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For Men and Women Blinded on War Service

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### Double Handicap

**A** MAN who had lost both his eyes and one hand successfully worked a lathe at the Back to Work exhibition in London recently. His work was commended and he is now in employment. Another St. Dunstaner who has lost a hand has been placed in employment as a lift operator. He is doing well. A third is just starting work as a telephone operator. He has mastered the switch board and writes shorthand with one hand. Other one-handed St. Dunstaners are training for a variety of occupations and to enjoy a number of hobbies.

For the men who have lost both their hands as well as their eyesight there is progress also, though it is at present slow and difficult. A few have repeater watches in a specially designed case, with a plunger that can be operated by pressure while the watch is in the pocket. We are trying to get more of these watches, so that each man may have one as quickly as possible. We are experimenting with a Talking Book machine, which the handless man can work himself. We have made one model, which is being used by one St. Dunstaner. It is fairly successful for a first design, but we are hoping greatly to improve future models. One man, who has practically a double amputation, is learning to play the trombone. Others, who have musical talent, will no doubt follow with this instrument or others that are specially suitable or can be adapted. We are making a special study of artificial limbs, and are trying to equip our own workshop to carry out experimental work to make them more useful to our single and double amputation cases. It does not follow that artificial limbs designed for the sighted are necessarily best for the blind, and we may have to do some original work on this subject.

We are hoping to place a handless man as a lift operator, and our Experimental Workshop has reached an advanced stage in collaboration with the General Post Office engineers in the construction of a dummy semi-automatic telephone switchboard to test the possibilities of telephone operating for a handless man.

Recently I had a talk with all the men whose hands have been damaged or have been amputated, in our Hospital and at our Training Centre, so as to try and inform myself of their personal difficulties. I hope that a number of inventions—some small and simple, some much more elaborate—will emerge from the ideas I have collected and the thought my staff and I are giving to this very important subject.

This morning I had a talk by means of the hand language with a man who is totally blind and totally deaf. He was impatient when I sought to discuss his own affairs. "Tell me about the invasion," he said, "I wish I was in it." I am going to see him to-morrow to condense the news for him.

I remember with pride a number of St. Dunstaners of the old war who conquered two disabilities, namely, blindness and the loss of limbs or hearing. I am sure St. Dunstaners, as a whole, will agree with me that nothing in the way of special care, special thought and special expense must be spared to help the fellows who come out of this war with double disabilities to as active a life as may be possible. Unfortunately, there is much a higher proportion of them this time than last, but nothing will defeat their wonderful spirit.

IAN FRASER.

### Honours

Many congratulations to the Rev. Geoffrey Treglown, now at St. Dunstan's, Church Stretton, who has been awarded the M.B.E. for his bravery and initiative when a stick of gelignite fell near him during operations in this country. With other officers, he was crawling through a ditch when the gelignite fell into the ditch. Realising that all officers around him would be liable to very serious injury, he deliberately picked it up, but before he could throw it clear the charge exploded, causing him serious injury. The Rev. Treglown, was a Methodist Army Chaplain. His injuries, in addition to the loss of his sight, include the loss of his right hand and other wounds in his left hand. His home is in Cornwall, but he was a minister in Ilford before joining up.

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Our congratulations, too, to Acting Wing Commander David Mawhood, R.A.F.O., who has been mentioned in despatches in the Honours List, recently published. As Flying Officer David Mawhood he came to us at Brighton in the early days of this war, but recovered enough sight to return to the Royal Air Force.

### St. Dunstan's Student Gets a First

At Cambridge on Tuesday, June 20th, Flying Officer E. K. Kitson was awarded a first class Honours Degree in Law. After he was blinded in action in 1940, Flying Officer Kitson came to St. Dunstan's to study braille and typewriting, and undertake preliminary economics and law reading before proceeding to Corpus Christi College at Cambridge University.

We offer him our warm congratulations.

### Other News

Air Commodore Patrick Huskinson, the bomb expert, who was blinded in a London air raid, and is now engaged at the Air Ministry on work of the highest importance, has just visited the United States for secret conferences with American experts. Mrs. Roosevelt said, after meeting him: "He is an inspiration to all who meet him."

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A pamphlet by F. Le Gros Clerk has just been issued by the "Russia To-day Society" on "The Care of the Blind in Soviet Russia," and shows how the Soviet Government has attacked the problem of blindness in recent years. As recently as 1926 the number of blind people had fallen to 234,000, and since then there has been a much bigger reduction in their total number.

Many congratulations to C. J. Walker, of Hanwell, who has recently passed the Ministry of Labour "M" course in Production Planning. His subjects were general principles of foremanship and supervision; elements of labour management, and costing and remuneration.

V. Dale, of Midhurst, was very busy organising a Draw in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Fund when we last heard of him. He had given a lady's B.S.A. bicycle, fully equipped, as the prize, and with another ten days to go it had already raised £55 against a target of £100.

J. W. Boothman, of Salford, has won the first prize three times in six weeks at various whist drives.

A mat with a red, white and blue centre piece, and a "V" in blue, made by A. W. Ballard, of Sherwood, Nottingham, realised £5 18s. 6d. for the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund.

### The Derby Sweepstake, 1944

The draw for the Derby Sweepstake took place at 9-11 Park Crescent on Wednesday, June 14th, and was made by St. Dunstaners F. Cook, of Rainham (new war) and "Tiny" Northcott. Many members of the staff were present, including Messrs. Ottaway, Mace and Payne, Miss Morrah, Miss Wilson, and the Editor of the REVIEW.

The result of the draw was as follows:

Horse	Ticket No.	Name
ABBOTT'S FELL	1459	J. McDonough, Birmingham.
BLUE ARCHER	1697	L. Northwood, Church Stretton
EFFERVESCENCE	1526	R. W. Shave, Osmington
FAIR GLINT	1321	W. H. Giles, Wolverhampton
GARDEN PATH	1	A. Charman, Ewell
GREAT AUK	1403	E. S. Hayter, Kingston
GROWING CONFIDENCE	1794	C. Chadwick, Church Stretton
HIGH PROFIT	1210	J. H. W. Porter, Bury St. Edmunds
HAPPY LANDING	556	G. E. G. RUSHTON, Cullercoats.
HIS EXCELLENCY	524	D. Munro, Yeovil
HYDER ALI	780	H. E. Preeedy, N.16
LORD BOBS	1135	J. E. Bell, Canvey
MUSTANG	1419	S. Duncan, Carshalton
OCEAN SWELL	1408	E. S. Hayter, Kingston
ORESTES	1038	A. Burrell, Kenley
RAMESES	129	S. Catlow, Nelson
ROCKEFELLA	1072	V. Alderson, Baildon
ROYAL ARCH	1450	W. Judd, Hillingdon
RUTHLESS	905	G. Hill, Gloucester
SALVER	65	C. E. Temperton, West-house
ST. ATHANS	19	F. G. Trendall, Penn.
TEHRAN	540	G. A. Millen, Bibury
THE SOLICITOR	705	T. Cheal, Saltford
TREBLE CROWN	940	W. Shute, Braintree
VIGOROUS	1815	W. T. Scott, Streatham
WOOD COY	595	T. S. Millard, New Tredegar
THE FIELD	1181	T. Thorpe, Torrisholme

This year's competition had an excellent result. 1,825 tickets were sold—a total of £228 2s. 6d. As announced in the April REVIEW, 10 per cent. was devoted to the Comforts Fund, which therefore benefits to the extent of £22 16s. 3d. After deducting £5 6s. 3d. to cover the cost of printing and postage, a balance of £200 was left to be distributed in accordance with the printed rules.

First (50%)	£100	E. S. Hayter, Kingston.
Second (20%)	£40	G. A. Millen, Bibury.
Third (10%)	£20	G. E. G. Rushton, Cullercoats.

Effervescence, Great Auk, Rockefella, Ruthless and Vigorous did not start in the

race. Holders of tickets for the remaining seventeen runners share £40 and receive £2 7s. each, leaving a balance of 1s., which has been added to the Comforts Fund.

The three big prizes are being paid in National Savings certificates.

### Letters to the Editor

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

DEAR SIR,

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Chairman on his fine article and report, contained in the recent issue of the REVIEW. It is very gratifying to all St. Dunstaners to know that, after so many years of effort, St. Dunstan's still stands high in the public mind. Great credit for all this is due to the Chairman for his unselfish efforts on our behalf. The excellent work of Mr. Askew and his staff are greatly commendable. I was interested to note that the training of the men now includes such subjects as history, geography, etc. I consider this is a fine idea, and my only regret is that such lectures were not available to us during the period of my training. A fertile and seeking mind is a great asset to the sightless person, and I feel that much good should come from the adoption of these matters in the scheme of training.

Yours sincerely,

Guildford.

R. E. L.

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

DEAR SIR,

A friend of mine has for some years been carrying on the business of raising pigs. Each year he has made a loss. Since the coming into operation of the quota system, the restriction on production, together with compensation, he has for the first time made a profit by not raising pigs. My business is "wonky." I thought, therefore, that I too might go into the business of not raising pigs. I therefore seek your advice as an expert. Could you please advise me what breed of pig is the most profitable not to raise? Could you advise me as to the best district in which not to raise pigs? Also as to the best type of food on which not to raise them? I am not a greedy man, and for the first year I would be content not to raise about 200 pigs. But I hope, in a few years, with the expansion which attends all good businesses, not to raise about 2,000 pigs.

Yours, etc.,

AMBITIOUS ST. DUNSTANER.

### Church Stretton Notes

What delightful things friends think of to do for us! An Ordnance Factory in the West not only collected £100 for St. Dunstan's, but invited a deputation down to receive it. Paddy Campbell (with us again for further training), Llewellyn Davies and Tommy Gaygen went down and were royally entertained—tea with the Lord Mayor in his parlour, theatre and overseas club, etc. People *are* kind.

On Saturday, May 20th, the Bishop of Hereford took a confirmation in Longmynd Hut; we always appreciate his visits and interest. The Rev. G. Treglown, C.F. (Methodist), a patient at Tiger Hall, also attended, and has been helping our Padre, preaching one Sunday at both Longmynd and Brockhurst.

Brockhurst organised a wonderful Treasure Hunt one Saturday; Jock Steele and his daughter Alison secured practically all the fifteen items, including a bottle of beer, a fresh laid egg, a half-knitted sock on its needles, two 1s. bus tickets, and an uncooked sausage! After refreshments and games, four teams stood up to a Quiz, Brockhurst Staff coming out first; has everyone now discovered who *was* the father of Zebedee's two sons?

Another welcome to our faithful friends, the Croft Hermits Repertory Company, of Shrewsbury, in "Passing Brompton Road." Whether in tragedy, drama, farce or thriller they never fail to hold their audience. Many thanks.

Two Ensa all-feminine castes (A1) have given us excellent shows, the first being the play "Nine Till Six." The second one was a triple bill: "Women of the Jury," a social plot, "A Mirror to Elizabeth," an historical setting; and "The Goose Chase," a domestic comedy. All six players "put across" just the right atmosphere in each very different case very successfully.

The Musical Circle arranged a delightful C.E.M.A. evening in Longmynd Hut, when Geoffrey Dams, tenor, ensured our enjoyment, ably assisted by Miss Ethel Davies, contralto, and Miss Ethel Cook, a "wizard" pianist; it was lovely to hear many old favourites so perfectly rendered.

Then dances galore: R.A.O.C. Nesseliffes Band at the Hall; Toc H at Morris's Ballroom, Shrewsbury; Pioneer Band at the Hall; the I.T.C. Band, and again at Ludlow

Ladies Hall,' etc. Whit Monday was a holiday (what *did* the thermometer rise to?), when some availed themselves of the bus, cinema, tea and dance (Ternhill Band) at Ludlow. Others sought the fresher air of the hills; Brockhurst swimming pool was very popular.

In the summer young men's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of—sports; a Committee has been formed to organise practices, not only for beating past records, but also for providing fitness and enjoyment meanwhile.

A special visitor has been Mr. M. S. Ell, who lost both arms in Loos in 1915, was taken prisoner, and subsequently repatriated: he evidently fully enjoys life, including his old career of chartered accountant, and is "persona grata"—and a help—to those here under similar handicaps.

Three trainees have left us: Fred Mills to take up market gardening under T. H. Cheal, an old St. Dunstaner; P. Clarke, to industrial work in London; and A. Wigglesworth, who will shortly be taking up work as a telephonist.

The Rev. Dennis Pettitt was ordained Priest at Peterborough Cathedral on Trinity Sunday—he was so welcome a visitor last summer, we must try and lure him back.

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We welcome to our ranks S. A. Belsham, of the Metropolitan Police, who was blinded in an air raid, but who will not be able to come to Church Stretton for training. A last war St. Dunstaner, T. Floyd, is teaching him braille, and he is making fine progress.

### More Prisoners of War Return

Three St. Dunstaners from German prison camps were among the party of repatriated prisoners of war who recently arrived in this country. They were L-Cpl. W. Atherton, of Widnes, Pte. R. D. Adams, of Redhill, and W-Bdr. H. Butler, of Edgware. At Liverpool, to meet them, was Air Commodore G. B. Dacre, Commandant at Church Stretton, and Matron Pain, who were accompanied by Pte. Stanley Hart, of Liverpool, who was himself among the blinded prisoners of war repatriated last November, and who is now at St. Dunstan's.

### Awaiting Discharge

Horace Sheppard, son of our late St. Dunstaner, of Warminster, has been wounded and is now awaiting his discharge.

From "Reynold's News," May 28th—

### Illegal Newspaper in Braille

An underground newspaper in braille for the benefit of blind people is the latest feat of the Danish Patriots, Stockholm Radio has reported.

The State Home for Blind Persons in Odensgade, Copenhagen, was visited by the Patriots, who persuaded the blind printers there to produce several sheets in braille characters. They paid for the material used and for the work done.

The Gestapo learned of the incident when they discovered some of the braille newspapers. But no trace of the Patriots could be found.

### Golden Wedding

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. Southen, of Folkestone, whom, we hear, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 22nd of last year.

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to the following, who are celebrating silver wedding anniversaries:—

Mr. and Mrs. G. Firth, Heswall, April 15th; Mr. and Mrs. W. Tremble, Knaresborough, May 17th; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Williamson, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, May 19th; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Collyer, Kingsbury, May 20th; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hammett, Carterton, May 31st; Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson, Trowbridge, June 1st; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Colclough, Hanley, June 1st; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hayes, Nottingham, June 7th; Mr. and Mrs. R. Pidcock, East Leake, June 9th; Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaffney, Salford, June 14th; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Saxon, Stoke-on-Trent, June 16th; Mr. and Mrs. C. Gover, Acton, July 12th; Mr. and Mrs. E. Squires, Ringwood, August 2nd.

And two silver weddings which have only just come to our notice: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gunn, Gravesend, July, 1942; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Pearson, Prestwich, October 3rd, 1942.

### From New South Wales

The following cable has been received from Captain Gilbert Nobbs, of the New South Wales Blinded Soldiers' Committee:

"N.S.W. Blinded Soldiers of 1939 war at second Victory Dinner celebrating Victory over Blindness send greetings to St. Dunstaners."

### American War-Blinded

The "Outlook for the Blind," published in New York, writes:

As we go to press, we learn that plans to train the war-blind have been announced by Secretary of State of War, Henry L. Stimson.

Men blinded in the war will receive social adjustment training at a new Army medical centre before their release.

Under an agreement among the Army, Navy, War Manpower Commission and Veterans' Administration, the Army will establish the centre for blinded veterans of all the armed services. It will be directed by Col. Frederic Thorne, eye-specialist, now on duty at Valley Forge General Hospital.

Mr. Stimson said that, thus far, seventy-three men had been totally blinded in the war, seventy in the Army and three in the Navy and Marine Corps.

It will be recalled that, by an arrangement with St. Dunstan's, Americans blinded in the European theatre of war may come to St. Dunstan's for a period, prior to their return to the United States, and a number have already done so.

Leading ophthalmic and general surgeons from the United States have visited St. Dunstan's in the past two years. All have been impressed with the methods and effects of the training given to our men.

### Old Razor Blades

A St. Dunstaner sends us this tip for lengthening the life of old razor blades. Many readers will know that they can be sharpened on a tumbler, but he suggests that the tumbler should be filled with warm water, so that when the blade is being rubbed it is immersed. Rub very firmly in the centre of the blade with a circular or up and down motion. After rubbing for a minute or so press evenly in the centre.

### What to do with Corsets

Sir Walter Womersley, the Minister of Pensions, recently received the following letter:—

"Dear Sir,—Would you send me a permit for corsets as my Approved Society referred me to you."

The Staff Journal of the Ministry comments: "Our instructions did not cover the disposal of this application, but the procedure is now being tightened up!"

### Young St. Dunstaners

Geoffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanners, of High Wycombe, has been four times mentioned in despatches and has now got his oak leaves. He has also been recommended for the Military Medal.

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Francis Durkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Durkin, who joined the Royal Air Force as a Boy Apprentice, has been released by the R.A.F. to allow him to take up a civilian appointment as a Ground Engineer with the British Overseas Airways Corporation in Cairo. The appointment is a most important and remunerative one, and carries with it a good pension, excellent leave with full pay, and, when the war is over, facilities for his wife to join him. He is only twenty-three.

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A Military Correspondent in the *Romford Times* wrote that he had met Gunner Gordon Boulwood in a leave camp on the shores of the Mediterranean. Gordon, who was always a keen footballer, told him that in the Middle East, if you want to play, you have to set to work with the shovel, saw and nails and make your own goals and pitch.

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Christine McLoughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McLoughlin, of Dublin, only just missed winning the Solo Singing Competition for her section in the All Ireland Open Musical Competition. In view of her age—she will still be eligible for another four years—her performance was excellent.

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Charlie Watts (Montrose), son of our late St. Dunstaner, who has been fourteen years in America, has arrived in this country with a contingent of Americans.

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News from G. Genet, of Christchurch, New Zealand, of his family's part in winning this war. His eldest son is overseas with the Army, the second is in the Navy working for a commission, and the youngest one is waiting to be called for the Air Force. His daughter has been accepted for service overseas with the Nursing Division.

### Missing

We have heard with great regret that John Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of Manchester, has been reported missing on operations between May 11th and 12th.

### Wounded

Dunstan Champniss, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Champniss, of Bobingdon, who is in the Royal Navy, has been wounded in the invasion of Europe and is now in hospital in this country.

### Marriages

Laura Elizabeth Thompson (London, W.9), on May 2nd, to Flying Officer P. J. Shuter.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jordan (Norbury), on April 5th, to Miss Margaret Stares.

William Raymond Rodgers (Barrow-in-Furness), to Miss Marian Fallowfield-Joel, on April 12th; and L.A.C. Augustus Henry Rodgers to Miss Margaret Venton, on April 19th.

Peggy Chaffin (Leighton Buzzard), a Sergeant in the A.T.S., attached Royal Corps of Signals, to Company Sergt. Major Joseph Simonite, also of the Royal Corps of Signals. The wedding took place in Egypt on April 1st.

Madge Temperton (Carnforth) to Wilfred Silverwood, R.N., on May 10th.

Molly Paterson (Thirsk) to L-Cpl. E. A. Smith, R.E.M.E.

Marie Rose Collinge (Blackpool), on May 17th, to William Godbold, Merchant Navy.

Marine N. A. Cashmore (Handsworth), on May 6th, to Miss Dorothy Worrad.

Dorothy Joyce Wainman (Hessle), on April 18th, to Edward Moody.

Cpl. Instr. Alfred Bishop (Peacehaven), on June 17th, to Myra Smith, W.A.A.F.

Eileen, his sister, was married to Laurence Griffiths in November, 1941.

Mavis Rees (Stansted), on May 20th.

Tom Moore (Folkestone) to Miss Joan Taylor, of Chatham, on February 22nd.

### Tall Stories

According to a writer in a recent number of the *Spectator*, some curious history is being retailed to American soldiers by uninformed if good intentioned guides to London's historic buildings. Among the statements the writer has heard are that St. Dunstan's chapel is much frequented by the blind; the Whispering Gallery is where the Dean stands to speak to the people, and that Sir Joshua Reynolds played the organ at Westminster Abbey.

### Sons and Daughters in the Services

BARLEY, Pte. J., N.C.I.D.

BENTLEY, O/S. W. (Gorton), Royal Navy.

BEST, Trooper, L. W., Royal Tank Regt.

BEST, Pte. N. A., Royal West Kent Regt.

BROCKIE, Pte. E. H.

BUCHANAN, Cpl. H. E. (Wood Green), Royal Air Force.

CAMPBELL, May, W.R.N.S.

COLCLOUGH, A.B.A., Royal Navy.

COOK, Joan (Walthamstow), W.R.N.S.

DENNIS, Wren Daphne (Portsmouth), W.R.N.S.

DENNIS, L/Cpl. R. A. G. (Portsmouth), R.E.M.A.

DUNCAN, Sergt. D. A. (Carshalton), Royal Air Force.

EDWARDS, A-Mc. S. J. (Tottenham), Royal Navy.

FEARN, Pte. G., Lancashire Regt.

FLOYD, L.A.C. J. D. A., R.C.A.F.

GIBSON, Alan (New South Wales, Australia), Australian Air Force.

GREAVES, S/Leader D. W., Royal Navy.

GREENACRE Pte. A., P.T.W.

GREENACRE, Gnr. R., Military Hospital.

HILL, Ethel (Tideswell), A.T.S.

JACKSON, A.C. T., Royal Air Force.

JACKSON, Driver P., R.A.S.C.

JOLLY, Cpl. A. (East Ham), Royal West Kents.

KIRK, Rifleman C. T. (Lancing), K.R.R.C.

KIRK, A.C.1 J. A. (Lancing), Royal Air Force.

MARSHALL, P.O. C. L. (Southchurch), Royal Navy.

MARSHALL, Cpl. P. (Southchurch), Royal Artillery.

NICHOLS, L.A.C. Peter (Colindale), Royal Air Force.

O'BRIEN, Pte. E. (Skelmersdale), R.A.S.C.

O'BRIEN, Pte. F. D. (Skelmersdale), Hampshire Regt.

O'HARA, Gunner P. (Clara), Royal Artillery.

PARNELL, Marine J. A., Royal Marines.

POLLEY, Pte. G. J.

SCALLY, Marine John, Royal Marines.

SCOTT, L.A.C. Leslie (Langley), Royal Air Force.

SHEPPARD, A.C.2 C. (Warminster), Royal Air Force.

SHEPPARD, Sapper K. (Warminster), Royal

Engineers.

SHREAD, Ldng. W-M. J. R. (Royal Navy).

SMITH, A.C.2 W. (Golcar), Royal Air Force.

STEPHENSON, A.B. (Gillingham), Royal Navy.

STEPHENSON, Pte. A. F. (Brighton), Royal Sussex

Regt.

STEVENSON, L.A.C. E. A. (Brighton), Royal Air

Force.

STOCK, Pte. E. H. (Ross-on-Wye), I.T.C.

TAYLOR, A. G. (Lye), Royal Air Force.

TAYLOR, Sgt. H. D. (Lye), Royal Air Force.

TRENDELL, Trooper I. A., Fife and Forfar Yeomanry

WHITHAM, A.C.W. E., Royal Air Force.

WHITHAM, Pte. R., D.W. Regt.

WHITTINGSLOW, John, Royal Navy.

WILKIE, Rfimb. E. (Horninglow), The Cameronians.

WILLIAMS, Sergt. H. B. (Hampton), Royal Artillery.

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A third son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Greenacre, of Dunstable, has been directed to the mines. Good luck to our first "Bevin boy."

### Promotions

Leslie Wild, son of the late A. Wild, and Mrs. Wild, to the rank of Captain in the Royal Marines.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Attrell, of Polegate, to Staff Sergeant.

Peter Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox, of Bedhampton, to Petty Officer.

Leslie and Sidney Back, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Back, of Teignmouth, both to Petty Officers.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leeman, of Louth, to the rank of First Officer in the Merchant Navy.

Robin Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nash, of St. Leonard's, is now a Leading Motor Mechanic, acting Petty Officer.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Abbey, Lightwater, to Leading Wren.

Jack, son of the late W. J. Sim, and Mrs. Sim, of Aberdeen, to Petty Officer.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, of Letham, to Flight Mechanic.

John Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Floyd, of Broadway, Worcs., to Leading Aircraftman.

Arthur Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey, of Ramsgate, to a First Lieutenant.

The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Firth, of Heswall, to the rank of full Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery.

Edward Brazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brazier, of Herne Bay, to Leading Aircraftman, R.A.F.

### Canine Notes

My friend, Mr. Frank Warren, of Illinois, U.S.A., who is a manufacturer of dog foods, gives me some interesting facts about the state of dogdom in that country. What surprises me most is the varied and valuable ingredients which are included (or were) in his dog food. Here they are:

Dehydrated meat, liver meal, fish meal, toasted flaked wheat with barley malt, oil meal, alfalfa leaf meal, dried tomato pulp, bone meal, cod liver oil, brewer's-type yeast, wheat bran, and sodium chloride.

H. MARSDEN.

## " In Memory "

### Private Sidney Evans, Royal Army Medical Corps

With deep regret we record the death of S. Evans, of Bispham, which occurred at our Blackpool Home on April 21st.

Enlisting on October 5th, 1914, he was wounded at Cambrai, in October, 1918, and came to St. Dunstan's soon afterwards. He was trained as a basket maker and carried on with this until 1941, although his health at all times was not good. For many months before his death he was a very sick man. During a stay at our Home at Blackpool he suddenly collapsed and died soon afterwards.

He was laid to rest in the little churchyard of Bispham Village Church, and the many wreaths included one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's, and another from all at the Blackpool Home. St. Dunstan G. Birkett, who was his very good friend, represented our men at the Blackpool Home, and Sisters Berry and Gornall also attended. Matron Vaughan Davies represented St. Dunstan's.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Evans, who is herself recovering from a very serious illness, and to her daughter in their great loss.

### Private G. Butts, 1-5th Welsh Regiment

We record with deep regret the death of G. Butts, of Mountain Ash.

He had been in the Army for eleven months when war broke out in 1914, and he was wounded at Gaza in May, 1917.

At St. Dunstan's he was trained in boot repairing and mat-making, concentrating on the latter.

He had suffered for many weeks before his death on April 24th, at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, with whom he had lived since 1936.

The funeral took place at Mountain Ash, and among the many wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and four of his many friends acted as bearers.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his brother and sister-in-law in their bereavement.

### William Moynihan, Royal Air Force

With deep regret we record the death of W. Moynihan, of Cork.

Although he was only admitted to St. Dunstan's benefits on February 8th of this year, he had served with the R.A.F. from 1917 to 1919. When he came under our notice, he was too old for training and, in addition to blindness, suffering from heart trouble. He died in hospital and we extend our deepest sympathy to his son, who has cared for him for a number of years.

St. Dunstaners J. Twoomey and P. Condon attended the funeral. A wreath from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's was laid on the grave.

### Private Samuel Hill, 9th Worcestershire Regt.

We have to record, with deep regret, the death of S. Hill. He served from November, 1914, until he was wounded in Mesopotamia in April, 1916, as a result of which he lost the sight of both eyes. Coming to St. Dunstan's in June, 1916, he was trained as a telephonist and held various posts until June, 1943, when he gave up work to live in the country with relatives. He died there suddenly on April 24th. A wreath was sent from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

## Births

ALLEN.—On May 24th, to the wife of W. Allen, of Aldershot, a second daughter.

DUDLEY.—On June 10th, to the wife of E. Dudley, of Croydon (new war), a son—Michael Edward.

HORGAN.—On May 3rd, to the wife of D. Horgan, of Cork, a daughter, Hannah.

THOMPSON.—On June 7th, to the wife of L. Thompson, D.C.M., of Gateshead (new war),—a son.

## Marriages

HEALEY—INMAN.—On June 13th, J. G. H. Healey to Miss Amy Inman.

RYAN—BUCKLEY.—On April 29th, John Ryan, of Newton-le-Willows, to Mary Buckley, at Watergrass Hill, in the County of Cork.

WEBSTER—GORNALL.—On June 10th, Gilbert J. Webster, of Bradford, to Sister Gornall, late of the Blackpool Home.

## Deaths

We extend our deep sympathy to the following:—

COONEY.—To J. Cooney, of Worthing, whose wife passed away on Sunday, May 28th, after a long illness.

MCDONOUGH.—To J. McDonough, now of Blackpool, who has also recently suffered the loss of his wife.

## Killed in Action

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bates, of Oakengates, whose son, James, was killed in action in Burma on May 4th.

We have also heard, with deepest regret, of the death in action in June, 1944, of Lieut. Gerald Toft, elder son of the late Edmund Toft, and Mrs. Violette Toft. Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Toft and her son, Donald, in their great loss.