case of Canada, owing to the fact that a large number of Canadian troops have been based upon Britain, the substantial number of twelve have been through or are at St. Dunstan's in England. I hear that there are a further four in Canada.

We exchange full information and it is certain that there will be a great similarity between the St. Dunstan's organisation in the three countries.

### Church Stretton

The third event is the big change-over at Church Stretton itself. Growing numbers and the prospect of increased casualties as the year advances made it necessary for us to double our accommodation. We took over two more hotels and a number of other buildings, together with a large number of Army huts. We centralised practically the whole of the administration and teaching in one group of buildings. This difficult reorganisation, which meant a tremendous upheaval, was carried out over a week-end and, apart from some inevitable creaks and groans, all are settling down. I hope the new arrangements will prove to be more efficient as well as permitting of necessary expansion.

I offer my congratulations and thanks to St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's staff at home and overseas for their contribution to the task of caring for all the men and women of the Empire who are blinded on war service.

IAN FRASER.

### Congratulations

To A. B. Hill, of Bristol, who has been successful in the Royal Society of Arts Shorthand Test (120 words per minute) without any preparation beforehand.

To E. Garthwaite, of Rotherham, who, with his workmate, has beaten the factory record by packing 2,250 dozen one-ounce vial bottles in twenty-two hours.

To W. Harding, of Finsbury Park, who has made 513 wool scarves on his bag frame for the Fighting Services Comforts Funds, and all these in his spare time. During the day he is a telephone operator in the City. He is doubly handicapped, for he has also lost a leg and three fingers.

To G. Fallowfield, of Southwick, who has raised over £42 for various war charities since war broke out by the sale or raffle of baskets.

### Disused Shoes Wanted

Old shoes which are no longer any use to their owners are urgently needed by our boot-repairers at Church Stretton, to practise upon.

If anyone has a pair of old shoes which will not be needed again and will send them to Mr. Kitson, Boot Repair Depot, St. Dunstan's, Essex House, Church Stretton, Shropshire, we shall be very glad to refund postage if the name and address of the sender is enclosed in the parcel.

### Many Happy Returns

To F. W. Thompson, of Tavistock, who celebrated his eightieth birthday on February 22nd.

### Brothers Meet After Twelve Years

Two of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson, of Grimsby, who, because of their service in the Forces, have not seen each other for twelve years, have just met.

Eric, the eldest, joined the Army in 1933, and has seen service in India, Persia, Iraq, Syria, Transjordan, and North Africa. He returned to England last year.

Bill, who is a year younger (28), joined the Navy in September, 1938, and was on H.M.S. *Jervis Bay* until she was torpedoed. Then he was drafted to Canada for convoy duty. He returned to this country on January 2nd, and his brother was granted special leave to meet him. Bill was at the Battle of Matapan and in Crete.

### Woman St. Dunstaner Honoured

The Guide Badge of Fortitude, the highest decoration awarded in the Girl Guide Movement for great courage in suffering, has been awarded to Annie Ibbetson, of Leeds, late of the W.A.A.F. and now a St. Dunstaner. Annie cannot be moved to our Hospital and Training Centre, but she takes the keenest interest in everything connected with St. Dunstan's.

Before she joined the W.A.A.F. she was a Guide Captain and District Secretary, and the presentation of her award was made by the County Commissioner and the Assistant County Commissioner.

In her room is a pot of cyclamen—a gift from the Princess Royal, President of the Girl Guides' Association.

In her long illness, Annie's courage and cheerfulness have won the admiration of everyone, and St. Dunstan's men and women will join with us in sending her our thoughts and good wishes.

### Mr. Harry Day

The following letter from C. Griffin, of Enfield, has been received by the Chairman, who has passed it on to the REVIEW. It will be recalled that in his Notes last month Sir Ian paid tribute to Mr. Day's work and the regret which would be felt by many St. Dunstaners at his retirement. The REVIEW is very glad to print Griffin's letter. If there are any other St. Dunstaners who would like to follow the suggestion contained in it, they should send their subscriptions to Mr. Askew, at St. Dunstan's Offices, 9-11 Park Crescent, London, W.1, who would be glad to acknowledge them.

March 6th, 1944.

DEAR SIR IAN,

On seeing your paragraph in the REVIEW concerning the resignation of Mr. Harry Day from the staff of St. Dunstan's, I would like to make a suggestion.

There are many St. Dunstaners throughout the country who, like myself, have experienced his help and guidance on more than one occasion, and I feel sure they would all like to join with me in showing their appreciation of his services by a presentation to him.

Knowing our old friend as I do, this thought from St. Dunstaners would be a real joy to him.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES GRIFFIN.

### News from New Zealand

In his annual letter to Mr. Kessell at the Fresh Air Fund, J. Chisholm, of North Auckland, writes:—

"We are still rather better off than you folks are at home, but that may not long continue. We still beat you for sugar, but you have a sweet ration which we have not. Only the very fortunate townies get any sweets, and every seller of rags—you can hardly call them clothes—advertises 'No mail orders.' The unofficial egg ration in Auckland is two eggs per week per household. An even more serious matter is that the water ration is eight gallons per head per day. We here have only Paddy's Lantern as our illuminant for road purposes. All good wishes to any old St. Dunstaners you may meet."

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W. T. Woods, of Christchurch, in a letter to the Chairman, says that he has two boys serving overseas.

### Canine Notes

In my last article in the REVIEW I stressed the point that breeders should only breed for continuity ready for post-war stock, and for preference keep only bitch puppies.

Now the time has come for remembrance of those warnings, as there has just started a boom in dogs.

Prices have soared and if any St. Dunstaner is thinking of starting in dogs he will get the shock of his life.

Pre-war it was possible to get a really high-class puppy for anything up to 5 and 6 gns. It is not possible now. Third-rate pups are now that price. To give cold facts I quote prices for puppies of different breeds in the current issue of "Our Dogs."

Here they are:—

"Alsations.—Litter born February 19th, 1944. Prices from £10 10s.

Black and Tan Terriers.—Pedigree Bitches. 15 gns. to 50 gns. Ages 5 months.

Bull Dogs.—Brindle Bitch pup, £50. No offers.

Wire Fox Terriers.—Six months Bitch, £20.

Greyhounds.—Dog and Bitch. Dog: £45. Bitch, £30.

Pekinese.—Lovely snow white Bitch. 6 months, 16 gns. Another one, 25 gns.

Scotties.—Black Dog, 6½ months, 20 gns. No approval. Another young dog, 35 gns.

Cockers.—Brood Bitch, £30. Other puppies, 15 and 20 gns., 30 gns., 20 gns., and 16 gns."

From the list I have just given the prices will come as a shock to non-doggy people.

H. MARSDEN.

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. A. Allen, Alton, Staffs, March 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. R. Riddell, Bonjedward, Jedburgh, March 14th; Mr. and Mrs. R. Paterson, Thirsk, March 15th; Mr. and Mrs. H. Wordsworth, Gainsborough, April 5th; Mr. and Mrs. H. Spencer, Potton, March 29th; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hodgman, Croydon, April 21st.

### Transferred to Germany

Harry Boswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Boswell, of Gainsborough, who was a prisoner-of-war in Italy, has now been transferred to Germany.

### Church Stretton Notes

It was a breathless week-end transferring all braille, typing, rug-making, Meccano, boot-repairing, "chippy," massage, and other classes from Longmynd and Brockhurst to Essex House and its sixteen huts, lately vacated by the Army! But the fact that work proceeded normally till Friday evening and was resumed in the new quarters on Monday afternoon is proof of all the thoughtful adaptation, organisation and hard work that had gone before. Naturally, not every chair and ashtray was in place at once, and some paint aroma lingered, but we were delighted to find even convenient coat pegs and mats for "cold feet." The Music Hut, very popular with those *inside* it, is rather apart (mercifully!) and music is taking a larger part in our curriculum and life, under Mr. Bampton's able direction. Shorthand and telephony follow down presently. Upholstery and the machines remain where installed in the Brockhurst Hut.

The miniature village is laid out like New York, with well-made parallel North and South ways, crossed at right angles by East and West "avenues," all having guide wires; its geography was mastered beforehand from helpful little models. The big Assembly Hall and Cafeteria daily grow more roof and wall. Though the local climate reserved a specially bitter North wind for the week-end, mercifully the snow didn't come till later!

Mr. J. J. Lawson, Labour Member of Parliament for Chester-le-Street, gave us a talk on "Parliament" one evening; if all future difficulties are tackled with such genial good humour they should certainly seem less grim!

A "knock-out" domino competition—fives and threes—at present in progress in Brockhurst is proving popular.

A jolly "game-song-and-dance" social evening was organised at Longmynd for St. Dunstaners, and was happily compered by "Peter"; it was mostly impromptu and much enjoyed by all.

The Musical Circle celebrated its first birthday with a recital by Leslie Pye (piano), from Rowton, and Miss Westley, violin; it starts a new year with revised rules.

A special treat was provided by Jaques Brown (of the Birmingham B.B.C.) and his concert party of about thirty, including the "Arden Singers," and a choir of girls, who delighted everyone.

The Ensa play, "Without the Prince," was another outstanding event—"couldn't be better," one heard on all sides.

As for dancing, no wonder the Wednesday lessons are popular—to prepare for such fun as the Toc H and Mr. Binnersley's dances, both at Morris's, Shrewsbury; The Sentinel Waggon Works invitation, which included the trainees' friends; Mrs. Egerton Hines' "hop" at Dorrington; and the R.A.F. dance, which was just A1.

Finally, St. Dunstan's competitors distinguished themselves at the Shrewsbury Red Cross Exhibition:

1st prize, Book-ends—Jimmy Green.  
2nd prize, Bed Tea-trays.—P. Clark ("Nobby.")  
3rd prize (tied), Table Lamp.—W. Glover and J. Green.  
Well done!

We congratulate the following, who have passed tests in:—

**Typing.**—R. Kitt, K. Revis, Capt. Holloway, R. Taylor.

**Braille Writing.**—C. Beaumont-Edmonds, W. Morris.

**Reading (Interline).**—H. Greenhalgh, S. Tutton, D. Frith, E. Dunlop, J. Innes.

**Reading (Interpoint).**—A. Reynolds, W. Robinson, B. Purcell.

**Admitted to Hospital.**—Rfmn. W. J. Cronk, London Irish Rifles (23), New Cross, S.E.14; Pte. E. T. Pratt, S. Staffs Regt. (18), Sheffield; F.O. E. Barton, R.A.F., Rossie, Ulverston; Pte. H. T. Bice, Middlesex Regt. (25), S. Tottenham, London; Pte. G. V. Deveau, Cape Breton Hlrs, Ryl, Canadian Army (23), Nova Scotia; Cpl. J. J. Doucet, Royal Canadian Regt. (23), Montreal; Cpl. J. F. Caswell, Queen's Royal Regt. (28), Bucklebury Common, Reading; Corpl. J. Huntley, Pioneer Corps (23), London, W.12; Fus. A. Waters, Royal Irish Fusiliers (20), Wolverhampton.

**Discharged from Hospital, returning for Training.**—Sgt. A. Reagen, Pte. A. Simpson, Dvr. F. Watkinson, Pte. E. Griffiths, Pte. T. Barber, Dvr. H. Patience.

**Hospital Transfers.**—Gnr. S. Jackson Sgmn. R. Stevens, Tpr. P. Bagwell, L.A.C. J. Redstone, L. Bdr. G. Mendham, L. Bdr. W. Richardson.

**Discharged from Hospital, seeking civilian employment.**—Pte. C. Bates, Capt. J. Teuton, Fus. Blackmore, Gnr. D. Parker, Rfmn. W. Cronk.

### Comforts Fund

WANTED.—Present addresses for sons in the Comforts Fund. There are a number of names due for parcels which cannot be sent until an up-to-date address is received.

### Young St. Dunstaners

Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McLoughlin, of Dublin, has won first place in the Musical Festival recently held in Dublin.

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Winifred Hughes, 14 years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hughes, of Cwmgwrach, Wales, who is having her voice trained, on February 12th broadcast with the Edmundsen Octette in the Children's Hour.

### Marriages:

On February 16th, James Meader (East Barnet) to Miss Emme Wallace.

On February 19th, Hilda Mary Jennings (Bradford), of the A.T.S., to Bombardier George Dehahaye, Royal Artillery.

At Norwich, Bernard Arthur Hamilton (Thetford) to Constance Ellen Durrant.

William George Moore (Folkestone) on December 25th, to Miss Betty Bullimore.

Betty, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carlton ("Carlo" and "Hill Sixty"), on September 9th, to Signalman M. Clegg.

Olive Mary Baker (Cambridge) on December 23rd, to Mr. David Leslie Bainbridge.

Gunner F. G. Hicks (New Southgate) on March 11th, to Miss Olive Hannah Gee (A.T.S.)

Both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kidger (Bridgnorth) are now married, Mary, the eldest, to Cpl. P. Davies, "The Buffs," and Una to Sergt. A. H. Davis, R.A.F.

### Sons and Daughters in the Services

BRIGHT, A.C.1 A. F. (East Barnet), Royal Air Force.

BROCKIE, Pte. E. H., P.T.W.

BROWNS, Driver R. E. (Wellington), D.B.R.E.

COLEMAN, L.A.C. P. (Northampton), Royal Air Force.

COOPER, L.A.G. B. (Hull), Royal Navy.

DIMOND, A.B. S., Royal Navy.

DIMOND, A.B. R. J., Royal Navy.

KEEGAN, Pte. T. (Cork), S.T.C.

MACKAY, A-Mech. George, Royal Air Force.

MEARS, Pte. D. (Nottingham), P.T.W.

PIKE, Sylvia (Brighton), A.T.S.

RENDELL, A.B. H. R., Royal Navy.

WILKIE, Pte. E. (Burton-on-Trent), P.T.C.

### National Laying Trials Report on fifth period of 28 days, January 31st to February 27th, 1944

Position	Name	Test	
		Score	Value
1	Jackson, G. C. ...	554	
2	Jarvis, Albert... ...	524	
3	Holmes, Percy ...	485	
4	Smith, W. Alan ...	473	
5	McIntosh, Charles ...	470	
6	Gregory, T. ...	465	
7	Watson Brown, M. ...	444	
8	Hill, R. E. ...	436	
9	Campbell, John ...	400	
10	McLaren, D. ...	263	
11	Chaffin, Albert ...	254	
12	Carpenter, E. H. ...	234	
Average per bird, 72.04.			

### Promotions

Randolph Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson, of Durham, to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Jesse Potts, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Potts, of Norton-on-Tees, to the rank of Lance Bombardier.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Attrell, of Polegate, to Sergeant. He is in R.E.M.E.

The son of A. Grogan to the rank of Lance Bombardier.

### Caradoc

*Who'd be with me on Caradoc  
To see the sun go down,  
And stand upon the ancient rock  
Where Britons won renown;  
Whose spirits rise with sunset's ray  
To face again the foe,  
Inspiring us who live to-day  
A nobler front to show.*

*They crouch behind the hasty bank  
Uplifting sword and spear,  
While Roman legions rank on rank  
Storm upwards with a cheer;  
Blue eyes defiant flash reply—  
The crumbling barriers break,  
With Caradoc they fight and die  
Yet live for freedom's sake.*

*But let's forget old history  
In sunset's rosy gleams,  
God's grand display of pageantry  
Pervading all our dreams—  
For close of day leads to a dawn  
Beyond the troubled night,  
Where peace and brotherhood are born  
In pure, eternal light.*

R.J.V.

## The Heart of the Union

Africa has always been known as the mystery continent, but I have discovered one of the things that draw men back to it wherever they may roam. I found it in the Union of South Africa.

I first arrived in South Africa as a soldier bound for the battlefields of the Middle East. We were overwhelmed with hospitality showered on us by the inhabitants. Car rides, parties and genuine pleasure at being in our company was the keynote everywhere, and for five days we had a wonderful time.

There were always those who scoffed and said it was only their war effort. I just wondered and dreamt of returning there. I did return, months after, but not as I expected to, for I was then as I am now, a blinded soldier, blinded on the battlefield of El Alamein. My world was a world of darkness, my future an apparent black cloud, but Africa has changed all this for me.

In finding myself again I found the finest friends a man could have, in the heart of the Union, Pietermaritzburg.

This famous little town was founded by the Boers about one hundred years ago, and I have felt the marks on the cobbles the wagons made as the four-trackers, as they were called, swept over the hill overlooking the valley wherein Pietermaritzburg itself is built. This hill is in itself a monument to man's endurance and everlasting courage, for it is so steep that these tough Dutch settlers had to take the wheels off their wagons and hitch their oxen at the rear to prevent the wagons and all they possessed from sliding down into the valley hundreds of feet below. These marks in the cobbles that I felt were made by the axles of the wagons, and are of sacred as well as historical value to the true Boers.

Two days after my arrival at the military hospital I was visited by a lady whose name is known to most blind soldiers in South Africa—Mrs. Collins. She was of English stock, her grandfather being a clergyman in that same town. At the age of ninety he went blind, and for seven years he was led to his pulpit to deliver his sermons. When he went blind he told many of his friends that he believed blindness had come to him so that he could devote more of his time and be ever closer to the church. I went

to Mrs. Collins' home, built on the topmost peak of the hills overlooking Pietermaritzburg. Immediately I felt at home and forgot for the first time that I was blind. The house was explained to me and I wandered around on my own if I wanted to. It was heaven. My education had begun and my confidence began slowly to return to me.

I visited Mrs. Collins' friends and relations, all grand people who seemed imbued with a little of that same understanding that she possessed. She said once that it was wrong to say I was blind. I just could not see.

Seven weeks went by, and in that time I had surrounded myself with friends. The time had now come for me to leave. My good-byes were sad but not final, for one day I shall go back to show them that their efforts were not in vain.

E. R. ETTRIDGE.

## Listen to These

"Homes for All"—eight wireless "meetings" of a court of enquiry on the all-important subject—houses. Home Service, March 21st to April 3rd, 9.25 p.m.

## Traffic Report "Howlers"

The officer who collected the following vouches for them as genuine. They were made by R.A.S.C. drivers in an A.A. Corps in reporting traffic accidents:—

The accident was due to the other fellow narrowly missing me.

A lamp-post bumped my car, bending it in two places.

She suddenly saw me, and lost her head.

I told the other idiot what he was, and went on.

I knocked over a man; he admitted it was his fault, as he had been knocked over before.

I misjudged a lady crossing the road.

I was scraping my near side on the bank when the accident happened.

To avoid a collision I ran into the other lorry.

Accident was due to road bending.

—"The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps."

## The Bridge Club continues its activities

The 6th Annual General Meeting of St. Dunstan's Bridge Club took place at Headquarters on Saturday, February 19th, and in the unavoidable absence of the President, Sir Ian Fraser, H. Gover, Captain of the Club, took the chair.

There was an excellent, representative gathering. The Captain's report clearly showed that an extremely good year had been concluded, both in the social and playing spheres. Nine matches had been played, four being won and the remainder lost. The League had proved very popular.

Our Treasurer, C. F. Thompson, gave an excellent financial report. Having bought some very fine duplicate boards, and also contributed to the Comforts' Fund and sent cigarettes to blind prisoners-of-war, there was still a goodly balance on the right side, but then I cannot imagine a balance sheet presented by C.F.T. being anything else but on the right side!

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Captain and Treasurer, and also to N. Downs, the latter doing grand work behind the scenes. These three gentlemen were unanimously re-elected as the Committee, H. Gover and C. F. Thompson being also re-elected to their honorary positions.

An interesting discussion was then opened up as to the practicability of electing a Selection Committee, and after many suggestions it was decided to appoint Messrs. F. Winter and J. Waller to the Committee for the purpose of selecting teams for future matches. The members further agreed to continue with the League, also inter-Club duplicate matches and matches with outside Clubs.

I have almost forgotten to mention our second Harrogate visit, which our Captain mentioned in his report. It was a grand week, and it is anticipated that a visit will take place again this summer, but no definite date has been reached so far.

Further minor points were dealt with by the members. It was a most successful meeting and an enjoyable season is anticipated. During the meeting, Mr. P. R. Lale, whom we were all glad to welcome, presented the winners of the League with their prizes. A. Wiltshire received a lighter and a pipe, and R. Coles money to purchase gramophone records. The winners received best congratulations.

All Club members were thoroughly appreciative of the splendid work rendered to the Club and its members by a loyal band of friends. An excellent tea was afterwards enjoyed, thanks to Mrs. George, Miss Davis and Miss Morrah. There is still room for many other members, and I am sure we should be most happy to welcome any of our colleagues of St. Dunstan's.

If you want to know more about the game come along and join.

Every Saturday afternoon, from 2 o'clock onwards, a game of Bridge is available at Park Crescent.

I am sure all members of the Club would like me to wish good luck to J. Hughes, who is now in hospital. "Best wishes, J.H., and may you fully recover your good health."  
R.P.C.

## Birth

QUINN.—To the wife of E. Quinn, of Plumstead, a daughter.

## Deaths

Our sincere sympathy is extended this month to the following:—

CHARMAN.—To A. Charman, late of Hove, whose wife passed away on March 8th.

DAVIES.—To J. Davies, of Clacton, upon the death of his mother.

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Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roughley, of Weaverham, whose son-in-law has been killed in the Central Mediterranean.

## Marriages

ASH—CLEMENT.—On March 4th, at Burnham-on-Sea Parish Church, Maxwell Ash, of Burnham-on-Sea, and Miss Joan Margaret Clement, of Cape Town, South Africa. Max was blinded in Egypt in 1941 and went first to St. Dunstan's at Tembani, Cape Town, where Miss Clement was a nurse. He returned to this country and was later followed by Miss Clement. The ship on which she was travelling, however, was bombed and sunk, but the crew and passengers were picked up.

HUTTUNEN—CURTIS.—On March 8th, Otto Huttunen, United States Army Air Force, to Miss Ruby Curtis. They met at St. Dunstan's, where Miss Curtis was a nurse.

O'CALLAGHAN—COMERFORD.—On February 8th, at Ballinlough Roman Catholic Church, P. O'Callaghan, of Cork, to May Comerford.

## " In Memory "

### Private John Robert Green, 1st King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of J. R. Green, of Whaplode.

He served from December, 1914, until October, 1916, when he was wounded on the Somme, and as a result of his wounds he was totally blinded. He came to St. Dunstan's and was trained as a poultry farmer and mat-maker, and for a number of years continued only with the latter occupation. His health began to fail some time ago, but his death, which occurred at his home on January 10th, was unexpected.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades was among the flowers at the funeral, where St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. Sherratt.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Green.

### Private Albert Henry Collins, 12th Durham Light Infantry

With deep regret we record the death of A. H. Collins, of Potto.

Although he served from 1916 to 1919, he did not come under St. Dunstan's care until 1933, when he was trained as a poultry farmer. He made a success of his little farm and, with other activities, led a very busy life. His death was very sudden; he died after a few days' illness in hospital.

Mr. Edwards, Poultry Visitor, and St. Dunstaners A. Smith and W. Ruddock represented St. Dunstan's at the funeral; among the flowers was a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

### Private Samuel Bakewell, 10th West Yorkshire Regiment

We record with deep regret the death of S. Bakewell, of Hanley.

Enlisting in 1916, he served for two years: being discharged in May, 1918, as a result of wounds received in France, which resulted in almost complete blindness. At St. Dunstan's he was trained as a boot repairer, but of late years had interested himself in a number of ventures, finally returning to work in a factory.

Two attacks of pneumonia within a very short time greatly weakened him, and he died at his home on January 21st. A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades was amongst the flowers at the funeral.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his wife and children.

### Private Francis Victor Bond, 3rd Somerset Light Infantry

It is with deep regret that we record the death of F. V. Bond, of Larkhall, Bath.

Wounded in August, 1916, he came to St. Dunstan's two months later and was trained in boot repairing, mat-making and typewriting. From 1926 to 1943 he was employed in the Bath Workshop for the Blind, both as a boot repairing and mat instructor.

He was admitted to the Royal United Hospital, Bath, in September of last year, suffering from head pains, but was discharged a month later and his wife nursed him at home until January of this year, when he was again admitted to hospital, where he died on February 5th.

He was buried in the Locksbrook Cemetery and St. Dunstan's was represented by St. Dunstaners Cheal, Tucker, and Sterno—the latter also representing the British Legion. Many beautiful wreaths were received, including one from Sir Ian Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and children.

### Private Lionel Cecil Rupert Jenkins, 36th Training Reserve Regiment

With deep regret we record the death of L. C. R. Jenkins, of Bristol.

It was after a period of strenuous training in 1917 that his sight began to fail in his right eye. He came to St. Dunstan's and was trained in shorthand, typewriting and braille, and later took up a post as shorthand-typist with Messrs. Fry & Sons, Ltd., of Bristol, with whom he worked for thirteen years.

He was afterwards re-trained in telephony, and obtained a post as Telephonist at the Bristol Police Court, where he was working right up to the date of his sudden death on February 19th, after only a few hours' illness, death being due to broncho-pneumonia.

He was a most popular member of the staff, and his father, for he was a bachelor, has received many sympathetic letters from his colleagues.

The funeral took place at the Greenbank Cemetery, among those attending being Mr. J. A. Orme, Magistrates' Clerk, and other members of the same office, and St. Dunstan's was represented by St. Dunstaners A. B. Hill and F. R. Aubrey and their wives.

A wreath was sent from Sir Ian Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his father, brothers and sisters.

### Captain Angus Buchanan, V.C., M.C., Order of St. Vladimir, South Wales Borderers

We record with deep regret the death of Angus Buchanan, of Coleford, at the age of 49. He was the only holder of the Victoria Cross who was blinded in the last war.

After being wounded at Suvla Bay in 1915, he returned and won the Military Cross at Helles a few months later. He then went to Mesopotamia and four months later won the Victoria Cross. He was wounded for the second time on the evening of the same day and, as a result, lost his sight.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1917 and studied law, later entering the firm of Messrs. Taylor & Buchanan, Solicitors, Coleford. During the last ten or twelve years he has carried on the business alone.

He was a fine sportsman (he rowed for his College, at Oxford) and to commemorate his bravery the people of Coleford provided a recreation ground and a playground for children, which bore his name.