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Dear Old Boys of K.G.S.,

Two years ago I reminded you of the old tug-of-war call, "take the strain." We have indeed taken the strain and pulled hard, and now we can feel the pull is coming our way and we are filled with grim determination to finish the job very thoroughly.

The number of K.G.S. boys serving in every theatre of the war is continually growing. The volume of K.G.S. service is very great. High honours have been won and, alas, the Roll of Honour grows in length.

I am impressed most forcibly by the happiness of those who serve. I am constantly meeting them, and in spite of all the hardships and separations and dangers, they all seem so happy in their crusade. In spite of all the roughness and the toughness there is a satisfaction and a confidence which is inspiring. It comes no doubt from the feeling that you are indeed doing a man's job, and also that in spite of hardship and danger and endurance you find a great spirit of comradeship and companionship, the joys of which you first tasted at K.G.S.

We have great pride in your service. We feel for you in your exile from home and in your hardships and dangers. We look forward to welcoming you to the joys of home and the tasks of peace. You are constantly in our affectionate thoughts and prayers.

We at K.G.S. are carrying on, and the old school is not unworthily maintaining the tradition which you helped to found. Seven masters are on active service, but it has been of tremendous

value to K.G.S. to have the help and service of the old brigade, Mr. Barton, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Lee. We have also been fortunate in those who have come to our assistance and filled the places of the masters away on active service. Sometimes we seem very far away from the war, and yet we seek to play our part. Our task is not an easy one in these days. Mrs. Strange's part in the School House is a particularly onerous one, but, like you, we find a pride in facing all the tasks and difficulties of these times and in seeking to maintain the home front as worthily as you hold the forefront:

We have been in charge at K.G.S. for twenty-four years, and I have completed nearly thirty years' service at K.G.S. We feel that we have a big family composed of those who have passed through K.G.S. during those years, a family which is truly dear to us and dearer than ever in these times of stress and strain.

With very great sincerity we send to all sons of K.G.S., wherever and howsoever they serve, our most affectionate wishes.

Yours sincerely,

CRESSWELL STRANGE.

## School Notes.

The number of boys in the School (Summer, 1943) was 252, divided among the Houses as follows: Preston 76, Fylde 52, School House 49, Kirkham 39, Lytham 36.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS, JULY, 1942.

#### HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE :

W. L. Ainsworth, A. Clift, E. Howarth, B. R. Kirby, R. G. Tomlinson.

#### SUBSIDIARY SUBJECTS :

P. A. Greenhalgh passed 3 subjects.

E. L. G. Wilkinson passed 3 subjects.

R. H. Williams passed 3 subjects.

H. Hopley passed 2 subjects.

C. W. Roberts passed 2 subjects.

F. Sanderson passed 2 subjects.

B. Gastrell passed 1 subject.

N. Swift passed 1 subject.

#### CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE :

L. Abram, J. C. Armstrong, G. K. Benson, R. Burton, N. Gandy, V. F. Gibbs, J. Greasley, R. H. Harrison, P. Jackson, G. W. S. Knowles, J. B. Martindale, C. H. Morley, A. F. Pickles, G. A. Pilkington, M. H. H. Pilkington, J. C. Plummer, G. C. Read, K. H. Rich, B. Roberts, D. W. Ruddock, R. Singleton, J. Stebbings, P. T. Webb, R. Coxon,

December, 1942 : W. H. H. Carr, W. B. Cartmell, J. A. Curwen, B. L. Dodson, F. C. Dolman, J. Hothersall, G. V. Swarbrick.

During Kirkham and Fylde "Wings for Victory" Week, May 8th to 15th, 1943, K.G.S. Savings Association received sums amounting to £2,564 7s. 11d. Thus in three big efforts, War Weapons Week, Warships Week, and "Wings for Victory" Week, K.G.S. raised the sum of £12,567 18s. 9d.

Prize Day on July 29th will be held as last year under the restrictions of war conditions. No formal invitations are being



issued, but it is hoped that parents will be well represented and Old Boys who can come will be very welcome. The proceedings begin at 2-45 p.m.

J. H. S. Matthews, Esq., Vice-Chairman of the Governors, has promised to present the prizes. Mr. Matthews is an Old Boy and the son of a former Headmaster of K.G.S.

### Cricket, 1942.

From the point of view of results the season was one of considerable success. However, far too much depended on the excellent bowling of G. Swarbrick and D. Ruddock, and on the aggressive batting of R. S. Clark. With the possible exception of W. B. Cartmell, the rest of the side were not very impressive.

The fielding was reasonably good, but lacking in experience, and some of the batting was crude.

#### SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

##### FIRST ELEVEN:

Played 13; won 10; drawn 1; lost 2.

##### SECOND ELEVEN:

Played 6; won 4; drawn 1; lost 1.

##### COLTS:

Played 1; won 0; drawn 0; lost 1.

#### RESULTS OF FIRST XI MATCHES:

Date	Opponents	Ground	Runs		Result
			For	Agst.	
May 30	Arnold School .....	Away ...	104 for 6	55	... Won
June 3	Blackpool G.S. ....	Home ...	77	70	... Won
" 6	Balshaw's G.S. ....	Away ...	93	56	... Won
" 10	Baines's G.S. ....	Home ...	158 for 5	51	... Won
" 17	Balshaw's G.S. ....	Home ...	33	39	... Lost
" 20	Blackpool G.S. ....	Away ...	97 for 4	97	... Drawn
" 24	Rossall 2nd XI .....	Away ...	95 for 7	64	... Won
" 27	Arnold School .....	Home ...	60	26	... Won
July 11	St. Joseph's College .....	Away ...	147 for 7	45	... Won
" 18	Old Boys .....	Home ...	51	36	... Won
" 21	Searchlight Battery .....	Home ...	154	24	... Won
" 23	St. Joseph's College .....	Home ...	50	18	... Won
" 25	Preston G.S. ....	Away ...	39	47	... Lost

The leading First XI averages were:

#### BATTING.

	<i>No. of Innings</i>	<i>Times Not Out</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Total Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. S. Clark...	13	0	55	329	25.3
W. B. Cartmell ...	13	1	68	239	19.91
D. W. Ruddock ...	11	2	30	97	10.77

#### BOWLING.

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
G. V. Swarbrick ...	140.3	53	208	54	3.85
A. F. Pickles ...	29.6	6	65	14	4.64
D. W. Ruddock ...	114	29	197	42	4.69
S. A. Curwen ...	28.8	9	55	9	6.11

The awards were:

Mr. J. H. S. Matthews' bat for Batting—

R. S. Clark; average 25.3.

Mr. G. Taylor's bat for Bowling—

G. V. Swarbrick; average 3.85.

#### COLOURS.

First XI Colours:

Re-awarded: D. W. Ruddock.

Awarded for the first time to G. V. Swarbrick, R. S. Clark.

XX Caps:

Re-awarded: V. F. Gibbs, B. R. Kirby, J. A. Curwen,  
A. B. Roberts, A. F. Pickles.

Awarded for the first time to W. B. Cartmell, G. A.  
Pilkington, H. Carr, K. H. Rich, P. Jackson, S. D.  
Whitehurst, R. Burton, R. G. W. Smith, J. Aspinall  
and J. Jackson.

#### HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

Senior Winners: The Preston House

Scores in Final: Preston House ... 80.

School House ... 18 and 27.

Junior Winners: The Lytham House.

Scores in Final: Lytham House ... 52 and 85.

School House ... 75 and 55.

## Swimming, 1942.

The number of boys able to swim at the end of the season was 237 ; this represents 88 per cent. of the School. During the season 39 awards of the Royal Life-Saving Society were gained, including the Award of Merit—the first ever gained in the School—for E. Howarth. The House Championship Cup was won by the School House, the Open Championship by A. B. Roberts and P. Jackson, and the Junior Championship by R. E. Taylor and E. Parkinson.

### THE HOUSE CUP.

<i>House</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Squadron</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. School ...	231/255	90	30	120
2. Kirkham ...	220/240	91	20	111
3. Lytham ...	164/195	84	10	94
4. Preston ...	240/350	68	15	83
5. Fylde ...	188/300	62	5	67

### THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### 50 Yards Free Style—

1—A. B. Roberts. 2—R. S. Clark. 3—J. L. Ingham. Time, 35½ secs.

#### 50 Yards Breast Stroke—

1—P. Jackson. 2—A. B. Roberts. 3—J. Wilson. Time, 44½ secs.

#### 50 Yards Back Stroke—

1—W. Cartmell. 2—V. Gibbs. 3—J. Wilson. Time, 50 secs.

#### 100 Yards Free Style—

1—P. Jackson. 2—H. Taylor. 3—A. B. Roberts. Time, 1 min. 28½ secs.

## Rugby Football, 1942-43.

This season the XV has not been quite satisfactory. Some good football has been played and creditable victories have been achieved (notably against King Edward School, Lytham), but the fine cohesion of the 1940-41 team has scarcely ever been in evidence.

While there was some weakness in the pack, it was at half-back and on the right wing that we were least well served.

Nevertheless this team was much superior to many teams of the past.

## SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

			<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>	
							<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
First XV	...	...	14	8	0	6	283	225
Colts	...	...	2	1	0	1	27	60
Under 15	...	...	2	2	0	0	99	6
Bantams	...	...	2	0	0	2	0	24

## DETAILS OF FIRST XV MATCHES.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Points</i>		<i>Result</i>
				<i>Agst.</i>		
Oct. 10	Lancaster R.G.S. ....	Home ...	3	35	...	Lost
" 14	St. Joseph's College .....	Away ...	29	13	...	Won
" 21	Fleetwood Grammar School .....	Home ...	19	16	...	Won
" 24	Arnold School .....	Home ...	9	6	...	Won
" 28	King Edward VII Sch., Lytham	Away ...	23	8	...	Won
Nov. 4	Blackpool Grammar School .....	Home ...	11	19	...	Lost
" 14	Arnold School .....	Away ...	16	17	...	Lost
" 18	Rossall "A" .....	Away ...	3	47	...	Lost
" 21	Fleetwood Grammar School .....	Away ...	18	20	...	Lost
" 25	Balshaw's Grammar School .....	Away ...	27	11	...	Won
Dec. 2	Blackpool Grammar School .....	Away ...	8	28	...	Lost
" 5	St. Joseph's College .....	Home ...	40	0	...	Won
" 9	King Edward VII. Sch., Lytham	Home ...	22	5	...	Won
" 12	Balshaw's Grammar School .....	Home ...	55	0	...	Won

## COLTS.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Points</i>		<i>Result</i>
				<i>Agst.</i>		
Nov. 4	Blackpool Grammar School .....	Away ...	8	6	...	Won
Dec. 2	Blackpool Grammar School .....	Home ...	19	54	...	Lost

## UNDER 15.

Nov. 25	Balshaw's Grammar School .....	Home ...	63	0	...	Won
Dec. 12	Balshaw's Grammar School .....	Away ...	36	6	...	Won

## BANTAMS.

Oct. 28	King Edward VII. Sch., Lytham	Home ...	0	6	...	Lost
Dec. 9	King Edward VII Sch., Lytham	Away ...	0	18	...	Lost

## AWARDS.

## HONOURS CAPS :

Re-awarded to A. B. Roberts, R. G. Tomlinson, P. Jackson  
and G. V. Swarbrick.

Awarded for the first time to W. H. H. Carr and A. F.  
Pickles.



## FIRST XV COLOURS :

Re-awarded to D. W. Ruddock, J. Jackson and A. Clift.

Awarded for the first time to G. C. Read, W. B. Cartmell, J. H. Roberts, J. A. Curwen, J. Hothersall and C. McNamara.

## HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

Senior Winners	...	The School House.
Runners-up	...	The Fylde House.
Junior Winners	...	The Fylde House.
Runners-up	...	The School House.

**K.G.S. Harriers, 1943.**

This season rather more runs were undertaken. Although the team was a fairly strong one, very good opposition was met and the results were only moderately good.

## RESULTS.

Feb. 20th, 1943.—Triangular Contest at Blackpool. K.G.S. were second.

Stonyhurst College	...	2, 6, 7, 8, 13, 16	...	52 Points
K.G.S.	...	4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 14	...	55 "
Blackpool G.S.	...	1, 3, 10, 20, 21, 22	...	77 "

March 6th, 1943.—K.G.S. v. Blackpool G.S., at Kirkham. K.G.S. won by 4 points.

K.G.S.	...	3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10	...	39 Points
Blackpool G.S.	...	1, 2, 4, 9, 13, 14	...	43 "

March 10th, 1943.—Triangular Contest at Stonyhurst. K.G.S. were third.

Stonyhurst College	...	1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12	...	42 Points
Blackpool G.S.	...	2, 3, 4, 13, 17, 20	...	59 "
K.G.S.	...	7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18	...	75 "

March 13th, 1943.—Triangular Contest at Kirkham. K.G.S. were first.

K.G.S.	...	2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9	...	33 Points
R.A.F.	...	1, 5, 6, 12, 16, 17	...	57 "
Baines's G.S.	...	13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22	...	105 "

March 20th, 1943.—Triangular Contest at Kirkham R.A.F. Camp. K.G.S. were second.

Blackpool G.S.	...	1, 2, 3, 12, 14, 19	...	51 Points
K.G.S.	...	6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15	...	59 "
R.A.F.	...	4, 5, 7, 13, 17, 20	...	66 "

March 24th, 1943.—K.G.S. v. Blackpool G.S., at Blackpool. Blackpool G.S. won by 6 points.

Blackpool G.S.	...	1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 14	...	37 Points
K.G.S.	...	3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11	...	43 "

#### AWARDS.

Re-award of Colours to G. V. Swarbrick, I. Haresnape, S. D. Whitehurst, J. F. Sims, D. W. Ruddock, and P. Jackson.  
New Award of Colours to W. B. Cartmell and J. H. Roberts.

### Inter-School Athletic Sports.

The Annual Meeting was held on the Blackpool Cricket Ground on May 19th, 1943. Seven schools competed: Arnold, Baines's, Blackpool, Kirkham, Lancaster, Rossall and St. Joseph's. K.G.S. finished third out of the seven schools with 19 points, being beaten by Lancaster (33½) and Rossall (29½). P. Jackson did very well in returning two Firsts, including a record in Putting the Weight. The Trophy and Certificates were presented by W. W. Wakefield, Esq., M.P., Director of the Air Training Corps, who spoke very highly of the Sports, stressing the importance of physical fitness and team work. He said he knew of no other meeting of this kind in the whole country, and thought it might well be copied by other groups of schools. He was pleased to hear that the same schools are to compete at swimming in July at the Derby Baths.

K.G.S. points were made up as follows :

			Points
P. Jackson	...	1st in 120 Yards Hurdles (15½ secs.)	5
		1st in Putting the Weight (36ft. 11ins.—Record)	5
D. Ruddock	...	3rd in Long Jump (17ft. 9½ins.)	2
		3rd in Quarter-Mile	2
G. V. Swarbrick	...	3rd in Half-Mile	2
I. Haresnape	...	3rd in 220 Yards	2
S. Whitehurst	...	4th in 1-Mile	1

## Army Cadets.

Mr. Hughes has supplied the following review of the excellent progress of the K.G.S. Cadet Unit under his efficient command:

"The Cadet Unit, which was formed in June, 1942, is by now a well organised and disciplined force.

"Last August a week was spent in camp at Moss Side, and though the training was strenuous much benefit was derived from it.

"During the winter months good work was done in preparation for the War Certificate A, Part I Examination. Twenty-five cadets who took the examination were successful.

"Our platoon sergeants, Peter Jackson and Frank Sanderson, after attending a short course at Rossall School, passed with credit War Certificate A, Part II.

"A Special Parade was held at Kirkham on May 8th in connection with the "Wings for Victory" Week. Our cadets took their place alongside detachments from the Navy, Army, R.A.F., U.S.A. Forces, Home Guard and Civil Defence, and their general bearing and smartness on parade was specially commended.

"Our strength at the moment is 82, and we hope to raise our ceiling to 100 in the near future. Cadet Officers B. Stevenson and E. J. Williams have rendered excellent service, and the efficiency of the unit is mainly due to their untiring efforts and loyal service."

## Prize Day, 1942.

Prize Day was held on July 29th. War-time conditions brought a certain amount of austerity to this time-honoured function, but the prizes were there, thanks to the generosity of the donors, and the flowers and plants, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Duckworth, again added a festive note to the hall, and a good company of boys and their parents enjoyed the proceedings. The Headmaster presented his 23rd Annual Report on the work and progress of the School.

The prizes were presented by the Vicar of Kirkham, the Rev. A. H. Candler, whose presence and address were highly appreciated.

Mr. Candler stressed the value of forming good habits. He reminded the boys that they all started level in that respect, without any handicap of intellectual attainments or physical strength. Each had equal opportunity of taking advantage of what the old School could give him towards the formation of good habits.

### Old Boys.

Congratulations to :

- H. Coupe (1906-08) on being elected an Associate Member of the Institution of British Engineers, and on receiving a bar to his Long Service Medal, Lancashire Special Constabulary.  
J. C. Howarth (1930-37) on passing the Final Examination for the degree of M.B., Ch.B. of Manchester University.

### Service Distinctions.

- The Distinguished Service Order has been awarded to Lt.-Col. J. Butler Porter for "gallant services in the Middle East."  
The Polish Cross has been awarded to Signalmán R. O. Wilson for the part he played in the naval action against the German warship *Bismarck*.  
The Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded to Second Officer R. Bettess for "courage and devotion to duty in an operation conveying essential supplies to Malta."  
The Membership of the Order of the British Empire has been awarded to 2nd Engineer R. Chard for "great courage, coolness and resource when his ship was torpedoed."  
Sergeant George Allanson has been mentioned in Despatches for distinguished service.  
The British Empire Medal has been awarded to Divisional Officer K. Cameron, A.F.S., for courage and devotion in dealing with a blazing ammunition lorry.

### Marriages.

- GREGSON—GATES.—On April 5th, 1941, at Bournemouth, Michael R. Gregson (1925-33) to Madeleine Gates, of Exmouth.  
MERRALL—FISHER.—On January 10th, 1942, at Ebrington Parish Church, Harry Humphrey Merrall (1933-36) to Mary Masters Fisher, of Ebrington, Gloucestershire.  
DAVENPORT—CONNOLLY.—On July 28th, 1942, at St. Wilfrid's Church, Preston, Peter Angus Davenport (1927-33) to Margaret Mary Connolly, of Preston.

FLEETWOOD—CLARK.—On August 15th, 1942, at the Methodist Chapel, Workington, Richard Edward Fleetwood (1924-29) to Phoebe Clark, of Workington.

CHAMLEY—SHARP.—On August 19th, 1942, at Lund Parish Church, Clarence James Chamley (1930-34) to Emily Sharp, of Clifton.

CATTERALL—JENNINGS.—On August 22nd, 1942, at St. Michael's Church, Ashton, Richard Seed Catterall (1927-31) to Margaret Grace Jennings, of Ashton.

LOFTHOUSE—MARGINSON.—On September 21st, 1942, at St. Mary's Church, Penwortham, Thomas Lofthouse (1928-33) to Dorothy C. Marginson, of Whitestake.

DOBSON—MILLNER.—On September 26th, 1942, at Lund Parish Church, Harry Dobson (1921-24) to Margaret Hutchinson Millner, of Newton.

WHITRIDGE—WATSON.—On November 7th, 1942, at the Parish Church of St. John, Yeovil, J. Peter Whitridge (1931-36) to D. Myrtle Watson, of Yeovil.

ASHTON—SHARP.—On December 9th, 1942, at the Parish Church, Lund, Clifford Pomfret Ashton (1924-28) to Betty Sharp, of Clifton.

RAWSTRON—SHAW.—On March 23rd, 1943, at St. John's Church, Higher Broughton, Harry Stanley Rawstron (1927-32) to Hannah Shaw, of Higher Broughton.

TAYLOR—KIRKHAM.—On May 26th, 1943, at St. Nicholas' Church, Wrea Green, George L. Taylor (1922-24) to Elizabeth Kirkham, of Ballam.

ASHWORTH—ROYLE.—On June 5th, 1943, at St. Andrew's Church, Cleveleys, Philip D. Ashworth (1930-36) to Hilda Royle, of Cleveleys.

WOODS—HODGSON.—On June 5th, 1943, at Kirkham Parish Church, John Ogden Woods (1933-37) to Betty Hodgson, of Kirkham.

WALKER—MORRIS.—On June 12th, 1943, at Leyland Parish Church, Robert Walker (1928-35) to Edna Morris of Leyland.

HARRISON—BARTON.—On July 3rd, 1943, at Kirkham Parish Church, Herbert Harrison (1930-39) to Freda Margaret Barton, of Wrea Green.



## Roll of Honour.

We record with deep regret the names of those who have fallen in the service of their country. K.G.S. holds in high and revered honour those who have made this supreme sacrifice :

*"Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."*

June 17th, 1940.	Harold Edwards (1929-36). R.E.
Aug. 28th, 1940.	Francis Joseph Rosbotham (1927-31). R.A.F.
Jan. 10th, 1941.	John Olive (1929-33). R.A.F.
March, 1941.	Jack Butterworth Clarke (1932-36). R.A.F.
April, 1941.	George Allanson (1931-35). R.A.F.
May, 1941.	Norman King (1932-37). R.N.V.R.
Sept. 30th, 1941.	Sydney Moore Ramsden (1928-34). R.A.
Dec., 1941.	Kenneth Willacy (1932-37). R.N.V.R.
Dec., 1941.	George Herbert Desmond Dawson (1929-35). R.A.F.
Jan. 15th, 1942.	Eric Twelves (1929-35). R.A.F.
Jan. 28th, 1942.	Robert William Anthony Biddlecombe (1936-38). R.A.F.
Feb. 27th, 1942.	Donald Unsworth (1932-37). R.A.F.
April 2nd, 1942.	Albert Matthew Osborne (1919-22). R.A.F.
April 14th, 1942.	John Wright (1930-36). R.A.
June 30th, 1942.	Frank Johnston Rigby (1924-32). R.A.F.
July 3rd, 1942.	Arthur Harris (1929-33). R.A.C.
Sept., 1942.	William Reginald Ivor Walmsley (1926-35). R.A.F.
Oct., 1942.	Humphrey Montagu Whittle (1911-15). R.A.F.
Nov., 1942.	Thomas James Spencer Cheney (1932-37). R.A.
March, 1943.	Herbert Tattersall (1925-32). R.A.F.
April, 1943.	Clifford Harrison (1926-32). R.A.F.
May, 1943.	Donald Jack Marshall (1935-38). R.A.F.

## Obituary.

We deeply regret the death of the following Old Boy :  
**H. PARKINSON, of Kirkham, on July 23rd, 1942,**  
 who was at School 1867-71.

## Prisoners-of-War.

We give below the addresses of Old Boys who are prisoners-of-war. They would welcome letters from old school friends.

H. Greenway, British Interned Civilian, No. 110, Ilag. VIII, H., Germany.

Pilot Officer W. Twist, No. 39262, Stalag IX C, Duleg A., Germany.

Sergt. J. L. Ledsham, No. 24502, M-Stammlager Luft 3, Germany.

974091 Flt.-Sgt. G. T. Holt, Transit 85, P.M. 3450, Italy.

903395 L.-Bdr. F. J. Coleman, D/353/88, 88th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, British Prisoner-of-War, Malai Camp, C/o. Japanese Red Cross, Tokyo, Japan.

906315 Gunner M. J. Butler, 349 Battery, 137 Field Regt., R.A., British Prisoner-of-War, Malaya Camps.

In the case of prisoners in Japanese hands the envelopes should have in the left-hand corner: PRISONER-OF-WAR POST. "Service des prisonniers de guerre."

Of those previously reported missing we are glad to hear that F. J. Coleman, N. P. Embley and M. J. Butler are prisoners-of-war.

News is anxiously awaited of R. Broughton and J. K. R. Hepburn. The latter's ship was torpedoed on 31st October, 1942, but there is some hope that he may have been picked up and be in enemy hands.

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We were very pleased to receive a visit from Eric Parker (1927-31). His adventures are an epic story. He was a rear gunner in a bomber which was shot into flames while operating over North Africa. Parker was the sole survivor of the crew, and he owes his life to the tail of the machine breaking away. He was severely injured and was taken prisoner by the Vichy authorities. He received treatment in hospital and his foot had to be amputated. The Allied landing in November brought freedom to Eric Parker, and among the landing party was his brother Ian (1930-31). Within twelve days the brothers met.

## Athletic Sports, May 12th, 1943.

### PRINCIPAL RESULTS.

Victor Ludorum	...	D. W. Ruddock, 62 points.
Runner-up	...	P. Jackson, 58 points.
Champion House	...	Preston House, 156 points.
Runners-up	...	School House, 116 points.
Cross Country	...	Preston House.
Junior Cross Country	...	Lytham House.

### OPEN EVENTS.

1-Mile	...	S. D. Whitehurst	...	4 min. 51 sec. (record)
Putting the Weight	...	P. Jackson	...	38 ft. 6in.
100 Yards	...	D. W. Ruddock	...	11 sec.
Long Jump	...	D. W. Ruddock	...	19 ft. 2 in.
Quarter-Mile	...	D. W. Ruddock	...	57½ secs.
High Jump	...	P. Jackson	...	4 ft. 11½ in.
220 Yards	...	I. Haresnape	...	24 secs.
Throwing the Discus	...	P. Jackson	...	97 ft. 8 in.
120 Yards Hurdles	...	P. Jackson	...	17½ secs.
Half-Mile	...	D. W. Ruddock	...	2 min. 22½ secs.

### JUNIOR EVENTS.

1-Mile	...	J. Hornby	...	5 min. 23 secs.
100 Yards	...	L. Rawstrone	...	12½ secs.
220 Yards	...	L. Rawstrone	...	28 secs.
High Jump	...	D. Jackson	...	4 ft. 2 ins.
Long Jump	...	L. Rawstrohe	...	15 ft. 8 ins.
Quarter-Mile	...	L. Rawstrone	...	70 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles	...	J. D. Croasdale	...	19½ secs.

### New Members.

- \*Abram, L (1937-42), The Beeches, Moss Side, Lytham.
- \*Ainsworth, W. L. (1935-42), Ainsdene, Carr Hill, Kirkham.
- Brown, R. (1938-42), 10 Birley Street, Kirkham.
- \*Burton, J. M. (1939-42), 37 West Cliff, Preston.
- Burton, R. (1937-42), 84 St. Andrew's Avenue, Ashton, Preston.
- Cardwell, W. R. (1936-40), 5 Spire Row, Wrea Green.
- Carr, H. (1938-42), 43 Orders Lane, Kirkham.
- Carr, W. H. H. (1937-42), East Lynn, 14 Elms Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- \*Clark, R. S. (1938-42), 3 Mayfield Avenue, Kirkham.
- Coupe, V. (1935-41), Glenroy, Ribby Road, Kirkham.
- \*Cowburn, R. (1938-42), Sudell's Farm, Lea Town, near Preston.
- Dolman, F. C. (1938-42), 84 Church Road, St. Annes-on-Sea.
- Eccles, J. R. (1937-42), 41 Garstang Road North, Wesham.
- \*Fearnley, G. S. (1939-42), 22 Penrose Avenue, Marton, Blackpool.
- \*Gibbs, V. F. (1939-42), c/o. Mrs. E. Hutchinson, Wellesbourne Road, Barford, Warwick.



- \*Greasley, J. (1940-43), Innisfree, Barkfield Avenue, Formby, Liverpool.
- Hothersall, J. (1937-42), 81 Dunelt Road, Blackpool.
- \*Ingham, J. L. (1938-42), 291 Gregson Lane, Hoghton, Preston.
- \*Kirby, B. R. (1935-42), Carlton House, Derby Road, Wesham.
- Kirby, G. (1937-42), Carlton House, Derby Road, Wesham.
- \*Moore, C. B. (1938-42), 8 Angers Hill Road, Marton, Blackpool.
- Parker, W. R. (1938-42), Shard Lane End, Singleton, Blackpool.
- \*Plummer, J. C. (1937-42), Springfield, Harbour Lane, Warton, near Preston.
- Read, G. C. (1936-43), 58 Lightburne Avenue, St. Annes-on-Sea.
- Read, C. (1933-37), 58 Lightburne Avenue, St. Annes-on-Sea.
- \*Rich, K. H. (1934-42), 77 Shaftesbury Avenue, Blackpool.
- \*Roberts, A. B. (1935-42), Highgate Cottage, Wrea Green.
- Roberts, B. (1938-43), 16 Rydal Road, St. Annes-on-Sea.
- Rodgers, J. K. (1938-42), Fylde Water Board, Station Road, Kirkham.
- Rushton, I. T. (1937-42), 1 Ryburn Avenue, Blackpool.
- Swift, N. (1937-43), 12 Park Road, Kirkham.
- Taylor, H. (1937-42), 29 Fylde Street, Kirkham.
- Thistlethwaite, R. (1936-40), Tuberoze, Mellor Road, Kirkham.
- Wareing, T. (1938-42), Peel Hall, Little Marton, Blackpool.
- Webb, P. T. (1940-42), 87 Raglan Gardens, Oxhey, Watford.

\* Denotes Life Member.

### Association Notes.

Present addresses of the following members are wanted. Any information of them will be very welcome: S. V. K. Fielding, formerly of St. Annes-on-Sea; F. R. Wharton (Derby); T. Gardner (Marton & Bebington); T. J. Kirkpatrick (Cleveleys); G. Livsey (Heywood); and W. J. Gilmore (Fleetwood and Blackburn).

The Hon. Treasurer reports that the balance standing to the credit of the Association on 31st October, 1942, was £125 18s. 0d.

Each Association Year closes on October 31st. After this date will members kindly send their subscription (5/-) to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. H. Rigby, Kirkham, Preston!

Those desirous of becoming Life Members please write to the Hon. Secretary, who will at once state the amount due.

The Association Blazer Badge can only be purchased from The Grand Clothing Hall, 83 Fishergate, Preston, where all particulars may be obtained.

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