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## Sixth War-Time News Letter

Dear Members,

Once again CONCORDIA makes its bow in war-time garb. We had hoped this year to produce a Victory issue and at one time it seemed possible and even probable, but it was not to be. God grant that this coming year may see a victorious conclusion to this most terrible war.

We are very proud of the part being played by so many of our members to make this wish an accomplished fact. In the jungles of Burma, in the mud and slush of Italy, in the appalling conditions in France, Belgium and Holland, at Arnhem, on the seven seas and in the skies above them, they have fought and are fighting most heroically.

It has been our misfortune to receive news of the deaths of no fewer than fourteen of our members—most of them scarcely out of their 'teens. We, their friends, knew their worth; we did not need to read the many tributes of their comrades in arms to know that. We have had that privilege, however, and it has been a most moving experience. To their grieving families we say thank you for your generosity in this matter and offer our deepest sympathy in your cruel loss.

We propose to have an informal meeting again this year after the Annual Mass which will be offered at the College Chapel on Sunday, 18th March, 1945, at 10 o'clock. The meeting should start at approximately 10.45, and a point for discussion will be the proposal to arrange another informal dinner.

We have received a lot more interesting news this year, as will be seen from Personalia. We were delighted to get all this news, despite the fact that we had to write nearly five hundred letters during the year. We would ask you all to drop us a line and can promise you will receive an answer. Many members were good enough to compliment us on last year's production and we thank them. It is with trepidation that we venture to express the hope that you will all find something of interest in this issue.

J. B. O'SULLIVAN, *Acting Hon. Gen. Secretary.*  
E. P. KACHEL, *Hon. Treasurer.*

## Greetings from the Brother Provincial

Clapham College,  
London, S.W.4.  
December 7th, 1944.

Through the medium of CONCORDIA I wish to send a short message to the Old Boys of Clapham College, and particularly to those who are serving in His Majesty's Forces on land, at sea or in the air.

The message is short indeed but full of sincerity.

I would have you know that you are not forgotten but that you are constantly in our minds. You have a daily remembrance in my poor prayers and, I am sure, in those of all the Brothers who knew you so well during your school days. We remember with real sorrow, but at the same time with genuine pride, those Old Boys who have made the supreme sacrifice in order that we might live in security. We remember the dear ones they have left behind—parents, wives, sweethearts, brothers and sisters, and in some cases little children. To them we offer our deepest sympathy. We are proud of the many Old Boys who have distinguished themselves by deeds of valour which have received the recognition of those responsible for the conduct of the war. We do not forget those who have the misfortune to be held as prisoners in enemy hands. Please God the day is not too far distant when these will be free again and when they, as well as all others who are separated from their dear ones, will be re-united in the peace of their own homes.

Early in the New Year those Old Boys who are still in our district will meet in our lovely chapel where they will join with an Old Boy priest in offering the Holy Sacrifice for your particular intentions.

We look forward to the day, as soon as possible after the end of the war, when we can have a bumper re-union of Old Boys at the College. How sincere will be the hand-shakings on the occasion!

God bless you all.

Br. ALOYSIUS, C.F.X. (*Provincial*).

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I want to thank someone without whose willing co-operation, good humour and excellent memory this copy of CONCORDIA would never have been produced. I refer to Mrs. Kathleen Kachel. On most evenings and at every week end for three weeks, her dining-room was turned into an Editors' den, with papers covering the table, chairs and floor. In the evenings she was allowed to occupy one small corner on a condition of silence and on Sundays she was banished completely. Yet her good humour never failed and her cooking was something to marvel at. Thank you, Kathleen.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Acting Hon. Gen. Sec.*



### Roll of Honour

WILFRED ANGEL	ARTHUR J. GALVIN,	MALCOLM MORRISON
RONALD BANKS	D.S.C.	DENNIS MURRAY
DENNIS J. BARCLAY	PETER GLEESON	JOHN D. O'CONNELL
ALAN BECKWITH	VERNON HAND	DESMOND O'NEILL
RICHARD CLARE	PETER HIGGINSON	RICHARD PAYNE
TERENCE CLARK	DENNIS W. HODGES	GEORGE P. PHILLIPS,
DANIEL P. CORRY	BERNARD JENKINS	M.M.
DENNIS D. DANIELS	PHILIP JONES	BASIL THEW
PETER DIPROSE	PETER KEAST	PHILIP H. WATSON
HENRY T. DOWNS	BERNARD MAY	JACK WESTWOOD
DESMOND FIRTH	GEOFFREY McINERNEY	

" They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old :  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."

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### The College in Exile

The Headmaster, the Staff and the pupils extend through CONCORDIA heartfelt New Year Greetings to all the Old Boys, especially to those whom the exigencies of war have separated from their homes. To those who are on Service abroad and to the prisoners of war we send a message of hope that, peace having been restored in the year 1945, they may speedily return to join us in an Old Boys' Reunion.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the names of those who have been killed in the Services. Their memory is precious to us and we continually remember them at School Assembly and by our offering of Masses for the repose of their souls. To their parents and relations we offer our very sincere sympathy.

The School has pitched its tents farther afield since the last edition of CONCORDIA. On July 18th we were re-evacuated to Taunton, Somerset, because of the danger from V-1 in Sussex. The West Country, which most of us are seeing for the first time, has, in our four months sojourn, given us a very damp and depressing reception. The School has found refuge in a girls' Secondary School, the Bishop Fox's School, and, despite the difficulties entailed for both the benefactors and the recipients, we are forging ahead with our usual full syllabus, anticipating our return to Clapham in the near future. We should like, here, to put on record our grateful appreciation of the real kindness and consideration shown us by the Head Mistress of the Bishop Fox's School.

## News of Prisoners of War

JOHN BOND, whom we now regret to report was captured by the Germans in May, 1940, was captain and adjutant in his Unit, the 91st Field Brigade, R.A. We are glad to be able to report that he is keeping in good health.

CASIMAR BOUNEVIALLE, who won the D.F.C. last year, is now, we regret, posted as a prisoner of war in German hands, having been previously reported missing in October. This is his second experience of being shot down. Since our last issue he had been promoted to the rank of Flying Officer.

MICHAEL CLARKE is now a prisoner of war in Germany. He escaped from the prison camp in Italy and was at liberty for seven weeks before he had the bad luck to run into a German patrol. While in captivity in Italy he played the lead in "George and Margaret" and "French Without Tears." He is now studying German, Spanish and Russian.

DESMOND COATES was well, despite his long period of captivity, when last we heard.

DEREK COSGROVE is still a prisoner in Japanese hands, in Malaya.

PETER CURTIN is working in a prisoner of war hospital in Tokio and in a letter to his wife he said he was quite fit.

PAT DEASY, who was a prisoner of war in Italy, has been transferred to a camp in Germany. We had a card from him thanking us for books and cigarettes which, purely by good luck, arrived on his birthday.

We regret that we have had no news of DICK ELLIS, a prisoner in Japanese hands.

PHILIP FEWELL, we learn with great regret, was captured by the Japanese at Singapore.

KEN JONES, we now learn, is a prisoner of the Japanese in Malaya.

RONALD LISHMUND is another of those who were unable to escape from Italy at the time of the collapse and has been transferred to Germany. Ronald was a captain in the Green Howards at the time of his capture in 1942. He seems to be keeping fit and well. We deeply regret to learn that he has lost both his parents within the last year.

We regret that we have no news of JOHN O'REILLY, a prisoner in German hands, who was shot down in a raid over enemy territory.

HARRY ROUSE wrote home recently and is quite well but longing to be back in England. He was shot down in a raid over enemy territory and is a prisoner in Germany.



## Personalia

We are proud to announce that :

FLIGHT LIEUT. KEVIN O'SULLIVAN has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The Citation states that he "has undertaken very many sorties and has displayed a high standard of skill and keenness throughout. He is a most determined fighter and has destroyed five enemy aircraft, four of them at night." Congratulations, Kevin !

REGGIE PIERCE has been mentioned in dispatches twice in Burma. Congratulations, Reggie ! He has had many exciting adventures and on one occasion, with thirty of his men, found himself on the Chindwin at night, when news came that 3,000 Japs were crossing almost opposite and the battle for Imphal had started. He is now engaged in psychological broadcasting to the Japs from about 200 yards range. He says that he finds they are usually interested. He has mastered Urdu and Burmese and, within the year, hopes to be speaking fluent Japanese.

We are delighted to give news of the following :

FLT./SERGT. MICHAEL HABERLIN has had some amazing adventures since the Invasion. The Lancaster, in which he was navigator, was shot down over Northern France shortly after D Day. Ordered to bale out, Michael broke his foot on coming down and subsequently he discovered two wounds in his right leg, apparently inflicted when the German fighter attacked them. The bomber crashed about fifty yards away. He managed to hide his parachute and escape the notice of the Germans around the plane, but owing to his wounds, he could not move and a German patrol passed right by him. When day came he took a chance and hailed three peasants, one of whom turned out to be an English airman. They carried him to a cornfield, supplied him with brandy and biscuits and a civilian hat and coat. After curfew (11 p.m.) he was carried to Arras, where a French doctor put his foot in plaster and redressed his wounds. Through the Underground Movement false papers were acquired and he was henceforth known as Michel Bustin. During his stay he was given hospitality in seven different houses and was able to contact other airmen. They were befriended by the Gendarmes of the town and in their company went to cafes frequented by German soldiers. They were finally liberated when the Guards Armoured Division entered Arras and, after taking part in the celebrations, were flown back to England. Before all these adventures took place Michael had announced his engagement to Miss Olive Viney, of Norbury. Hearty congratulations on everything, Michael ! He is now an instructor.

Arnhem will go down in history as one of the most heroic engagements ever fought by the British Army, and we are proud that two of our members were there. Some time ago SIGNALMAN

TONY REYNOLDS transferred to the First Airborne Division and with them took part in the fighting in North Africa and Italy. He was still with them when they flew to Arnhem, where he received a shell wound in his right thigh. Fortunately he was among those brought back to this country and is making a good recovery. Prior to this he had announced his engagement to Miss Betty Nicholas, of Norwood. Hearty congratulations, Tony! Our other member was, of course, DENNIS DANIELS (R.I.P.), who gave his life there.

JOHN CULLEN is now with S.E.A.C. and has been in the jungle for six or seven months. He has been down with dysentery, but has now recovered. We congratulate him on the poem, published elsewhere in this issue, and written under anything but favourable conditions.

We hear that IVOR MAYOR is in Holland with Guards Armoured Division. He tells us that he became engaged last February. Best wishes, Ivor!

BRIAN ORCHARD has just qualified (M.B., B.S. London) and is a house surgeon at the Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield. We think he would probably be prepared to "do" any Old Boy on reduced terms, given any encouragement. Congratulations, Brian!

DESMOND BAILEY, who was in Holland when last we heard, is now a Lieut. in the Royal Tank Regiment.

PHIL NEWTON was with S.E.A.C. for some time but is now back in India.

HENRY PETERSSON was in South America when war broke out and travelled up to Canada to volunteer for the Canadian Army. He was in the ranks when he came to this country, in June, 1941, and was commissioned in December, 1942. He has since seen service in Italy. His brother, GEORGE, is a Flt./Lieut. in the R.A.F., engaged on work with explosives, which, apparently, keeps him happy and contented. *Chacun à sans gout!* The third brother, WILLIAM, who was at the College from 1902-1908, has been living in Bogota, in the Republic of Columbia, and is the proud father of two sons and two daughters. We regret to hear of the death of his wife in 1941.

A. E. HUGHES is still at the Admiralty and is anxious to start an Old Boys Hockey Section after the war. Any offers?

HAROLD HUGHESDEN has received his commission and wings in Canada.

We wish we could print in full PHIL TRUMPER's many long and interesting letters. We would be spared the necessity of writing CONCORDIA for many issues to come. After a very rough crossing, he landed thankfully on the shores of France shortly after D Day and took part in the battle around Caen and the pursuit of the beaten foe across France. At the time of writing, we hear, he is on a course out there on a different type of tank. All those who know him will join with us in wishing him all the best.



FRANK WOODMAN was married on 16th September to Miss Barbara Dalton at the Church of the Holy Rood, Watford, by Canon Jackman. Frank is Deputy Chief Chemical Inspector for the North West area and he and his bride are living at Bolton. Congratulations, Frank!

M. BOXALL, according to last reports, is in the army, somewhere in Scotland, and is being put through his paces.

NORMAN PARKES, an old school friend of Victor Bayley's, is a well-known barrister.

KEN CARRICK has been promoted Captain and has transferred to Civil Affairs. He is working with the Americans, trying to organise things in Rome. He had a chance meeting with his brother, BOB, in Naples, and was best man at his wedding last May, also in Naples. His bride was Miss Gloria Keyes, of Ensa. Congratulations, Bob! He is now a Liaison Officer, spending his time between the front and G.H.Q.

DOUGLAS WOODRUFF is now a Flt./Lieut. and was an instructor in the U.S.A. to the U.S. Air Force. We understand he is entitled to wear U.S. wings as well as those of the R.A.F. For some time past he has been on operations over Germany with Bomber Command.

FRANK EDGLEY has announced his engagement to Miss Edith Archer. Best wishes, Frank!

DOUGLAS SMALE is now a Captain and is still in England, engaged on psychological work.

Our treasurer called on BERT KRESSIG in the City recently and many of our members will be pleased to know that he found him in good health. For the past four years he had done his full share with the Home Guard at Horsham.

JOHN GUALZATTA is in the Middle East with the Royal Corps of Signals.

JOHN NIXON is still with the B.B.C. and is very much in the news again. He is now in Athens and we have been hearing almost daily despatches from him over the B.B.C. He was among the journalists to whom Winston Churchill spoke recently in Athens and the B.B.C. announced that he had asked the Prime Minister questions on certain aspects of the situation there. He has also visited the Burma front and went with Wingate's men when they daringly landed some hundreds of miles behind the Japanese front line. We heard over the B.B.C. his recorded description of the gliders coming in to land on an improvised landing ground. We imagine that he has enough material for several books when he can find time to write them as he has now been present at practically every journalistic scoop since the beginning of the war.

BILL MADIGAN, who helped us pass an abstemious evening recently, is now a 2nd Lieut. in the East Surrey Regiment.

We were pleased to hear that BERNARD FINCHAM is safe and well in Holland. He is serving with the R.A.C. and was in the heavy fighting in the Falaise Gap. He helped in the liberation of Boulogne, Calais and Le Havre. His tank was shot up in one attack but, fortunately, he and his crew escaped unscathed. Best of luck, Bernard!

ARTHUR TUNMER was married to Miss Elizabeth Morton, of Richmond, in Aden last July. Hearty congratulations, Arthur! His bride is a senior sister in the R.A.F. Hospital there. Arthur produced "Twelfth Night" in September before a distinguished and appreciative audience, including H.E. The Governor and the Commodore. The British Council says "Mr. Tunmer knows and loves his Shakespeare and we are looking forward to his next production." He also had a very interesting four months acting as Commanding Officer of a R.A.F. unit on "detachment" in Southern Arabia. He had several audiences with H.H. The Sultan and was invited to the Summer Palace, where he spent "days of real delight, swimming in a modern pool and reclining on a flower-covered veranda."

JOHN GLEESON was married to Miss Molly Firth (sister of the late P.O. Desmond Firth, R.A.F.) at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, on 14th October. Congratulations to you both! John, unfortunately, was wounded in Italy before his marriage, but is now making a good recovery in this country.

We are pleased to be able to congratulate PHILIP O'SULLIVAN on his marriage to Miss Eileen Gleeson (John Gleeson's sister) at St. Anselm's Church, Tooting Bec, on 17th July. Phil is now a Third Officer in the Air Transport Auxiliary, flying anything from Spitfires to Sunderlands.

RONALD HOWIE was married on 11th September at the Church of the English Martyrs, Streatham, to Miss Ethel Pendlebury (Jimmy Pendlebury's sister). Father Chisnall, O.S.B. (the bride's uncle) officiated. Once again, congratulations to you both!

Editor's Note: We hasten to assure all our readers that we have not set up as a Matrimonial Agency and received no monetary reward for all the above—but it's an idea!

THOMAS C. O'SULLIVAN is, we learn, a Radio technician in the Royal Navy.

We hear from DENIS HICKS, who is now back in this country after a long spell in Malta, that he ran into JOHN ROWTHORNE, also in R.A.F. John was then temporarily engaged on Intelligence work.

JIMMY PENDLEBURY, of the R.A.P.C., recently got 100 per cent. on a fire course and received a special letter of congratulation from the Brigadier.

We hear that JOHN CROUCH is now a Lieutenant and is in India. There was talk of him joining Reggie Pierce's unit.



DERRICK JONES is now a L/Sergt. He landed in France shortly after D Day and fought right the way across France and Belgium into Holland. We very much regret to report that he was wounded in Holland, but we are pleased to hear that he is making a good recovery out there and hopes shortly to rejoin his unit. Best of luck, Derrick, we are thinking of you.

FRANK FREW is a Corporal in the "Met." section of his Marine Detachment and landed in Sicily and Italy.

TONY and BILL PALMER are now both attached to the 1st Chamar(?) Regiment. Bill is now a Major and was at the front in Burma for over a year. He is now in hospital at Poona, recovering from wounds in his hands and arms, but he hopes to rejoin his unit shortly. Stout work, Bill! Tony was engaged on Movement Control for over a year, when he volunteered for more active service and joined his brother.

MAURICE QUINLAN has been with the Universe for 27 years now and for the past few months has been Acting Editor. He lectured last October to the Cambridge University Society for International Affairs on "Vatican Government and Policy" and, from that highly critical audience, received an appreciative hearing.

We hear that CONCORDIA safely reached F/Sergt. A. EMERY with the C.M.F. and that he is still well. He saw D. A. GONET at a wireless school before he left England, but, unfortunately, has not given us Gonet's address. Emery came off "Ops" at the end of August after sixty-six trips.

PETER KELLEHER is still in West African waters and, despite the climate, is keeping fit. He has interested himself in Art once again and has sent a portrait of Winston Churchill and another work to the Arts and Crafts Services Exhibition in Freetown. We understand that he has had one accepted.

PAT MCGEE is now in North Africa, where he is making good use of his fluent French.

We were pleased to hear that PETER REGNAULT is well. He is now a radio instructor.

RAY BROOKS is now on the Burma front and thinks leeches and mosquitoes are not the least of the enemies to be found there. Before leaving Africa he managed to climb Kilimanjaro (19,700 ft.), being only the fifty-third to have reached the summit. He and DICK TRUMPER, who is still engaged on aeronautical research, should get together and start an Old Boys' Mountaineering Section.

FRANCIS ROSE is now, we hear, a married man and the proud father of a son and heir, Nicholas John. Congratulations, Francis!

We met VICTOR BAYLEY recently, one of our older members, and learn that he is now a very well known Chartered Accountant and a recognised authority on Taxation. In his student days he took first place in the intermediate and final examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and also first place in the intermediate examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants. A feat never accomplished before or since.

BILLY BATES has now practically recovered from his wounds, we are pleased to report, and is still in the Middle East.

PETER REYNIER has made a complete recovery from his wounds and is in Holland. His brother, RUDOLF, is in Burma with S.E.A.C.

We believe that DESMOND KENNY returned to England for a brief spell, after serving in the Middle East, and is now overseas again.

TONY DUPRE is now a Captain and is still in Italy. He met Billy Bates while on leave in the Middle East.

RONALD HILL has been married for some years now and is the proud father of a son aged two. He is now in the army with the Royal Corps of Signals and, when last we heard, was talking about a forthcoming visit to an O.C.T.U.

We hear that L. E. POWELL, who left the College in 1942, has quite recently joined the army.

TONY JOHNSON is in the Navy on board an escort carrier.

We met BILL ABRAHAMS two or three months ago and heard that he had arrived off the coast of Normandy, in charge of two landing craft, in the early hours of D Day. He and Phil O'Sullivan arranged, way back in 1933, to meet in ten years' time and despite the war kept their engagement only two months late.

BILL HOLLAND has transferred from the R.A.P.C. to Civil Affairs and is now a Captain. He has gone overseas, the trip taking ten days, although the actual distance was very short. He tells us that he is now in a "famous and beautiful city which is one of the cleanest places I have ever seen, though badly battered by the Allied Air Forces." Well, your guess is as good as ours!

DESMOND TRAVIS is now a Flying Officer and is, we hear, in East Africa.

TEDDY TOTMAN is now the proud father of a second son, Paul. Congratulations, Teddy! Incidentally we have not heard from you for a long time, Teddy.

KENNETH O'BRIEN was married on 5th November to Miss Sheila Daly at the Church of the English Martyrs, Streatham. Congratulations, Ken! He returned recently from Canada where he obtained his commission in the R.A.F. as a Navigator/Bomb Aimer. He was, we understand, originally on a Pilot's course, but, having practically ripped the roofs off a couple of hangars, it was decided that it would be safer for all concerned if he qualified as a Navigator.

We hear that ALAN LINDSAY is one of the "back room boys."

B. CENTENARI has been accepted by the R.A.F. for air crew duties. We wish him well for he has been a very staunch supporter of ours in the past.

DON MULVIHILL, we have learned recently, has been in Sierra Leone for the past eighteen months. In spite of the terrible climate he has managed to keep fit, except for a dose of malaria. We don't expect you can play football out there, Don!

JOHN CAMMOCK has been shooting down flying bombs at Dover. We should like to hear all about it, John.



GEORGE BROWNE is now back in this country from Italy, while his brother, JAMES, has gone abroad.

We hear that BERNARD HODGES has taken his degree at Oxford and is now in Industry. Congratulations, Bernard!

FRED and MARY PLUMMER are the proud parents of a son, Stephen Louis, born on 17th April. Congratulations and best wishes!

T. R. TIMS has seen some hard fighting at Salerno, the Volturno Crossing, Cassino and the Rapido. He also has had the privilege to be among those who were received in audience by His Holiness, The Pope. His brother, CLIFFORD, after fifteen months in Sierra Leone, where he has had malaria and dysentery, is now a civilian radio tester. He was in the R.A.F. but volunteered for this latter work in answer to appeals.

NEVIN PAINE, who was at the College many years ago, is now Secretary to the Bank of Australasia.

Belated congratulations to PETER and BARBARA RODWELL who are the proud parents of a small daughter. Peter has now gone overseas again, attached to the Intelligence Corps.

R. WESTWOOD, who was at the College until quite recently, is now a Gunner with the R.A. (Signals) and is serving abroad.

We were very pleased to run into GEOFF YOUNG again. He is Assistant Appeals Organiser to the Sir Henry Wood Jubilee Fund. We heard from him that WILFRED NEWTON is Head of the Stills Department at Two Cities Productions, Denham, busily engaged on "Antony and Cleopatra."

We had a long and interesting letter from LESLIE RILEY, who is a director of Rilco Ltd., who cater not only for the ophthalmic world but are also making all shapes and sizes of scientific instruments. He has completed a scheme for those disabled in this war, so that they may learn a trade or, if they wish, study for examinations and obtain qualifications. He would be particularly delighted, and would regard it as a privilege, if he could assist any Old Boy to get on his feet again after the war. This is the first practical offer of assistance we have had and we thank Leslie for making it. Anyone who is interested either now, or in the future, has only to drop us a line. His brother, KEN, is now a Captain and is hoping to return to this country shortly, after a long spell in the Middle East.

HERBERT HARRIS was married in the early spring to Miss Bonney Genn. Congratulations, Herbert! He has had a glowing write-up in the *Worlds Press News* and the *Newspaper World* recently for his work with N.A.A.F.I. We had the pleasure of quaffing a glass of beer with him recently when he seemed to be in the best of health.

CLIVE TAYLOR, we are told, is the *Clapham Observer's* most promising reporter.

We were pleased to hear that GERALD HOY has qualified as a Wireless Operator in the R.A.F. and is now a Sergeant.

GERALD HAWKESWORTH is now a Sergt./Pilot in the R.A.F.

JOHN DOYLE is a Leading Radio Mechanic in the Navy and is at present at sea.

BILL RAFFIELD returned to this country for a short spell from Malta and is now in Canada with the R.C.A.F. We have good authority for believing that the local Danish Colony, particularly the local Danish girls, find him irresistible.

BERNARD SQUIRES is another of our members now in the Royal Navy. He has been at sea for some time but is now ashore for a while.

We hear that R. STOREY is now with the R.A.F.

J. PATRIE HONAN is an Officer Cadet in the R.A.F. He had the bad luck to be grounded as a pilot, on account of his eyes, after doing one hundred flying hours.

BERNARD HARVEY was in Egypt for some long time and is now in Italy.

BILL BOOTH, who has been fighting in the Burma jungle, complains sadly of the lack of English beer. We were pleased to hear from Bill and would like to thank him for his implicit trust in us. Included in his last letter was a piece of paper, which, on closer inspection, turned out to be a blank cheque and we were instructed to fill in the amount. Best wishes, Bill.

BRIAN WALSH has passed a War Office Selection Board and is now awaiting the result of his final examination.

We had a six-page letter from MAURICE M. STEPHENS, in which he tells us that he is chief instructor at an Operational Flying Instructors' School and the work consists of taking men straight from "Ops" and making instructors out of them. He says that it is not his "cup of tea" and he is itching to have another crack at Jerry. We think it probable that he and his brother Jack (P.O.W.) have already done more than their fair share. He has been married for some time now, and has a daughter, Jacqueline, aged 20 months. He also gives some other very interesting information, which we cannot publish, but we eagerly await the result of the bet, Maurice!

LAURENCE CROTON is back in this country, having included in his travels Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Persia, Egypt, Sicily and Italy. We understand that he is writing a book on his travels.

FRED STAKEMIRE, having finished his navigator's course, is now commissioned in the R.A.F. and has been retained as an instructor in the Union of South Africa.



JOHN LE GROS CLARK is now a Sergt./Navigator in the R.A.F. He was with the M.E.F. for some time and is now with the C.M.F., somewhere in Italy. He, too, has got around as, besides training in South Africa, he has seen Cairo, Alexandria, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. He also took part in a Corpus Christi procession around Mount Zion.

MAURICE EATON is now on the Continent.

CHRIS. HIGGINSON has qualified and is on the staff of the Paddington L.C.C. Hospital. Congratulations, Chris.!

Congratulations to TOM AND KIT. RYAN, who are the proud parents of a daughter Maire, born on 17th October. Tom is a L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S. and is at a base hospital receiving casualties from Holland.

We were pleased to hear from BERNARD HENSLER, who left the College in 1942. He has since passed the inter. B.Sc. (Econ.) and was then called up for the army, where he is now serving with the Intelligence Corps.

A. F. HOOLE is a Corporal in the London Irish Rifles. He fought through Sicily into Italy, where he was wounded by mortar fire. He has announced his engagement to Miss Joyce Goodwin, of Nottingham. We congratulate him and wish him a speedy recovery.

JOHN VEASEY is a Sergt./Air Gunner in the R.A.F. He went to Southern Rhodesia two years ago for training and has been in Italy for the last nine months flying in a Liberator.

When last we heard, ARTHUR FAEBRINI, who is now a Captain, was with the Raiding Forces Unit in the Middle East. Both he and his brother, ROBERT, still with the Middlesex Regiment, are quite well.

BERNARD STEVENS is still on the Rock, and has been lending a hand with the education of children re-evacuated from England, until such time as teachers are available.

BERNARD DOWELL, who is a Corporal in the Intelligence Corps, is in India. He likes his work and is managing to keep fit. His brother, LESLIE, is still in England.

We greatly appreciated receiving a long letter from ALAN CUNLIFFE, who is now living at Weston-super-Mare, and hope to have the pleasure of meeting him again one of these days. He tells us that ROD. KRESSIG is attached to a Military Liaison Mission at Pretoria. Alan would very much like to have news of BERNARD CAHIL and WILF. CARTER.

PETER TULLY, who is still a Sergeant with the R.A.C., is now in Rome.

We were pleased to hear from E. D. GREEN, who is now a Lieutenant with the Royal Corps of Signals, and who has probably joined the ranks of those fighting in foreign lands by this time. He tells us that he discovered that one of his Sergeants (Sgt. Fuentes) was at Mayfield and his younger brother at Clapham. They had a good chat about old times.