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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I AM writing this from Durban, famous port on the eastern side of South Africa, through which so many British Servicemen will have passed on their way to the Mediterranean theatre of operations.

I was in Pietermaritzburg yesterday where the big transit hospital is situated, through which twenty or thirty of our men passed on their way to "Tembani."

Many South Africans in these two towns, and in Johannesburg and Cape Town, sent their good wishes to their St. Dunstan's friends. I have met most of the parents, wives or sweethearts of the South Africans who are now in training at St. Dunstan's, and they have given me messages which I will deliver personally on my return.

I came here primarily to attend to my private family business, which I have neglected during the strenuous war years, but in every big town I have been to, St. Dunstan's committees have welcomed me and given my wife and me a party, at which we have had the pleasure of meeting the majority of St. Dunstaners, old and new.

St. Dunstan's is going strong out here and stands in the high regard of the South African people. This is due to the bearing and activity of the old St. Dunstaners of the first war, and the vigour, courage and charm of the young St. Dunstaners who passed through Cape Town, and it is also due to the work of our South African Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alers-Hankey and to the splendid work of Mrs. Chadwick Bates.

I cannot mention names in this brief note, but except for those who are getting on in years or who are ill, I found the old St. Dunstaners active in their many occupations, and they all send messages to their friends in England. I met four young fellows who will soon be on their way to England for training.

Lady Fraser and I have had a very strenuous time, travelling many thousands of miles on business and public affairs. I have given many talks, interviews and lectures on business and ex-Service matters, and although we are very well we are very tired. From Durban we go back to the Orange Free State and Basutoland for a further week's work, then to Cape Town to take our ship home. We hope to be back in time to celebrate with you the re-opening of our old home at Ovingdean as the new Training Centre, and, incidentally, to welcome our new grandchild. We send all our friends our best wishes.

IAN FRASER.



### Reunions Again

Reunions are to start again after a break of six years. Apart from one or two very small gatherings which were linked with British Legion meetings, St. Dunstaners have not been able to meet during the war. Travelling and catering difficulties, the black-out and the risk of air-raids made it unwise and, in fact, impossible, for such gatherings to be held. Even now, with the food shortage and other restrictions still in force, it will not be an easy matter to organise some twenty-five or more meetings all over the country, and we must ask St. Dunstaners to make allowances if our first post-war Reunions are not on the same high level as those of the pre-war days. We will do our best and we ask for everyone's help and co-operation in this first real step towards our peace-time programme. The following Reunions have been arranged:

May 2—Guildford.  
 „ 8—Hastings.  
 „ 10—Brighton.  
 „ 15—Ashford.  
 „ 23—Exeter.  
 „ 24—Bristol.  
 „ 30—Colchester.  
 June 13—Bedford.  
 „ 17—Birmingham.  
 „ 25—Leicester.  
 July 1—Norwich.  
 „ 11—Manchester.  
 „ 12 & 13—Liverpool.  
 „ 16—Lincoln.  
 Cardiff, Oxford, Worcester, Chester, Bournemouth and Winchester, and others, have still to be fixed.

### Walton House, Aylesbury

St. Dunstaners and members of the staff who were at the Hospital Unit at Stoke Mandeville will be interested to learn that Walton House, Aylesbury, where so many of the staff were accommodated, has been taken over from St. Dunstan's by the British Legion. It is being used as an experimental hostel for young ex-servicemen paralysed from the waist downwards where the paraplegic and his family have the opportunity of adjusting themselves to the new circumstances, so that they may return to as normal a family life as possible.

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Congratulations to the members of our Chessington Boot Repair Depot, who won £300 in a recent football pool.

### St. Dunstan's George Medallist

C.S.M. George Lund, Highland Light Infantry, and now at St. Dunstan's, received the George Medal from the King at Buckingham Palace on March 26th.

Lund, who has been a regular soldier since 1923, received the award for his "conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner" at Walcheren. That act was to bring in wounded officers and men during the landing under tremendous gunfire. In the course of it he was blown up by a mine, losing his sight and suffering multiple injuries.

After the ceremony at the Palace, a luncheon was given by St. Dunstan's in his honour, at which Sir Neville Pearson and Colonel Eric Ball, members of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, and Mr. G. O. Nickalls were there to meet him.

### Victory Parade, June 8th

There is a likelihood that St. Dunstan's will be allocated *standing room* on the route of the Victory Parade on Saturday, June 8th, and in order to get some idea of the numbers who would wish to attend, St. Dunstaners are invited to send in their names at once to Commander Smyth.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of allotted places, as is most likely, there will be a ballot.

As the Parade will entail standing for a number of hours, it is with great regret that we must advise St. Dunstaners who are not physically able to do this, not to send in their names, since we should, most reluctantly, have to rule them out of the ballot.

### Handless—Plays Darts

A. E. Baldwin, St. Dunstan's handless telephone operator at Headquarters, has been astounding darts enthusiasts with his skill at the board. He uses a pair of automatic tweezers tipped with rubber attached to his artificial arm, and these grip the dart. In the Holloway and District Darts League Tournament he defeated the secretary of the league and scored 108 with his first three darts. He is led to the board, takes three paces back and then makes the normal 9ft. throw.

### Birth

The birth of a daughter on April 1st is announced to Mrs. Anthony McDonald (*nee Fraser*).

### Blinded Himself to Test a Gas

It has recently been revealed that Professor E. D. Adrian, O.M., the eminent scientist, who is chairman of St. Dunstan's Sensory Devices Committee, deliberately blinded himself temporarily in testing a new gas developed as a counter-measure against German discoveries of certain gases.

In a little known group of chemicals called "fluorophosphonates," Professor Adrian and his chief chemists found liquids which produced vapours which would cause partial blindness. Professor Adrian and his team themselves went into a gas-chamber in the course of their experiments. They found that a concentration of one part of the chemical in one million of air made them partially blind for several days. The importance of such a gas can be imagined.

Then Professor Adrian went back into the chamber alone to inhale greater quantities of the gas. His findings are still secret.

### Mrs. Paul

Many St. Dunstaners have expressed the wish that a presentation should be made to Mrs. Paul upon her resignation on account of her marriage. We believe that this will be the wish also of many other St. Dunstaners. Commander Smyth has offered to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund and St. Dunstaners who would like to associate themselves with such a gift should send their subscriptions to him at Park Crescent.

### Deaf-Blind Watch Fund

I asked my St. Dunstaner friends in the February issue of the REVIEW to send me a small donation towards the Fund started by Mr. Ottaway for supplying braille watches for the deaf-blind. The response has been magnificent. Up to the time of going to press the sum of £99 18s. 6d. has been received, including the cost of a braille watch donated by the members of the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club.

I have been able to send to the National Deaf-Blind Helpers' League 20 watches, making a total of 40 since the inception of the Fund. Many of the recipients of these watches have been waiting for years, and it requires very little imagination to understand the immense pleasure they derive from receiving their watch at long last. Well done, St. Dunstaners, and many, many thanks for your generosity. W. ASKEW.

### Sir Clutha Mackenzie Visits Nepal

Towards the end of March, Sir Clutha Mackenzie, at the invitation of H.H. the Maharajah of Nepal, visited Khatmandu to discuss the resettlement of blinded Gurkha soldiers on completion of their training at St. Dunstan's, Dehra Dun. Few are privileged to visit Nepal and they may only do so at the invitation of the Maharajah.

Sir Clutha has sent us the following most interesting account of his visit:—

The Khatmandu visit has been a grand experience. The two days' journey from Raxaul on the Indian border to Khatmandu is a pretty strenuous undertaking. The first stage is 24 miles (4 hours) in a tiny Nepal train across the infamous malarial Terai jungle. Then follows 30 miles in a bus over an appalling mountain road, gorges and cliffs. On one occasion, when we emerged suddenly from a tunnel above a steep decline, our Buddhist driver (we had the front seats beside him) took both hands off the wheel and bent in an attitude of prayer while we passed a Buddhist temple. By three o'clock we came to the end of this boulder track and were faced by a sheer wall of mountain. Here we picked up a retinue of 20 baggage coolies with a Nepal officer in charge, and off we started. We spent a delightful night at 6,000ft. in the Maharajah's rest house. Off at 6.30, we had a long day over two passes of close on to 8,000ft., with the glorious views of the high giants of the Himalaya from Everest for hundreds of miles to the West. The Legation car met us at the road-head, eight miles from Khatmandu. We had a wonderful six days. One is right back in Oriental mediaevalism amid a happy, smiling, unspoilt people. Four couples compose the entire British settlement, and there are no other foreigners. We were entertained by everyone, and spent much time in leisurely rambles amid the quaintest old towns, sacred shrines, Buddhist and Hindu temples, and bazaars. It is like stepping back into a live, past age. The children play about in cheerful welcome, unabashed and never asking for money. All look well fed, prosperous and happy. They have no politics. A permanent curfew keeps the people in their homes from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., and good peasants, especially as the forests and valleys are inhabited by many ghosts, like to be abed at these hours.



### Church Stretton Notes

So this chapter of St. Dunstan's life, begun with the emergency shift to Church Stretton in the autumn of 1940, draws to a close. During the Easter vacation, Longmynd will be restored to its owners for resumption of its normal hotel life: by herculean efforts the Ovingdean establishment will be finally prepared to re-open in May for more than half our numbers, leaving the industrial and massage departments to follow in August. It has been a wonderful war makeshift, and many trainees and staff will retain happy life-memories of Church Stretton's restful healthfulness, its beauties and, above all, its many kind friends.

Longmynd, Brockhurst and Battlefield have given wonderful farewell parties. Dancing, cabaret—and such food!—the happy guests showed full appreciation of the thoughtful organisation which ensured the evenings going “with a swing.”

One distinguished visitor to the 9.30 Discussion Group was specially welcome, Mr. Leonard Behrens, of Manchester, contributor to the *Manchester Guardian* and keenly “in the know” about international affairs. To be able to pick the brains of one so experienced, so clear-sighted and well-informed is a privilege. And *what* skill to express oneself so clearly in simple language, without an unnecessary word (and plus a sense of humour).

Two visitors of special interest also were a Director and a Shop Steward (full-time) from I.C.I. So clear and informative were they on Trade Union matters and methods, and such was the bombardment of questions, that they were welcomed for a second visit.

Many will remember that Charles Cooper kindly gave a Challenge Cup for Cribbage, to be competed for annually by St. Dunstan's trainees and non-sighted staff. For this fourth occasion there were thirty-five entries. Freddie King was the winner, and Ronny Philips the runner-up.

Sunday evening play-readings at Longmynd, Brockhurst and Denchurst are as popular as ever; a good innovation was trainees themselves taking small parts with braille notes—and signal success. Congratulations!

Dramatics in the Central Hall have included yet another visit from our faithful Croft Hermits Repertory Co., with “The

Sheraton Bureau” (Frank S. Stayton), and the Shrewsbury R.A.P.C. with “The Roundabout” (J. B. Priestley).

Two invitations to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre to see “The Last of Mrs. Cheyney” and “Three Waltzes”—and two to Wolverhampton Hippodrome for Jack Watson in “Navy Mixture” and Norman Wooland, and George and Alfred Black in Michael Howard's “Black Scandal,” all followed by *such* feeds!

Outside dance invitations have been enjoyed from Col. Lewis and Mayor Clemson to Welshpool Town Hall; Toc H (Joint Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury branches) at Shrewsbury; Mrs. Handy, Ludlow Town Hall, dinner and dance; Copthorne Barracks; the A.T.S. at Attingham; and the A.T.S. at Harlescott. Thank you very much, all kind hosts and hostesses.

Visiting dance bands have included: The 10th Battalion R.A.O.C., Donnington; the Pioneer Band and R.A.F., Shawbury. Among lunch-time shows have been Big Bill Campbell and his Rocky Mountaineers, and ex-P.O.W.'s Stalag Luft III; “Back Home Again” (Billy Ternent). Sunday tea-dances have included Mrs. Lowe's “Berkley Follies” from Birmingham, and Reg. Bartlam and his Windsor Band. With an informal concert given by the Trainees and Staff, there is no diminution of gaieties, despite preparations for the move!

There have been fourteen new entrants, besides several back for re-training, including Syd Doy and Johnny Cope. Among the thirteen leaving, four go to start the new Hastings Boot Repair Depot, Rex Robinson, A. Hobson, J. Read and B. Josey; Elmer Terrill (“Terry”) Canadian, is being repatriated; David Jennings starts his shop at 141 Station Road, Landaff North, near Cardiff; Vic Powell goes to an inspection job with Messrs. Lucas, Forman Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, and G. Taylor with Chaseside Motor Works, Cambridge Road, Enfield. Good luck to each and all.

Congratulations to the following, who have passed tests:—

**Braille Reading, Interline.**—T. O'Connor, T. Chappell, H. Pierrepont, R. G. Wilson, P. Owens, G. Poole, T. Lydon, S. Connor, D. Groves.

**Braille Reading, Interpoint.**—T. Lydon, G. Bond, H. Swain, P. Spencer, A. Paulson, P. Owens, A. Peckett, J. Harris.

**Typing.**—J. H. Dalton, R. Brett, R. Tingay, G. Weldrick, P. Stubbs, J. Williams, D. Lorenz, R. C. Herbert, D. R. Bridges, P. Sheridan, L. A. White, C. Pennells, H. Farnen, M. Golding, T. Evans, K. Johnston Stewart, A. F. Cooke, S. Worthington, J. Bailey, E. Tucker, E. Gould.

### Birmingham Sports Club

The Committee of the Birmingham Sports and Social Club would welcome new war St. Dunstaners at their meetings, which are held on the second Sunday in every month. Their programme includes dominoes, cards, dancing and concerts. Soon it is hoped to arrange a picnic.

Those interested should write to Miss Gough, 160 Hagley Road, Stourbridge.

### Other News

J. Gimber, of Kettering, stood as a candidate at the recent Council Election, but was unsuccessful.

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Arthur Morgan, of York, an ex-Commando, took his place as a playing member of the York Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Darts Team at the Grapes Hotel, against a side representing the hotel. His personal contribution to his side's victory was a win of 501 points to his sighted opponent's 493.

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The Chief Constable of Liverpool has sent a letter to Mrs. Moorcroft, wife of our St. Dunstaner, W. Moorcroft, congratulating her upon her pluck in bringing about the arrest of one of three house-breakers. When they called at her door asking for a doctor's address, she was suspicious and watched them disappear in a house lower down the road. She telephoned the police, but meanwhile she saw them leave the house with two suit cases. She promptly gave chase and they dropped the bags and made off. Then the police arrived, gave chase too, and captured one of the men.

### Tandem For Sale

DOUBLE GENTS' TANDEM, good condition. £20.—E. M. Kingsnorth, 6 Dennis Parade, Southgate, N.14.

### Ex-Servicemen's Hansard

(From Our Parliamentary Correspondent)  
Many vital world problems engaged the attention of Parliament during March, but the welfare of ex-Servicemen was not overlooked. Various matters relating to training

and resettlement, the grant of pensions and other allowances, and the work of the appeal tribunals were raised.

To take resettlement first:

Mr. Hector Hughes (Aberdeen, N., Lab.) wished to know how the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act, 1944, was working, and Mr. Isaacs, the Minister of Labour (Southwark, N., Lab.) replied:—

The Act is working smoothly with the goodwill of employers and workers. I am not able to say how many persons released from the Forces have been reinstated by former employers, because, unless a dispute arises, reinstatement is a matter between the two parties. At the end of January, 1946, the Act had been in operation for 18 months, and during that period reinstatement committees decided 725 cases in dispute, of which 431 were decided in favour of the applicant. By that time the umpire had decided 49 appeals made under the Act, 22 of which were allowed. Other appeals were pending.

A number of persistent Members questioned the Minister of Pensions (Mr. W. Paling, Wentworth, Lab.) about the Appeal Tribunals. For instance, Lieut.-Col. M. Lipton (Brixton, Lab.) wanted to know in how many cases the Minister of Pensions had appealed to the High Court against the decisions of Pensions Appeal Tribunals: and in how many of those cases he had been successful in reversing the decision of Pensions Appeal Tribunals to grant a pension.

Mr. Paling answered: I have applied for leave to appeal to the High Court on a point of law against nine of the more than 36,000 decisions of the Pensions Appeal Tribunals. The Court has upheld the view which I advanced in the six appeals so far heard. One case related to the tribunal's jurisdiction. In three of the remaining five cases alternative compensation is payable.

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to the following upon their silver wedding anniversaries:—

Mr. and Mrs. A. Rowe, Burslem, December 27th, 1944; Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenwood, Worthing, March 20th; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russ, Woodborough, March 28th; Mr. and Mrs. W. Trott, Birmingham, March 30th; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Caple, Cardiff, April 14th.



### Brighton Notes

Although the early part of March was marred by a return of the 'flu germ, we have had a pleasant month, with plenty of entertainment and lovely weather.

Invitations to dances were received from our good friends, the Butchers' Association, and the Southdown and the Brighton, Hove and District Motor Omnibus Companies. The former invited us to a Whist Drive and Dance at the Pavilion and the Bus Companies to a Dance at the Regent. These entertainments are as popular as ever and were much enjoyed.

Several good concerts have been held. Miss Davies, with the Y.M.C.A. Concert Party, visiting us for the first time on the 5th March, put on an excellent show and arrangements have been made for them to come again in May. Mr. Jack Sullivan gave us a good evening's entertainment, when he kept us singing choruses from the old days for over an hour. Then the Pearson Lodge of the Buffs, who had previously invited us to a dance at the Dorset Gardens Hall, also entertained us with their Concert Party.

An original entertainment and much appreciated by the audience was a recital of recorded light music, by Mr. Bourne Newton, on the 19th. On the 24th we all enjoyed a One Act Play Reading, arranged by Mrs. Brodie, entitled "Tommy Get Your Gun," in which the author took part.

The weekly dart matches, organised by Q.M., versus outside teams, are very popular. The visiting teams included the Brighton Police, Brunswick Club, and the Wardens, and these are now challenging St. Dunstaners at their own headquarters.

A pleasant afternoon's racing at Plumpton was enjoyed by Moore, Cook, Russell, White, Cookson and Tiny Northcott. Sister Carter, whom we are all very glad to see back, was amongst those who were lucky enough to accompany them.

On the 26th, the Anniversary of St. Dunstan's, we took an opportunity of renewing our acquaintance with a number of St. Dunstaners and their wives living in Brighton by inviting them to a special domino tournament. The evening was a great success, competitors filling 15 tables in the lounge and conservatory. The first prize went to G. Lidbetter, second to

Tarzan Thompson, and the third to J. Unsworth. G. Moore, who failed to win a game, secured the booby prize. Refreshments were served during the interval and there were cakes, coffee and ice cream for all. The generous gift of a barrel of beer, sent by the Club's Leicester Brewery through our old friend Billy Biggs, was also much appreciated.

This was the first post-war function for St. Dunstaners living in the Brighton area, and it is proposed to hold others at intervals. With the longer summer evenings it is hoped the buses will run later and solve the transport problem.

Due to the sympathetic co-operation of Canon James and other local clergy, the little chapel adjoining West House has been re-opened and an Evening Service is held every Sunday. The organist, G. Ball, L.R.A.M., one of our orderlies, performs miracles with the harmonium. There is usually a solo, exquisitely rendered by members of local musical clubs. We have to thank Miss Pooley for all her grand help in connection with the chapel, and Sister Furst for her valuable assistance. We are also extremely grateful to Padre Nugee, of Church Stretton, for the interest he has taken and the practical help that he has given in connection with the chapel. Jimmy Green, who is staying with us till Ovingdean opens, has made us a hymn board and a collection box for flowers, both beautifully finished.

#### A Grand Quiz

A Grand Quiz was held in the lounge at West House, Brighton, on March 19th.

The competition was between a team from the Staff and a team from the Men, both Old and New War, and a fine evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all.

There was quite a number of old friends amongst the audience, which consisted mostly of Good Companions, many will be remembered by the Old War men.

Of course you want the result of the Quiz. Well, lads, I am sorry to say that the Staff team won by one point, after the Men had led almost all the way.

Officials were as follows: Question Mistress, Miss Evans (Quartermaster), assisted by Mrs. Watkins, V.A.D. The Timekeeper was Miss Ashford, V.A.D. The Lady with the Gong, or rather the Whistle, was Matron Ouseley.

What a chance the boys had! ANON.

### Summer Camp

A Camp will be held at Seafield Park, Lee-on-Solent, from July 14th to 21st. Details next month.

### On the Air

On Wednesday, April 10th, four St. Dunstaners from our Officers' Hostel in Avenue Road, St. John's Wood, took part in a Broadcast Quiz in the African Service. It was in the feature, Empire Party, and our team beat their opponents—an Empire Side—by 5 points to 4.

The programme was arranged through the Overseas Service League, and those taking part were T. Claxton, W. Scroggie, W. Rathmell and G. Preston.

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During a Saturday evening broadcast of "Cabaret from Hammersmith Town Hall," the compere announced a competition—for imitations of songs sung by well-known personalities. Bill Lacey, of Edmonton, happened to be there with a party of St. Dunstaners and he was a sure winner, with a grand imitation of George Formby singing "Mr. Wu." The judging was by the audience.

### Marriages

HINES—WAREHAM.—On April 20th, Fred Hines, of Tufnell Park (new war) to Miss Wareham, Matron of St. George's Nursing Home, Hurstpierpoint.

KELLY—RAY.—On March 20th, P. Kelly (new war trainee) to Miss Jean Ray.

### Letter to the Editor

We have received the following letter from Mrs. Paul (now Mrs. Self):

To the Editor,

May I, through the REVIEW, try to express my very deep appreciation of the hosts of kind letters I have received from my St. Dunstaners friends on the occasion of my marriage. There are so many that, much as I want to do so, it is not possible for me to answer each one personally. I can only say "Thank you a thousand times for your kind thoughts and good wishes. God bless you all."

Yours sincerely,  
M. SELF.

### St. Dunstan's Review Derby Sweepstake, 1946

Applications are invited for tickets in the REVIEW's own Derby Sweepstake which, as usual, is open only to St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's trainees.

Tickets will be 2s. 6d. each and no St. Dunstaner can hold more than eight.

The total amount of the money subscribed will, with the exception of the actual cost of printing and postage involved, be distributed as follows:—

50% to the holder of the ticket drawing the winning horse.

20% to the holder of the ticket drawing the second horse.

10% to the holder of the ticket drawing the third horse.

20% to be divided equally among those drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

In the case of the three big prizes, the bulk of the prize-money will be paid in National Savings Certificates.

Applications for tickets can be made at once and will be received up to the first post on *Monday, May 27th*. Every application must bear the name and address of the sender, with the number of tickets required, and must be sent to the Editor of the REVIEW, 9-11 Park Crescent, London, W.1. Postal orders should be made payable to St. Dunstan's and crossed.

### El Alamein

On Wednesday, October 23rd, there is to be a Reunion at the Royal Albert Hall, London, of the men who fought at El Alamein. Will all St. Dunstaners who fought at El Alamein, and who would like to attend the Reunion, send us their names, with regimental details, dates, etc., so that we can apply for tickets. If there are more applications than tickets available, it will be necessary to ballot.

### To Bridge Players

J. C. Owen, of Liverpool, is anxious to know if there are any St. Dunstan's bridge players in the Liverpool area who would like to form a Bridge Club there. His address is 62 Childwall Road, Liverpool.

Our Social Visitor, Mrs. Dunphy, suggests that this idea might also be extended to several of the large towns. What do bridge players outside the London area think of the suggestion?



## "In Memory"

### Private Alfred George William Peckham, *Royal Defence Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of A. Peckham, of North Wembley.

Coming to us in 1917 he was trained as a telephonist and for over twenty-one years he had worked in that capacity with the Fulham Branch of Shell Mex.

He had never enjoyed very good health; he was taken suddenly ill on the afternoon of February 16th and was admitted to hospital, where he passed away the same evening.

The funeral took place at Alperton Cemetery and a wreath was sent from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades.

Our very sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Peckham and her family.

### Private William England, *3rd Coldstream Guards*

We have to record with deep regret the death of W. England, of Brighton.

Wounded in Belgium in 1914, he came to St. Dunstan's, where he was trained in basket-making, and he carried on with this craft until early this year when his health forced him to give it up. For many weeks he was ill and he died on March 2nd at St. Dunstan's Home, West House, Brighton, to which he had been admitted the day before.

Members of the British Legion and many St. Dunstaners attended his funeral, which took place at Brighton Cemetery. Among the many wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. England.

### Private Harry E. Lambert, *Berkshire Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of H. Lambert, of Enfield, known to us all as "Happy" Lambert.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1919 and was trained in telephony. Since 1944 he has been employed with the Mining Association of Great Britain.

"Happy" was taken suddenly ill while at his work, and he was admitted to Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, suffering from pneumonia. He passed away a week later.

The funeral at Enfield Highway Cemetery was attended by Miss Frances Lloyd and St. Dunstaners N. Downs and R. P. Coles, and a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's was among the flowers.

For the last four years he had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Spooner, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

### Private Thomas Parkinson, *1-5 Lancashire Fusiliers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of T. Parkinson, of Bognor Regis.

He served from 1917 until 1918, and was wounded at Ypres in September, 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's shortly afterwards and was trained in baskets and netting, at which he worked until a few years ago. He had been in poor health for some time and he died on February 23rd, after a very short illness.

He was laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery, Bognor Regis, and a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's was sent for the funeral.

Our very sincere sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

### Private William Stuart Paine, *2nd Royal Fusiliers*

We record with deep regret the death of W. S. Paine, of Tenterden.

He served with his regiment from 1914 until 1918 and was wounded at Ypres Forest in June, 1918. He came to us a few months afterwards, but his health was very poor and he was not able to take up an occupation of any kind.

He was taken very ill just over a year ago and he was admitted to hospital shortly afterwards. He remained in hospital, but he did not improve and he passed away there on February 28th.

The funeral took place at Tenterden. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's friends was among the flowers.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

## Births

**MCDONOUGH.**—On March 9th, to the wife of J. McDonough, of Ireland, a son.

**WATERS.**—On March 4th, to the wife of A. S. Waters, of Harleston, a son—Roger Keith.

**HIGGO.**—On March 15th, to the wife of L. A. Higgo, Transvaal, South Africa (new war), a son.

**OSTLE.**—On March 22nd, to the wife of I. Ostle, of Little Broughton (new war), a son—Michael Anthony.

## Deaths

Our very sincere sympathy is offered to the following:—

**BEATTIE.**—To T. R. Beattie, of Hornsey, who lost his wife on March 3rd.

**CASWELL.**—To J. F. Caswell, of Reading, a new war St. Dunstaner, whose wife passed away on March 20th.

**HORAN.**—To M. Horan, of Ballina, Co. Mayo, whose father has passed away. Our St. Dunstaner also lost his mother a short time ago.

**JONES.**—To A. H. Jones, of Tooting, whose wife died on March 20th.