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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

THE traditional blind man taps his way along the pavement. Why does he tap the pavement with his stick? Perhaps to warn himself when he is coming to a step, perhaps to warn passers-by to get out of the way, perhaps to call attention to his selling of bootlaces or desire for alms. No doubt some or all of these reasons are valid in certain cases. But I think there is another reason which doesn't occur to most people, and hasn't even occurred to the blind person himself. If you are walking about alone, and you cannot see, you depend for guiding yourself upon what you hear, and what you hear in a busy street is a confused jumble of noises made up of direct sounds from the traffic and the footsteps of the passers-by and their conversation, and also the echoes from all these sounds. In this confusion it is a great help to have a clear sound coming from a fixed point in relation to yourself, and causing its own echo to tell you where the obstacles are. The tap of the stick on the pavement is just such a sound: it always comes from a point just in front of your own feet, and it brings you an echo from the neighbouring wall, which may be close at hand, or from the wall on the other side of the street, which is further away, or from the house opposite. It tells you where you are.

I believe the blind man, without knowing it, was using a method of radiolocation without the radio; shall we call it sound location?

This idea set me thinking, and the knowledge that our scientists had discovered how to tell where enemy aircraft were high up in the air and out of sight, and how many there were and at what distance they were, made me think that the time had come for an investigation of this matter. Radiolocation after all, is an art which enables men to "see" objects that are invisible, and to determine their direction and distance. This is the blind man's problem when he is finding his way about alone.

I was turning this matter over in my mind when a number of things happened, all within a few weeks of each other. Captain H. G. Round, M.C., an inventor, who made his name and fame by producing some of the first amplifying valves, and by direction finding the German fleet in the last war, and who contributed much to the art of broadcasting and acoustics generally, came to me and said that some experiments he had been making might be of use to the blind. I asked him to continue these, and he proceeded to do so. About the same time, Air Commodore Dacre became Commandant at Church Stretton, and with his knowledge of radiolocation as applied to enemy aircraft, he suggested to me that I get in touch with the Air Ministry scientists, to see what their secrets would reveal for the blind. Within a day or two of these two events, I heard that our friends in America were thinking

of the same idea, and an old friend of mine, Professor Adrian, whom I had consulted years ago as to the possibility of applying television for the production of artificial sight, wrote to me to say that he had heard of similar thoughts and experiments being made in the United States.

Shakespeare said: "Troubles come not single spies but in battalions." So do ideas.

I visited the Air Ministry experts. I am ascertaining what is being done in the United States, and Captain Round is already far advanced with some models of some interesting apparatus which we shall shortly put under test. An instrument that will tell you that there is an object in the way and roughly how far away it is, and what is its direction might be of some use. Of course, the trouble is that the instrument, at first, may probably be extremely heavy and clumsy and difficult to use, but everything has its beginnings. Do not let any of my readers imagine that we are near to providing a kind of artificial or synthetic sight—nothing of the kind, but no development in science that might be of the slightest use to a single blind man, even in a very special set of circumstances, should be neglected, and I only put this on record because I am sure that a great many St. Dunstaners who are technically minded will have given it some thought themselves.

The other day I had the very great pleasure, on a beautiful afternoon, of attending the sports meeting at Church Stretton. It was one of the best sports meetings I have ever attended. The whole programme was carried through with efficiency and on time, which is so remarkable for a sports meeting. The events were varied, and contained some new contests, which we have not hitherto had at St. Dunstan's, and I thought the success of the day was a matter for congratulations for all at Church Stretton. The 75 yards sprint was remarkable. Some men covered the distance in 9 1/5th or 9 2/5th seconds, and one man covered it in 8 2/5th seconds.

In the old days we used to run in Regent's Park along a stretched wire, holding a guiding rod or line in the hand, which ran over the wire on a loop. The method at Church Stretton is to run towards a ringing house-bell. It seemed to me that it required considerable physical courage to set out at full bat in the dark towards this bell, but numbers of men were not only willing but eager to do it, and ran extraordinarily well. It seemed to me, and I confirmed it by conversation afterwards, that it was rather an indefinable noise to run to, and some of the men told me that during the last twenty or thirty yards it was very much easier than at first. The reason for this, of course, was that the nearer you got to the bell the more you heard it as a point of sound and the less you heard the confused echoes from the buildings around. When you are 75 yards away the ringing of the bell in the open air does not produce a pin-point of sound, but a general confused noise; it is true that the noise comes from a particular direction, but it is not very clear as to what is the exact direction. The organisers tried the experiment of ringing an electric bell through the loudspeaker which was there for announcements, but as the loudspeaker was rather high up, and was not directed in the right direction, it did not give a clear pin-point of sound, and this particular runner, Desmond Coupe, ran astray and fell over a chair. There was a gasp of apprehension amongst the spectators, but they were delighted to see that he wasn't hurt and, with remarkable pluck, he ran again, and ran extremely well.

This experience led to my talking to the Commandant about whether we could provide a better method of guiding the blind runner (and his experience of aircraft coming in in fog, not able to see where they were going and yet landing in the right place, and my experience of blindness), and we are trying out one or two ideas. Just as a searchlight concentrates the beams of light in one direction along a parallel beam, so we asked ourselves if a beam of sound could not be sent down the track towards the runner. Then came the further idea that the beam might be divided into some kind of a signal, which would give him a sound for the centre and a different sound for the right and for the left, just as the pilot of an aircraft is told by radio signals whether he is on the landing track or not. This idea is now being worked out by our own research department in London, with technical advice from Captain Round. We shall make some experiments shortly, and it will be interesting to see if anything comes of it.

I am not satisfied with braille machines. The Stainsby-Wayne has the great advantage that it is light and inexpensive, and writes on both sides, but it has many disadvantages.

It is very noisy, and you cannot read what you have written without turning the paper over. Most of the machines which I have seen, which write upwards, are very heavy and are expensive. The Stainsby-Wayne, moreover, is extremely difficult for a one-handed man to use, and there ought to be something better. We are doing some research work on this; we do not expect that we shall be able to produce anything new in a short time, or perhaps even while the war lasts, for labour of a skilled nature, and materials, are extremely hard to come by at the present time. Nevertheless it may interest St. Dunstaners to know that we are giving some thought to this matter.

We now have a fairly effective and fairly well staffed research department. Artificial hands, gadgets for use in artificial arms, special watches and typewriters for men who have one hand or no hands, a cigarette lighter for a man with no hands, a talking book machine for a man with no hands, and a number of other gadgets and inventions have either been made or are under consideration. An extremely skilful bit of work, done in co-operation with the General Post Office, is the production of a switchboard which, in conjunction with a new Post Office semi-automatic telephone exchange, may enable a man with no hands to become a telephone operator. This experiment is in its early stages, and we must not be disappointed if it presents us with many setbacks, and is not in the end a success, but it is progressing well. Three St. Dunstaners who have lost their hands are helping us to try to work it out. Dialling machines to help telephone operators to learn how to dial and to enable them to enter into competition with each other in the matter of dialling are other inventions which are on the way. The competition is to see who can dial ten numbers correctly the first. An automatic dialler which enables the telephone operator to get the numbers which he most frequently uses by pressing a button instead of by using the dial is another idea which is being worked out.

In addition to research on apparatus, we are conducting active research on new jobs for both hand and brain. It should be remembered that nine out of ten, or perhaps even a higher percentage, of all ideas come to nothing in the immediate present, or the near future, but they all teach us something about the world we live in, and now and then we strike a winner.

Mr. Ottaway's Retirement

Mr. W. H. Ottaway has retired from the service of St. Dunstan's. The important offices he held, and the consequence of his retirement, are referred to in detail on another page. As Superintendent of the Workshops during the latter part of the last war period he played a great part in the early training of many hundreds of older St. Dunstaners. Between the wars he occupied various positions in the After-Care organisation on both the social and the technical side. When this war began Mr. Ottaway was on the point of retirement, but I asked him if he would stay on for a few years and give us the benefit of his unrivalled knowledge and experience in connection with the Training Centre, and for some years he was chairman of the Staff Committee at Church Stretton, which advised what careers and occupations the new St. Dunstaners should follow. In the early months of this war he was responsible for an exceedingly valuable piece of research work, reviewing all the occupations followed by the older St. Dunstaners, assessing our successes and failures as a background for our study of professional, commercial and industrial activities.

Each St. Dunstaner will remember Mr. Ottaway differently, according to his contact with him. One memory may go back to the Workshop in Regent's Park; another to an interview, where understanding and friendly help were the keynote. I myself remember him for his wise and firm counsel in committee, and particularly, perhaps, presiding over after-care reunions all over the country, which were such an important feature of our peace-time St. Dunstan's.

Mr. Ottaway gave all he had to St. Dunstan's and to St. Dunstaners. That was much, for he is endowed with gifts of kindly thought and honesty of purpose above the average. The Council of St. Dunstan's owe him a debt of gratitude and will mark the occasion of his retirement by a presentation at their next Council Meeting.

All St. Dunstaners will, I know, wish him and Mrs. Ottaway the very best of good luck in his retirement. I commend to the notice of all St. Dunstaners the suggestion made to the Editor in another column by some of our Welsh comrades which will, I know, be

echoed from many parts of the country, that St. Dunstaners as a whole should join to make a presentation to Mr. Ottaway as a token of their affection.

Just as the last issue of the REVIEW was going to press, we recorded the death of Mrs. M. Moore, Telephony Instructress and After-Care Supervisor. Mrs. Moore made her own contribution to St. Dunstan's history by firmly establishing telephone operating as a commercial occupation of the greatest importance for a large body of our men. She was the first instructress, the first to place men in jobs, and for a lifetime she looked after their interests. She died in harness and, without doubt, her death was accelerated by her determination, in spite of her doctor's and my own personal persuasion, to carry on with her job. She will be remembered with affection by men and staff alike.

IAN FRASER.

Service Pensions

A New Concession

The Government have recently issued regulations under which percentage increases are made to certain Service pensions.

The regulations are somewhat complicated, and it is not proposed to detail them here, but if every man who is in receipt of a Service pension—whether it be in addition to his normal flat rate disability pension, or whether he receives it separately from any other source—will write to Mr. Askew, giving full details, he will go carefully into each case to see whether any increase is payable.

It will, of course, be understood that the only person who can be in receipt of a Service pension is a long-service man. A soldier who enlisted for the period of the Great War or the present war would not be eligible for a Service pension, and is not, therefore, affected by the present increase.

Education Allowances

Lord Teviot, D.S.O., M.C., a member of St. Dunstan's Council for the past twenty years, recently joined, with others, in the House of Lords to press the Government to improve widows' and children's allowances. The Government made a concession, under which education allowances for the children of all ranks may be raised to a maximum of £80 a year, and may be paid at the age of five years, instead of eight years.

The rules governing these allowances are:

- (a) That the circumstances of the family are such as to require the allowance, and
- (b) That the Minister of Pensions is satisfied that the type of education which the child is receiving, or is to receive, is suitable for the child, and that he would have been likely, having regard to his ability and the circumstances of the family, to receive an education of the same type if the pensioner had not been disabled.

St. Dunstaner becomes a Canon

We offer our warmest congratulations to our St. Dunstaner, W. G. Speight, formerly the Rev. Speight, of Palamcottah, India, upon whom a canonry has been conferred in recognition of his long service. On April 6th he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his arrival in India to take up his post as Principal of the Missionary School for the Blind, Palamcottah, in Southern India.

At the end of 1939 he returned to this country, where he was ordained by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and he returned to India shortly afterwards. His rapid rise from Deacon to Canon is exceptional in the ranks of blind or sighted, and is a tribute to his devoted service and fine leadership in the arduous work he has chosen. His school, which is a model of its kind in the Indian Empire, is proof of the amazing success he has achieved in this sphere; his new honour is well deserved, and will be welcomed by St. Dunstaners everywhere.

Another St. Dunstaner Honoured

Yet another St. Dunstaner has been honoured for bravery in the field. We send our congratulations to Sergt. Walter Such, of the Wiltshire Regiment, and now at our Training Centre at Church Stretton, who has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action in Italy.

Silver Weddings

Many congratulations to the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. C. Biggs, Sedgley, June 9th; Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas, Cranbrook, September 1st; Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Parbold, near Wigan, August 26th; Mr. and Mrs. H. Pugh, Finchley.

St. Dunstan's Bridge Club

On Saturday, September 2nd, the Bridge Club won its match against Dr. Paul Stern by 3,200. The Club has now won three matches out of four.

Mr. Ottaway Retires

St. Dunstaners will have read with great regret of the retirement of Mr. W. H. Ottaway.

Mr. Ottaway came to St. Dunstan's on February 28th, 1918. He was Workshops Superintendent in Regent's Park until April, 1928, when the transfer of the Workshops was made to Raglan Street, Kentish Town. He then took complete charge of the Workshops and Stores. At the end of 1932, upon the temporary appointment of Mr. Swain to the position of Appeals Organiser, Mr. Ottaway became Manager of the After-Care Department, being responsible for after-care reunions, technical and social visiting, and all technical matters in connection with the trades followed by St. Dunstaners. In 1937 Commander A. D. D. Smyth joined the staff, and Mr. Ottaway became Welfare Superintendent, Southern Area, while Commander Smyth was responsible for the Northern Area.

We hope the time is not too distant when Commander Smyth will join us again, to take an active part in our post-war welfare organisation.

Suggested Presentation

Information has reached the Editor that two groups of St. Dunstaners in Wales have expressed a wish to contribute to a presentation to Mr. Ottaway. We are sure that this will also be the wish of many other St. Dunstaners, and those who would like to be associated with such a gift are asked to send their subscriptions to Mr. Askew, who will gladly act as Hon. Treasurer.

Telephony Placement and After-Care

St. Dunstan's telephonists will wish to hear of the arrangements which have been made following the death of Mrs. Moore.

It will be realised that, with the advent of new war telephonists, and the fact of Mrs. Moore's poor health, it was necessary to make a second appointment. Miss M. M. Macdiarmid, of the London Telephone Region, was appointed, responsible to Mr. H. Bennett, whose function is to co-ordinate the placement and after-care of all men following commercial or industrial occupations.

Miss Macdiarmid will in future be responsible for the settlement and technical after-care of all telephone operators.

St. Dunstan's, India, Formally Opened

On July 17th, St. Dunstan's, India, was formally opened by His Excellency Sir Maurice Hallett, Governor of United Provinces. The weather was fine and sunny, the grounds were spick and span in consequence of excellent work by the gardeners and coolies, and the buildings looked well amid their lush, green trees. There was an imposing gathering of official and military representatives in Dehra Dun, and many members of the rich and influential Indian community were also present.

The bearing of St. Dunstan's men was magnificent. Their smartness and drill were first-rate, and their exhibition of work in their various departments could not have been bettered. After the inspection of the men, the formal opening took place in one of the new workshops. Sir Maurice Hallett, who is a firm friend of St. Dunstan's, stressed the immense advantage it was to India that St. Dunstan's should have opened a training centre in India, and he and other speakers earnestly hoped that it would soon lead to an attempt to attack the big problem of eye diseases and the tragedy of blindness throughout India.

There are now between thirty and forty blinded Indian soldiers at Dehra Dun undergoing training, and others have been reported and will shortly be admitted. The men are keen and cheerful, and the great majority are taking their courses very seriously.

Arrangements have now been made for British blinded casualties to be flown to the United Kingdom from India.

Births

ETHERINGTON.—To the wife of G. Etherington, of Windlesham, a daughter.

EVANS.—To the wife of A. C. Evans, of Newport, Mon., on July 23rd, a daughter.

PRETORIUS.—On July 5th, to the wife of D. P. Pretorius (South Africa), new war St. Dunstaner, a daughter.

Marriage

TREGLOWN—POOL.—On August 4th, at St. Dunstan's Chapel, Church Stretton, the Rev. Geoffrey L. Treglown, M.B.E., to Miss Beryl M. Pool.

Missing

We have heard with regret that George Green, son of our late St. Dunstaner, is reported wounded and missing.

Church Stretton Notes

To all who have been at Church Stretton the name of Messrs. Sheratts, the builders, will be familiar. One of their lorrymen, when out cycling one evening, met with a fatal accident, leaving a widow and three small children almost unprovided for. St. Dunstan's trainees saw an opening for service, promptly organised several money-making stunts, and were able to present Mrs. Price with £127. Good brothers!

After an eye operation in "Tiger," Padre Treglown's patience has been rewarded by a return of a certain amount of sight. He was married in the little St. Dunstan's chapel, the Rev. A. Nugee officiating.

Ronny Ettridge brought his baby girl to be christened there; all good wishes to Miss Sonia.

Elsie and Brenda, from Belmont, were confirmed by Bishop Nixon, after being prepared by our Padre; the Bishop's beautiful little private chapel made a perfect setting for the quiet, intimate service.

The sports, held at Brockhurst, were a big success, heartily enjoyed by competitors and crowds of admirers, and showing a high standard of achievement (despite short practice-time). After the flat race for sightless men, one onlooker kept repeating: "But it's just *impossible!*" Another outstanding event was the Open Relay Race, when St. Dunstan's asked to put in a team; they were only two seconds behind the (very fast) winning team from H.M. Forces. Two masters from Shrewsbury Schools gave kind and welcome help in the arrangements. The prizes were presented by Lady Fraser.

Then a Tug-of-War challenge (teams of eight) from the I.T.C. was accepted; despite some of our men being at a disadvantage with shoes on the concrete, it was three and a half minutes before the enemy could pull them over; at the second time they were again successful (through recovering more quickly); for the third pull they were blindfolded. Thereat St. Dunstaners just got them to the mark, but alas! feeling the queer antics of the rope was too much for our team, who dissolved in laughter!

Head Orderly Carter (Longmynd) is a welcome addition to our staff since Mr. Hawketts became absorbed in the extension works. Late sergeant in the Police Force (he was invalided out), he offered temporary help at St. Dunstan's during a snatched

holiday in Church Stretton, and is now welcomed permanently.

Mr. Bampton and Mr. Toner have happily organised two informal Concerts by Trainees, ably helped by Head Orderlies Fraser (Brockhurst) and Carter. Much talent is being discovered.

The crowning musical triumphs were two performances of "St. Dunstan's Revue" at the end of term; choruses, solos—vocal and instrumental, accordion band, saxophone trio, and a new departure, "The Rumba Band," provided a really good show. Johnny Lee's parting turn with Bill Phillips, "Fishing," was most spirited. But the peak item was "Carmen," choruses and solos all in gorgeous costume. Gwen, a gay, dazzling gipsy, richly deserved her bouquet, presented by an American trainee.

Then there was Brockhurst's party in the big hall, with 200 or more guests. Staff and trainees kept the fun going—from the opening chorus ("Sister, Sister, where's my —?"), the delicious "adjective report," which we hope Mr. Editor will find space for next month, and Brains Trust throughout the evening. Ronny Ettridge was compère at the microphone.

Again a list of delightful dance invitations and concert parties. We must not omit jolly visits from Tommy Trinder, with Teddy Foster and his Band, and the variety concert, featuring Anne Shelton.

The senior massage class delayed moving on to London in June, owing to fly bombs. Jock Steele has been ably coping with his three classes (21 students in all), with the temporary help of Don Baker and Geoff. Cock. But the seniors (Mike Delaney, Jim Delaney, R. Ettridge, J. Legge, and B. Purcell) will be going on to a house in Rickmansworth in September.

We are very glad that Tom Hart (ex prisoner of war), now expert telephonist, is staying with us as assistant telephony instructor. Special congratulations to him. Johnny Lee has a telephony post in Liverpool, also Alan Reynolds; Len Hullembly a capstan lathe job at Oldham; Alan Key goes to a factory in Nottingham; Elsie Aldred, breaking new ground, to telephony; Sally Ashurst to her own home; Mark Kingsnorth to help in his old job awaiting settlement; W. Sampson to poultry and joinery in his home; and Thelma Meredith to her home to make trays such as a two-handed worker might be proud of.

Congratulations to the following, who have passed tests:—

Typing.—N. Dugdale, J. C. Doughty, F. Howse, A. Palmer, F. Welch, R. Stephens, D. Faulkner, E. Griffiths, V. Kennard, A. Hobson, T. Caswell, H. Devonport, T. Barton, W. Such.

Braille (Interline Reading).—J. Hobbs, F. Treghorn, E. Pratt, W. Shea, J. Nicol, L. Davies, D. Coupe, V. Kennard.

Braille (Writing).—R. Kitt, M. Kingsnorth, K. Revis, S. Tutton, I. Darling, E. Foster, H. Petty.

W. Cadman's name was omitted last April from those who passed the braille writing test.

Sports Results

1. **Throwing the Cricket Ball**—
1, B. Phillips, 236ft. 4in.; 2, H. Petty, 217ft. 1in.; 3, D. Coupe, 216ft.
2. **70 Yards (totally blind)**—
1, B. Phillips, 8 2/5th secs.; 2, C. Beaumont-Edmonds, 9 secs.; 3, D. Faulkner, 9 2/5th secs.
3. **70 Yards (semi-sighted)**—
1, B. Morris, 8 4/5th secs.; 2, H. Devonport and A. Simpson (tied), 9 secs.
4. **Egg-and-Spoon Race (Blind Ladies)**—
1, Elsie Aldred; 2, Brenda Henderson; 3, Gwen Obern.
5. **House Relay**—
1, Longmynd, 37 3/5th secs.; 2, Brockhurst, 38 3/5th secs.; 3, Battlefield, 39 2/5th secs.
6. **Long Jump**—
1, B. Morris, 7ft. 10 1/2in.; 2, B. Phillips, 7ft. 10 1/2in.; 3, J. Cope, 7ft. 8in.
7. **Sack Race**—
1, A. Simpson; 2, H. Devonport; 3, G. Durrant.
8. **Veterans' Race**—
1, A/c. Dacre; 2, Mr. Bankes-Williams; 3, S/L. Bartlett.
9. **Throwing the Discus**—
1, D. Coupe, 86ft. 3in.; 2, B. Phillips, 81ft. 2in.; 3, K. Revis, 75ft. 11in.
10. **Three-legged Race**—
B. Morris, K. Revis, A. Simpson.
11. **Tandem Cycle "Tortoise" Race**—
1, Miss A. Purcell and C. Beaumont-Edmonds; 2, Lady Buckmaster and Bill Shea.
12. **Putting the Weight, Throwing the Medicine Ball**—
1, L. Cadman, 38ft. 7in.; 2, Bill Morris, 36ft. 7in.; 3, H. Petty, 36ft. 6in.
13. **Ladies' Race, Open**—
1, Mrs. Theobald; 2, Miss Hayes-Newington; 3, Muriel Jones.
14. **Walking Race**—
1, C. Chadwick; 2, B. Morris; 3, I. Galloway.
15. **Relay Race, Open**—
1, Monkmoor "A" Team, 34 1/5th secs.; 2, Monkmoor "B" Team, 35 2/5th secs.; 3, Shawbury, 35 4/5th secs.; 4, St. Dunstan's, 36 3/5th secs.
16. **Tug-of-War**—
Longmynd.

On Active Service

We have heard with deep regret of the death of a number of young St. Dunstaners on active service. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the following:—

To Mr. and Mrs. P. Sheridan, of Glasgow, whose son, Francis, has been killed in an accident in Tripoli.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown, of Nuneaton, whose son, Dennis, was killed in action in Normandy a short while after he had landed.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurst, of Great Longstone, whose son, Dick, has been killed in North-West Europe.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Weeks, of Bristol, whose son, Jesse, was killed in action in Normandy in July.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Treby, of Fordham, Colchester, whose son, John, lost his life in June during an operational training flight.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. Chambers, of Northenden, whose son, John, has been killed in the course of flying operations.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Briggs, of Norwich, whose eldest son has died as a result of wounds sustained in Normandy.

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy this month to the following:—

CROOK.—To A. P. V. Crook, of Shrewsbury, whose mother has died at the age of 92.

GREGORY.—To E. Gregory, of Aldham, whose wife passed away on September 13th after a long illness.

LYNCH.—To P. J. Lynch, of Sandringham, Australia, who lost his wife on Sept. 1st.

MURRAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, of Keady, Ireland, whose son has been killed as a result of enemy action. He leaves a widow and two small children.

SIMPSON.—To J. W. Simpson, of New Edlington, Doncaster, whose wife passed away on August 8th.

Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Moore's sisters wish to thank everybody, in all the various departments of St. Dunstan's, for their kind messages and sympathy at the time of their great bereavement.

They would especially like to thank all her men, both old and new, who, from the time she was taken ill up to the present day, have sent to express their sorrow at her loss, and their appreciation of her work for them.

"In Memory"

Private Charles Richard Newell, *Royal Fusiliers*

With deep regret we record the death of C. R. Newell, of Bamfurlong, which came very suddenly on June 24th, following a scratch on the leg whilst gardening.

Wounded in France in June, 1916, he came to St. Dunstan's three years later, where he was trained as a poultry farmer. He was most successful in his chosen profession.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades was among the many flowers. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and children in their bereavement.

Private Richard Alfred Clarke, *Royal Fusiliers and Middlesex Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of another of our poultry farmers, R. A. Clarke, of Gunnislake, Cornwall.

He was wounded in France in 1916, and came to St. Dunstan's early in 1917. He was a very successful poultry farmer, and worked right up to the time of his death, which took place on July 6th.

A wreath was sent for the funeral from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's. He leaves a widow and two children, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

Private Daniel Aherne, *Royal Army Medical Corps*

We record with deep regret the death of D. Aherne, of Cork.

He came to us as recently as 1938, his sight having failed as a result of gas received early in the last war. As he was no longer a young man, he did not take up serious training.

On July 9th he was on a visit to his brother, and was spending a happy evening with him when he collapsed in his chair and passed away.

St. Dunstaners D. Driscoll, J. Twoomey, P. Condon and M. Conroy attended the funeral, and among the flowers was a sheaf from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his relatives, and particularly to his sister, who has cared for him for many years.

Lance Corporal Henry Myford, *11th West Kent Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. Myford, of Croydon, at the early age of 46.

He was wounded at Ypres in December, 1916, and on coming to St. Dunstan's took up poultry farming; later, however, he gave this up in favour of netting. A severe illness in September, 1939, left him partially paralysed; his death on July 13th ended many years' suffering, patiently borne.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades was among the flowers at the funeral. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and children in their loss.

Private Edward Lupton, *3rd East Lancashire Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of E. Lupton, of Ashton-on-Ribble, near Preston.

Enlisting in August, 1914, he came to us in June, 1920. He had been blinded five years earlier in France, as the result of an explosion. He learned joinery, netting, and poultry as a hobby, but of late years his very indifferent health had made it necessary for him to lead a quiet life. His health grew worse, and he passed away at his home on July 16th.

The funeral took place at Preston Cemetery, when the "Last Post" was sounded over his grave. The East Lancashire Regiment was represented by Major Vaughan, and also present were Matron Davies and Miss Dunphy, representing St. Dunstan's, and representatives of the Old Contemptibles' Association, the East Lancashire Regimental Association, and the Great War Disabled Men's Association (Blackpool Branch). A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades was among the many flowers.

He leaves a widow and son, to whom our sincere sympathy is extended.

Sergeant Joshua Heaps Mellor, *Yorkshire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of J. H. Mellor, of Addiscombe.

After being severely gassed in the last war, his sight failed, and he came to us in 1929, and was trained as a masseur. He built up an excellent practice, but his health began to fail this year. He was admitted to hospital, where he had two very severe operations, and he died shortly after the second one, on July 27th.

He was cremated and the ashes were taken by his son, Cedric, and scattered at sea.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mellor and her son and daughter.

Pioneer Albert Edward Hart Brown, *Royal Engineers*

With deep regret we record the death of A. E. H. Brown, a permanent resident at St. Dunstan's, Melplash Court.

Coming to St. Dunstan's in 1920, he was trained in mat-making, but his health was never good, and very soon he was forced to give this up. After the death of his wife, in 1934, his health deteriorated rapidly, and for the past two years he had been at our Melplash Home.

His death took place very suddenly on July 30th. The Vicar of Melplash, the Rev. Arthur Pope, conducted the funeral service, which was attended by a number of St. Dunstaners staying at the Home. A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades was among the many wreaths.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Parsley, his sister.

Lance Corporal George Hessner, *3rd Manchester Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of G. Hessner, of Wakefield, who came to St. Dunstan's in 1933, although he had served from 1915 to 1919. He was already a very sick man and was not able to do more than a little light netting. For a very long time he had been confined to bed, and he was removed to hospital only a few days before his death on August 5th.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades was among the many flowers.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family.