

C. E. Vance, F. Kendall, Canon J. Perkins, R. Maclear, Dr. W. Langdon Brown, B. J. Airy, Mr. Reginald Carter, and several more.

D. R. Bowden (31-37) writes cheerfully from Kerikeri, and between parades and his work on the farm, has very little time for other pursuits. At the last parade (prior to his letter) the Instructors brought up a Bren gun and left it with them for a few days. The Returned Soldiers' Association in Kerikeri were like children with a new toy when they saw and handled the Bren. A Young Farmers' Club has been formed in Kerikeri, and Bowden is Secretary and Treasurer of it. They have monthly meetings and field days every now and then. There are four Advisory Members, who are just there to see that the young farmers do not get too rowdy.

In Memoriam.

BENNETT FRANK COLUMBINE.

Born at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts., on
31st October, 1856.

Assistant Master at the School from
September, 1888, to July, 1921.

Died at Boscombe Hospital after a short illness
on 30th October, 1939.



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Many a memory of their school days would be stirred when the older generation of O.B.s heard of the death of Mr. B. F. Columbine, at Bournemouth, on the eve of his eighty-third birthday.

"Beefy" as he was known to many a generation—a name probably derived from his first two initials

rather than from his large frame—came to Bedford in September, 1888, and remained at the School until his retirement in July, 1921. The principal subjects he taught were Geography, Mathematics and English. He will by most be best remembered for his services in the Volunteer Cadet Corps of those days, and for his skill as instructor of the School Shooting VIII. Major Columbine, to give him the rank he held in the 1st Beds. R.E. (Volunteers), was a keen Volunteer for many years, and held the Long Service Medal and the Volunteer Decoration; he was also an active member of the Bedford County Rifle Association. He shot for England in 1896. It was his supreme ambition that the School should win the "Ashburton" Shield at Bisley. If that ambition was not realised, the failure was due to the lack of a good and convenient range, certainly not to lack of skill on the part of the instructor. He, however, enjoyed a great triumph when F. R. Radice (00-07), his pupil, won, as an undergraduate at Oxford, the King's Prize at Bisley in 1910, and the same year an O.B. team carried off the Veterans' Trophy. "All I know about shooting was taught me by Major Columbine," was Radice's tribute on that occasion.

On his retirement, Major Columbine went to live in a house he had built for himself at Bournemouth, named, characteristically, "Bedfordia." The choice of this name, the fact that his three sons were all educated at Bedford, his regular attendance at O.B. Dinners, and his visit to us during O.B. Week of fifteen months ago, show his unflinching interest in and loyalty to the School which he was proud to have served. We mourn his loss and extend our sympathy to his widow, daughter, and two surviving sons.

FRANK CAREW CORRY-SMITH.

Born, 3rd August, 1873.

Entered the School, May, 1885.

Left, December, 1889.

Died at Bedford on 5th November, 1939.

The Reverend

AYLMER SCOTT,

Vicar of Buckland, Aylesbury.

Born, 4th April, 1870.

Entered the School, January, 1882.

Left, July, 1889.

Died on 14th November, 1933.

Commander R. F. JOLLY, R.N.

Mrs. Jolly has sent to the Head Master the following account, compiled by those on the spot, of the action in which Commander Jolly was killed on October 16th, 1939. She kindly allows us to publish it:—

"Some German bombers made an attack on the ships of the Fleet lying below the Forth Bridge, and also attempted to bomb the bridge. The bombers were driven off, and on retiring fell in with H.M.S. *Mohawk*, which was on convoy duty. A 'plane swooped towards the *Mohawk*. Commander Jolly challenged it, and not receiving a reply opened fire. The 'plane swooped lower and nearer, and dropped a bomb, which, although it missed the *Mohawk*, burst before reaching the water, close to the *Mohawk*'s bridge. Part of the bridge was riddled 'like a sieve.' Several men were killed, and a number more injured by flying fragments. Commander Jolly was hit in the abdomen and groin, and the Navigating Officer (Lieut. Harper), standing close to the Commander,