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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### Not Within Living Memory

**A**N event which has not occurred within living memory—be it pleasant or unpleasant—is a notable experience. I have had to do with two such events within a week.

The first was when I went out fishing in False Bay at Cape Town with a friend of mine and caught three tunny—a very sporting fish—one of which weighed over 70lbs. We were in a 25-ton motor vessel about twenty miles out in the roughest sea that can be imagined, and it took me half an hour to land the fish, while the boat pitched and tossed and corkscrewed and threatened to tip us overboard at any minute. The only safety lay in sitting in the chair with one's feet against the railing. One of my friends on the boat did, in fact, tip over when he was standing against the railings and the boat lurched, but he managed to hold on with one hand, trailing in the water up to his waist, till others pulled him back.

One of my tunny was attacked by a shark while I was pulling it in and came up minus its tail after having jumped four of five feet in the air to avoid the menace.

But many people have caught two or three tunny before, and the notable event here was that this was a day of days. The *Cape Times* described it as a day when over 300 tunny were killed, and no living person can remember anything like this happening before in the Cape or, they believe, anywhere else in the world.

When I got up to the Orange Free State, on the borders of Basutoland, where the headquarters of my business are, I was met by a hailstorm the like of which had not been seen in living memory. A narrow band of hail, perhaps a mile or two wide, swept across the countryside and amongst other things destroyed our garden with extraordinary completeness. Almost every leaf on every tree, and certainly every peach, pear, plum, fig and flower, melon and vegetable above the ground was shattered and ruined, and they had to be carried away in cartloads. Three and a half inches of rain and two or three inches of hail—some of the stones being as big as a pigeon's egg—in an hour is certainly a phenomenon.

At Cape Town, where I had a delightful few days with some friends of mine, and in Johannesburg, Lady Fraser and I met St. Dunstaners and friends of St. Dunstan's, and in the latter city we attended a reunion to which men came from Pretoria, Krugersdorp and other towns nearby. All the St. Dunstaners I met were in good shape and many were actively engaged in various occupations and doing well. I gave them best wishes from Britain, and they asked me to send theirs back.

Wherever you go in the Commonwealth you meet St. Dunstaners and find that the name of St. Dunstan's is held in high regard.

I return to-morrow to the Free State and Basutoland, where I have much business to do in my group of family companies, but I hope to get a day or two off when visiting trading stations in the mountains to kill a few trout in some of the mountain rivers.

FRASER OF LONSDALE.



## Reunions—1959

All Reunions will be held at 12.30 p.m. for 1 p.m. lunch, with afternoon tea, unless otherwise stated.

Date	Reunion	Member of Executive Council Presiding	Hotel
Sat., April 4th	BRISTOL	Sir Neville Pearson	Grand Spa
Tues., April 7th	TRURO		Red Lion
Sat., April 18th	BOURNEMOUTH	The Ven. Archdeacon Bunt	Grand
Sat., May 2nd	LUTON	Sir Neville Pearson	George
Sat., May 9th	WINDSOR	Lord Fraser	White Hart
Tues., May 12th	DUBLIN	Colonel Ansell	Jury's
Thurs., May 14th	BELFAST	Colonel Ansell	Wellington Park
Sat., May 23rd	NEWPORT	Lord Fraser	Westgate
Thurs., June 11th	NOTTINGHAM	Mr. D. G. Hopewell	George
Sat., June 13th	EDINBURGH	Lord Fraser	Roxburgh
Thurs., June 18th	NEWCASTLE	Mr. D. G. Hopewell	Royal Station
Sat., June 20th	LEEDS	Mr. D. G. Hopewell	Queen's
Fri., June 26th	CANTERBURY	Sir Neville Pearson	County
Thurs., July 2nd	IPSWICH	Mr. D. G. Hopewell	Great White Horse
Sat., July 4th	BIRMINGHAM	Sir Brian Horrocks	Queen's
Wed., Sept. 9th	BLACKPOOL	Lord Fraser	Casino
Fri., Sept. 11th	CHESTER	Lord Fraser	Grosvenor
Sat., Sept. 12th	MANCHESTER	Lord Fraser	Grand
Fri., Oct. 2nd	LONDON (Evening function)	Sir Neville Pearson	Lyon's Corner House, Coventry Street
Wed., Oct. 21st	BRIGHTON (Evening function)	Lord Fraser	Grand

## Seventh International Handicrafts and Do It Yourself Exhibition

The Seventh International Handicrafts and Do It Yourself Exhibition will be held this year at the Empire Hall, Olympia, London, from the 3rd to the 19th September.

The British Handicrafts Competition will again be run in conjunction with the Exhibition. There will be money prizes as well as silver and bronze plaques and medals. Section 1 will cover woodwork, pottery, basketry, leatherwork, marquetry, metalwork, weaving, lampshade making, embroidery, knitting, crochet, tapestry, general needlework, toy making and general class.

Section 2 will cover all these classes but is reserved for competitors who are physically handicapped.

Section 3 covers the same classes but is reserved for competitors who are blind.

St. Dunstaners wishing to enter this Competition can obtain full details and application forms from Mr. Wills.

## The Royal Tournament and Trooping the Colour Ceremony

It is hoped that a few complimentary tickets for the Royal Tournament and Trooping the Colour Ceremony will be presented to St. Dunstan's again this year, and I shall be pleased to receive the names of any St. Dunstaners who would like to attend. If there are more applications than tickets we will, as usual, hold a ballot and notify everybody concerned nearer the time.

Both these events take place on a week-day.

C. D. WILLS.

## "Moon"

There must be a number of St. Dunstaners who are interested in reading but feel they cannot tackle Braille. Why not try "Moon"? There are many books printed in "Moon" type nowadays and it does not take long to learn it. We can arrange a visit to Ovingdean for necessary tuition if you decide to consider taking the course. Do think about it, as reading affords so much interest and pleasure.

C. D. WILLS.

## London Club Notes

The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial prizes were presented by Mr. A. D. Lloyds at the London Club on Thursday, February 5th. The winners were as follows:—

*Dominoes (Knock-out):*

Winner: W. Lacey; Runner-up: T. Collyer.

*Darts (Totally Blind):*

Winner: W. Lacey; Runner-up: G. P. Brown.

*Crib:*

Winner: W. Bishop; Runner-up: A. Carrick.

*Dominoes (Aggregate Score):*

Winner: H. Ollington.

*Whist (Aggregate Score):*

Winner: W. Bishop.

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There were five tables at Miss Hensley's Bridge Drive at the Club on Saturday, January 31st. Miss Hensley was helped by Miss Morrah and it was a most enjoyable afternoon with nice prizes and a very good tea.

Following the Bridge Drive, a presentation was made to Miss Scott, who has just retired from the Welfare Department (Southern Area). The presentation, which took the form of an electric blanket, was made by Mr. Sammy Webster, who expressed the Club's sincere thanks for Miss Scott's services as its secretary.

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A week prior to Christmas members were delighted to welcome again our very good friend, Mrs. Sykes, together with Mrs. Sassoon. We are most grateful to Mrs. Sykes for her continued generosity over several years. Thank you ladies!

S. WEBSTER.

## Appointments

Congratulations to Ted Dunlop, of Ontario, who has been appointed a Governor of the Canadian Broadcasting Association.

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Kenneth McIntyre now holds the important post of Senior Lecturer in History at Durban University, South Africa, and he says that the work of the Department increases every year. Four hundred students are at present enrolled and that number is expected to be exceeded this year. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre are looking forward to returning to Britain at the end of 1960 for a holiday.

## Camp

## Royal Naval Barracks, Lee-on-Solent

I have very good news for campers. We are being invited once again to Lee-on-Solent for Camp from Friday, August 21st, to Saturday, August 29th. *Camp fee: £2.*

PLEASE NOTE: Entries to be sent to:

Mrs. Sheila McLeod,

The Firs,

Ranvilles Lane,

Fareham, Hants.

The reason—my daughter is getting married to Lieut. A. Lovell Smith, R.N., on March 30th; to fit in with his leave it has to be rushed through by this date. I simply cannot attend to Camp letters until after the wedding, so please do remember to write to Mrs. McLeod and not to me this year.

AVIS SPURWAY.

## "Big Day for the Colonel"

Under this title, on February 13th, the *Daily Mirror* carried an excellent photograph and story concerning Colonel M. P. Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., Member of St. Dunstan's Council. The caption ran:

"A proud moment is pictured on the left. A proud moment for Colonel 'Mike' Ansell, Colonel of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards . . . and for his son, who was passing out as an officer at Aldershot yesterday.

"The son is following his father as a cavalry officer. He will serve with the 12th Royal Lancers. Colonel Ansell, who is Chairman of the British Show Jumping Association, was blinded in the last war."

## Sutton Club Notes

We held our Annual General Meeting on the 24th January, at the Sutton Adult School Hall.

The existing Committee comprising: *Chairman:* Ted Dudley; *Treasurer:* Bob Giffard; *Secretary:* Florrie Parsons; *Committee:* R. Dow (*Vice-Chairman*), B. Miller, E. Cookson, C. Luker and J. Taylor was returned.

The major part of the afternoon was spent in discussing the activities of the Club for the future.

Any new members will be very welcome as this year we are again giving prizes under the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund, but we hope to increase the number of games played; in view of this the games must be arranged very shortly.

TED DUDLEY, *Chairman.*



### Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Some of my braille letters are written on half sheets rolled into a short, stout letter, others on full-length sheets rolled sideways to a long slender letter; so when I picked out the "mags." and a letter from my box the other day, I proceeded to open the only "letter." "Why, this isn't braille," I said to my wife, "it's a book." She turned from cooking the breakfast and said, "It is a piece of music called 'Life and Death'."

Some of my friends will imagine what the effect was upon me—a piece of music sent to me and called "Life and Death!" My wife found the outer wrapper, however, and was able to take it along to the girl it was addressed to, and should have been delivered to!

Yours sincerely,

G. FALLOWFIELD.

Southwick.

DEAR EDITOR,

I feel that my experiences taking one of the suggested Braille Refresher Courses are worth mentioning.

I had my first braille tuition some fourteen years ago at Church Stretton and during my period of employment as a telephonist did not use it very much; in fact, I neglected using it.

So I thought—now I have the time there's nothing to stop me having a go. I did not enter the Braille Room at Ovingdean purely for reading but took a full dose, going over the writing and reading. I was surprised how much I had forgotten, and also pleasantly surprised at what I had remembered. I did not appear to tire my tutor unduly and I am sure he is a man of great patience. I have increased my reading speed about double what I could do when I first started and am now reaching the pitch where I can fully enjoy my books and articles, having learned to trust my fingers and to "read" the words and not do so much guessing. I am thoroughly enjoying it. I know, of course, that I may not pass a speed test. I hope I do, but even if I do not, I am amply repaid by having given myself many hours of enjoyable reading.

So come on, you others whose braille has been neglected, and learn to enjoy a bit of reading when you might otherwise just sit around and grow old quicker.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. MUDGE.

Saltdean.

### To Stand for Parliament

From the London *Evening News*, February 4th, 1959:

"A blind physiotherapist, 39 years old Michael Burns, of Westcliff, will fight Putney for the Liberals at the next General Election.

"He was blinded when a land mine exploded during the invasion of Madagascar, in 1942.

"Why has he been chosen? 'Purely on his merits as a candidate,' Mr. Howard Wall, secretary of Putney Liberal Association, told me.

"He will be helped by his attractive wife, Margaret, who is secretary of Chalkwell Ward Liberal Association."

### Grandfathers

C. Hancock, of West Drayton (his son's wife had a son on January 29th); B. Parker, of Little Bytham, Grantham (a granddaughter); G. Brooks, of Bedford (his eldest son's wife had a daughter on January 28th); C. W. Cummings, of Verwood, Dorset (two granddaughters); a grandson for J. W. Rutter of Eccles, and another granddaughter for G. T. Pinner, of Widcombe, Bath, bringing the total of his grandchildren up to twenty-seven or twenty-eight—when this one was reported he said he had lost count!

### The Wheels of Industry

*The wheels of industry are turning still,  
At engineering we are taught our drill  
With micrometer, vernier and capstan lathe  
We are taught the way our time to save.*

*Jim Hawkins is a well-known name—  
He sought for treasure on the boundless main,  
The capstan he does teach us proper,  
(All rejects go in Dickie Jones's locker).*

*With Spring come the flowers and Lilleys too,  
Now Derek shows them what to do,  
And just when it gets around to me  
Then the work just stops, it's time for tea!*

*The wages are low, no bonus rate,  
How long before we get the gate?  
If you are ambitious, don't stop here long,  
What the devil brought old Sugden along?*

*Time to knock-off, time to go,  
For your long day's toil, what's there to show?  
The rejects gone, the good ones too,  
At engineering we haven't a clue.*  
Ovingdean. W. W. HOLMES.

### Manchester Club Notes

The Annual General Meeting of members was held on January 21st, when the following appointments were made:—

*President*: Mr. J. Mooney; *Chairman*: Mr. H. W. Bramley; *Vice-Chairman*: Mr. H. Frost; *Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. W. McCarthy; *Hon. Secretary*: Mr. J. Shaw.

The Chairman expressed thanks to those holding office during 1958 for the valuable services rendered, and to the ladies who had helped so much with the games.

For the current year a revised, and what is hoped will be a more attractive programme, is contemplated, and the Committee hope that members will attend meetings regularly, and that more local St. Dunstaners will come along to the meetings on the 4th and 25th March, the 8th and 22nd April, and May to December on the first and third Wednesdays in each month.

J. SHAW,  
*Secretary.*

### Travellers

J. Greenwood, of Worthing, with Mrs. Greenwood, left for Queensland, Australia, on January 29th. They are visiting Mrs. Greenwood's brother and will not be back in this country until August.

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A. G. Briggs, of Norwich, and Mrs. Briggs are visiting America at the end of the month for the second time in seven years. They will see their daughters, Doris, in New York, Vera, in New Jersey, and Iris in California.

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Harry and Mrs. Gover are in the Canary Islands and will be returning to Leigh-on-Sea on about March 8th.

### News from the Isle of Man

Norton Christal has been elected Chairman of the Isle of Man County of the British Legion, and A. H. Simcocks has been elected County Secretary for the fourth year.

This means that the British Legion in the Isle of Man has a St. Dunstaner both as County Chairman and County Secretary (Mr. Christal has been Chairman of his own Branch at Castletown for many years past).

Mr. Simcocks has also recently been elected Chairman of the Isle of Man Local War Pensions Committee.

### Mr. S. Durrant

St. Dunstaners, particularly our boot repairers, will be sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Durrant, who retired just over a year ago after years with St. Dunstan's as Chief Boot Instructor. Mr. Durrant's health had not been good for some little time and it is sad that he did not have long to enjoy his retirement. We extend our sympathy to his widow and members of the family.

Messrs. S. C. Hall and F. Grover from Headquarters, with St. Dunstaners C. A. Luker and H. C. Ollington, attended the funeral.

### Personal

Miss M. K. Wilson thanks the many St. Dunstaner friends from North, South and Overseas, for their wonderful cards and calendars. She deeply appreciates their remembrance of her even in her retirement. Much as she would like to acknowledge them individually, this is not possible.

### In Print

A poem by E. H. North, of Taunton, "The Blind Shall See," has been published in "Jellabad," the regimental magazine of the Somerset Light Infantry, and a copy has been placed in Taunton Public Library.

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G. Waterworth, of Coventry, was awarded £1 for an article on his Camp holiday at Lee-on-Solent, and it is to be featured in his firm's Group magazine.

### Wise Words

Pleasure is very seldom found where it is thought.

—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

A man should study always to keep cool. He makes his inferiors his superiors by heat.

—R. W. EMERSON.

I never refuse. I never contradict. I sometimes forget.

—BENJAMIN DISRAELI.



## Talking Book Library

### Winter's Tales

Another seven excellent and varied books are here laid out for your amusement this month.

"Dead for a Ducat," by Leo Bruce, reader Arthur Bush, is, as the title implies, a murder story. Two or three deaths occur in a large country house which call, in fact cry out, for police investigation. A schoolmaster-cum-investigator tells the story, and there is hardly a character in the whole enquiry who appears incapable of having perpetrated at least one of the sudden deaths. A good yarn with an interesting little twist in timing. *Cat. No. 532.*

"The Dark Stranger," by Dorothy Charques, reader Duncan Carse, is mainly a witch hunt in the days of the Civil War. A thread of spy and counter-spy also runs through the story. Roundhead hero has to extricate Cavalier heroine from witchcraft charge and at the same time see that her associates are condemned. The atmosphere is convincing and the whole somehow refreshingly sinister. *Cat. No. 483.*

"The Moonstone," by Wilkie Collins, readers Duncan Carse and L. Browne, has the reputation of being the forefather of all subsequent detective stories. The long trail is fired by the disappearance of the £30,000 stone at a house party in honour of the heroine's birthday. A story of the affair is extracted from every person in the house at the time, producing much misunderstanding and a fine selection of red herrings and sordid revelations. It requires weird experiment to straighten the whole thing out. Sinister reading again but none the worse for that. *Cat. No. 152.*

"Variable Winds at Jalna," by Mazo de la Roche, reader Eric Gillett, is the fourth, or is it the third, volume in the Canadian family saga of the Whiteoaks. *Cat. No. 324.*

"Fear is the Same," by Carter Dickson, reader Andrew Timothy, is an interesting experiment with time. A present day young man slips back to Regency days and, on the run for a murder he didn't commit, keeps remembering the future and recognising people from it. Both an exciting yarn and

an interesting experiment. *Cat. No. 524.*

"Boy on a Dolphin," by David Divine, reader Robert Gladwell, concerns the rescue of an antique sculpture from the bed of the Mediterranean. The hero establishes his base on a Greek island and commences diving operations in an atmosphere of intrigue, unreliable information, and opposition. The struggle between himself and a Greek gang to recover the statue becomes hair-raisingly exciting and a lovely girl helps the story along. Dive in! *Cat. No. 521.*

"Peter Jackson, Cigar Merchant," by Gilbert Frankau, reader Franklin Engelmann, is an excellent story of the First World War which scuppers the main character financially, yet in many other directions makes him. Poignant and enjoyable. *Cat. No. 151.*

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## To Our Artillerymen

Through the Appeals Department, the members of the Royal Artillery Association, Harwich Branch, send good wishes to all St. Dunstaners. They would, their secretary says, be more than happy to hear from any ex-gunner who would care to write to them at 10 Station Road, Dovercourt, Essex.

## Judo Exponent

Gilbert Stanley, of Market Harborough, one of the most enthusiastic members of the local Judo Club, has become an "orange belt." First he had the novice's red belt, then the white and later the yellow. Now, with two wins and a draw at a special test he has gone a stage further in his progress towards the higher grades. An excellent picture of Gilbert at his switchboard appeared with a story in the local paper.

## Ruby Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. H. Abbey, of Enfield Town, February 15th. Many congratulations.

## Silver Wedding

Congratulations too, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lawson, of Stretton, near Warrington, whose Silver Wedding was on February 3rd.

## Family News

Edna and May, the twin daughters of Stan Barton, of Bootle, have passed with merit the Grade 4 Guildhall School of Music examination held recently in Liverpool.

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Malcolm Rosewarne, Denton, Manchester, is captain of his school and of the school sports.

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Fourteen year old Peter McDermott, Davyhulme, Lancs., who is top of his form again, has won the Machine Drawing Prize this year.

## Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Jim Miller, Cardonald, Glasgow, on December 27th, in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, to Miss Kathleen Wilson.

Derek Briggs, Norwich, on December 19th.

Mercia Millward, of Wooburn Green, on January 31st.

Michael Dalton, Middlesbrough, on January 17th, to Norma Parry.

Valerie Shread, King's Lynn, on November 29th, to Kenneth Mould.

Edward Robinson, Cookstown, was married on December 26th and not on December 8th as reported.

## Brighton Club Notes

The Annual General Meeting was held on December 11th and was followed by a Grand Domino Drive.

The Chairman gave a brief outline of the Club's activities; this was followed by the Treasurer's report, the latter being approved by the meeting.

The Committee vacated their offices and stood for re-election, which resulted in the same Members of Committee being re-elected.

Matron Ramshaw honoured us with a visit and presented the prizes as follows:—*Whist*: A. Martin. *Dominoes*: H. Randell. *Darts*: (*A Section*): J. Mudge; (*S Section*): F. Rowe. *Crib*: J. Walch. *Dominoes (Fives and Threes)*: Miss Whiteman.

Miss Whiteman presented Matron with flowers.

FRANK A. RHODES,  
Chairman.

## From All Quarters

Greetings to all St. Dunstan's friends are sent from Captain W. A. Perrin, of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

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The *Sheffield Star* elected D. Elrod and his guide-dog, Dianna, "All round the year Santa Claus," for their services to old people and the civilian blind.

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We have heard with regret that the widow of our late St. Dunstaner, A. H. Luker, of Boar's Head, Oxford, died on January 26th.

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Mrs. E. W. Hall, of Didcot, has just lost her father at the age of 95. He was farming right up to a few months ago.

## Births

CARTWRIGHT.—On February 6th, to the wife of A. Cartwright, of Whitchurch, Cardiff, a son. Mrs. Cartwright was Miss Marion Davies (formerly Welfare Visitor for Wales).

MORGAN.—On January 14th, to Joyce, wife of Freddie Morgan, of Stroud (formerly of Bristol), a daughter—Ruth Katherine.

## Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:

BOARDMAN.—To A. J. Boardman, of Ealing, whose father died in Manchester on January 31st.

BURNETT.—To W. Burnett, of Brighton, whose mother died early in January at Gateshead, at the age of 83.

CRUSE.—To J. Cruse, of Longbenton, whose father died on February 7th. He was 84.

FRANCIS.—To J. Francis, of Hastings, who lost his wife on February 8th.

GLOVER.—To W. Glover, of Birmingham, whose mother died on February 11th, following influenza.

PATTISON.—To F. Pattison, of Melling, near Liverpool, who lost his wife on January 22nd.

POTTER.—To H. Potter, of Hastings, whose wife died in hospital on February 10th. She had been in poor health for some time but her death was very sudden.



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## "In Memory"

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**Private Maurice O. Anker, 1st Northants Regt.**

We record with deep regret the death of M. O. Anker, of Earley, Reading. He was 65.

He came to St. Dunstan's in June, 1918, and trained as a boot-repairer and he continued this work in London right up to the time of his retirement in 1956, when he went to live at Reading. He died suddenly on January 25th.

He leaves a widow and two married daughters, to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

**Rifleman Charles Beaumont Baker, 18th London Regt.**

With deep regret we record the death of C. B. Baker, of Enfield, at the age of 60.

He entered St. Dunstan's in June, 1918, and trained in mat-making, netting and boot-repairing, but he continued only with boots. He was an excellent craftsman but in 1955 his health forced him to retire. Two years later he lost his wife and has since been cared for by his family. He entered hospital on January 13th, and he died there four days later.

Our deep sympathy is sent to his family.

**Private Albert Alfred Brown, Royal Warwickshire Regt.**

With deep regret we record the death of A. A. Brown, of Paddington, London, W. He was just 70.

He came to us in October, 1951, but his poor health prevented him taking any training. He was admitted to hospital in 1955 where he was a patient until he died on January 15th.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom our deep sympathy goes.

**Sergeant John Henry Burt, Heavy Battery, R.G.A.**

We record with deep regret the death of J. H. Burt, of Southampton, at the age of 64.

He entered St. Dunstan's in August, 1917, and trained as a masseur. He continued a successful practice as a physiotherapist right up to the time of his sudden death on January 20th.

He had married for the second time in March, 1956, and our deep sympathy is extended to his widow and step-child.

**Private William Edwin Clarke, Essex Regt.**

It is with deep regret that we record the death of W. E. Clarke, of Leicester, at the age of 59.

Enlisting in October, 1917, he was wounded the following year but it was not until September, 1957, that he was admitted to the benefits of St. Dunstan's. His age and health then ruled out any question of training.

He leaves a widow and grown-up daughter, to whom we extend our very sincere sympathy.

**Private Alfred Forster, 2/4th South Lancs. Regt.**

We have to record with deep regret the death of A. Forster, of Orford, Warrington. He was 64.

He joined the Army in October, 1915, and was wounded at Arras in August, 1918. When he came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1919, he trained as a mat-maker. He became a first-class craftsman, and had sent work to the Stores until quite recently.

He was a bachelor and he lived with his sister, Mrs. Lawless. Mrs. Lawless lost her husband as recently as April of last year and our deep sympathy goes out to her in this double bereavement.

**Private J. Greene, Royal Army Service Corps**

With deep regret we record the death of J. Greene, of Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, Eire. He was 69 and he died in Wicklow Hospital on February 3rd.

He had served from 1916 to 1919 but came to St. Dunstan's only in December, 1950. He had a farm which he ran with his family, but for some time his health had not been good. Nevertheless, his death was unexpected. To Mrs. Greene and her family our deep sympathy is sent.

**Corporal James McEwan, Cameron Highlanders**

It is with deep regret that we record that James McEwan has died in hospital at the age of 46.

He served with his regiment from 1942 to 1944 and entered St. Dunstan's in November, 1947, but for over ten years he had not been a fit man.

Our deep sympathy is tendered to his family.

**Private John McGuire, 1st Gordon Highlanders**

With deep regret we record the death of J. McGuire, of Aberdeen. He died on January 25th at Pearson House, where he was having a convalescent holiday following recent illness.

He had enlisted in February, 1915, and had served until May of the following year, but it was not until September, 1953, that he came to St. Dunstan's. He was already a sick man and was unable to train even for any hobby work owing to the state of his heart. He had remarried in May, 1956, and prior to this had spent several months at Ovingdean.

Our deep sympathy is offered to Mrs. McGuire.

**Lieutenant N. A. Ramsden, Royal Field Artillery**

We have heard with deep regret of the death of N. A. Ramsden, of Hinksey Hill, Oxford.

Mr. Ramsden, who was 80 years old, came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1918, after being wounded at Ypres.

He had been very frail for a long time but had always taken an active interest in St. Dunstan's and in local affairs, and many, both inside and outside St. Dunstan's, will remember him with affection.

He was a widower and our sincere sympathy is extended to his married daughter in this country and to his married son in Canada.