

fenced very stylishly. More attacks would have gained him many more points. Buck (one win) must still concentrate on parries as opposed to stop-hits. His own attacks are rather diffident. Pengelly fenced well considering his inexperience, but was far too slow for the feint attacks of his opponents. He should try to be faster in his foot-work too.

We must hope that next term's return match will reverse a rather unnecessary defeat.

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Without making excuses for the paucity of fencing talent this term, we can attribute it to the absence of any organised coaching during the past four years. The instructors cannot possibly cope with the large number of boys doing fencing, and it is up to House Captains and the Captain of Fencing to see that any talent is improved before boys become bored and get into bad fencing habits. We hope to have started fairly extensive coaching by half-term.

R.H.C.L.

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## OLD BEDFORDIAN NEWS

### In Memoriam

JOHN MAURICE BARNETT

Born, 27th March, 1898

At the School from January 1911 to December 1915  
Died at Walberton, Sussex, on 23rd August, 1954.

PATRICK MOORE DALGETY

Born, 14th April, 1925

At the School from May 1939 to July 1943  
Died at Colombo in July, 1954.

JOHN LAWRENCE GAUNT

B.S.C., A.M.I.N.A.

Born, 16th July, 1928

At the School from June 1938 to April 1946  
Died at Lowestoft on 24th September, 1954.

HAROLD MOFFAT SWIRE HAUGHTON  
Captain, R.E. (retd.), B.S.C., M.INST.C.E.,  
late of P.W.D., Malaya

A former D.V.P. of the O.B. Club

Born, 2nd September, 1884

At the School from September 1897 to July 1902  
Died at Thetford, Norfolk, on 13th August, 1954.

OWEN PAUL GREVILLE KIRALFY

Born, 22nd February, 1921

At the School from September 1934 to December 1937  
Died while bathing at Sourabaya, Java,  
on 14th July, 1954.

HERBERT JAMES MILLER

Captain, R.D., R.N.R.

Born, 5th July, 1893

At the School from May 1904 to December 1908  
Died at Portrush, N. Ireland, in July, 1954.

GERALD FRANK MORSE

Born, 25th June, 1895

At the School from September 1909 to July 1913  
Died on 30th September, 1954.

CHARLES RICHARD BLACKSTONE OWEN

Colonel, R.A. (retd.), C.M.G.

At the School from January 1885 to July 1888

Died at Llangarron, Herefordshire, on  
3rd September, 1954.

The only son of the late Charles Owen, Colonel C. R. B. Owen was educated at Bedford and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, when he was gazetted to the Royal Artillery in 1890. He saw active service in the South African War and in the 1914-18 War, and was appointed C.M.G. in 1918. From 1920 to 1923 he was Assistant Director of Artillery at the War Office with the rank of Colonel, and he retired from the Army in 1924.—*The Times*.

EDWARD JOHN RIDGWAY

Born, 26th October, 1870

At the School from May 1884 to December 1888  
Died at Hempstead, Long Island, U.S.A.,  
on 26th May, 1954.

SIDNEY ROBINSON

Born, 30th October, 1891

At the School from May 1907 to July 1909  
Died at Bedford on 12th September, 1954.

ERNEST HENRY TREDCROFT

Born, 3rd September, 1889

At the School from September 1901 to July 1905  
Died at Victoria, British Columbia,  
on 8th September, 1954.

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## O.B. Club Notices

### Kent, Surrey and Sussex Dinner

The District Dinner has been arranged for Monday, 6th December, at the Bedford Hotel, King's Road, Brighton, at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. All members living in the district are requested to get in touch with the D.V.P., J. B. Buckwell, Regent House, North Street, Brighton 1, from whom full particulars can be obtained.

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### South Midlands

#### Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire

The D.V.P., G. W. Jackson, "Ourouse", 55 West-gate Crescent, Cippenham, Slough, Bucks., requests that all O.B.s in his district will be good enough to get in touch with him, as owing to pressure of work it is difficult for him to write to all the members on his list, who number about 155.

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We have to thank Arthur F. H. Newton (97-98) for so kindly presenting to the School, through the Old Bedfordians Club, copies of his last two books.



THE MASTERS

D. C. Money, lbw, b Pickett	23
C. H. Barrow, c Cook, b Murray-Clarke	19
N. H. Evans, c Duckett, b Ogilvie	2
F. M. Fletcher, b Murray-Clarke	21
D. F. Rowe, c McIntosh, b Pickett	17
E. H. S. Dillon, not out	20
C. M. E. Seaman, not out	4
Extras	6
Total (for 5 wkts.)	112

Reverend H. H. E. Peacock, Smith, W. M. Cooper, A. C. Fitt did not bat.

Old Bedfordians v The Gentlemen of Bedfordshire

Played on Monday, 19th July, 1954.

The weather cleared for the start of the week, and the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire, having won the toss, batted first on an easy-paced wicket. The opening pair were never in any real difficulty and runs came easily. Hoar was out just before lunch, and Millman just after. Five wickets fell, but the O.B.s bowling could never quite effect a breakthrough. Woolliscroft declared at 3.15 p.m., giving the O.B.s plenty of time to make the runs or get out. Unfortunately they chose to get out, and a series of run-outs put paid to any chance of winning. Cook, Hay and Murray-Clarke batted well, but after the fourth run-out at a quarter-past five, there was no one left to carry on the good work.

GENTLEMEN OF BEDFORDSHIRE

D. Hoar, run out	42
G. Millman, c Ogilvie, b Greaves	47
M. H. Green, b Randall	10
H. F. Rowlinson, not out	32
L. Brantom, b Greaves	3
D. J. Asbury, b Hay	21
T. B. Woolliscroft, c Spark, b Hay	9
Extras	13
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	177

P. H. Humphreys, V. Page, H. Hayhurst and B. J. Maries did not bat.

OLD BEDFORDIANS

K. Vane-Percy, b Page	13
J. G. Cook, run out	20
D. R. Wynn-Williams, c Humphreys, b Maries	0
J. D. S. Hay, run out	36
R. V. Spark, run out	2
A. Duckett, run out	0
C. R. Randall, c Millman, b Maries	0
J. O. Murray-Clarke, b Maries	18
R. L. Cartwright, not out	8
C. I. H. Greaves, b Hayhurst	5
C. G. Ogilvie, b Maries	0
Extras	9
Total	113

Old Bedfordians v R.A.F. Flying Training Command

Played on Tuesday, 20th July, 1954.

R.A.F. Flying Training Command, on their first visit, paid us the compliment of bringing their strongest side. Against the bowling of Shirreff, ably supported by Stephenson, the O.B.s batted fairly consistently, the chief honours going to Wynn-Williams and Cartwright. The former made the runs when they were needed at the beginning of the innings, and the latter when they were really needed at the end. At the tea interval, the visitors were 62 for 3, with Payton out but Shirreff still in, and the O.B.s wanted a few quick wickets. After tea Cartwright provided the answer by

immediately taking five wickets with twelve balls. The last three batsmen held out for an hour, but in the end the O.B.s won by 81 runs. It was Cartwright's match, and his six wickets for 10 runs in 11 overs must rank as one of the best performances in O.B. cricket.

OLD BEDFORDIANS

K. Vane-Percy, b Shirreff	27
D. R. Wynn-Williams, c Meadows, b Shirreff	60
R. V. Spark, lbw, b Shirreff	0
R. F. Thomas, lbw, b Meadows	14
G. D. Moulton, b Stephenson	0
G. S. Gilbert, run out	19
R. D. Payne, c Parker, b Shirreff	7
J. G. Cook, run out	8
A. Duckett, b Short	0
R. L. Cartwright, not out	28
J. O. Murray-Clarke, b Stephenson	11
C. G. Ogilvie, run out	0
Extras	13
Total	187

R.A.F. FLYING TRAINING COMMAND

A/C Parker, b Duckett	19
Sqn. Ldr. Payton, c Moulton, b Ogilvie	25
A/C Gaunt, b Murray-Clarke	11
Sqn. Ldr. Shirreff, c Murray-Clarke, b Cartwright	3
Sgt. Rowlinson, st Payne, b Cartwright	5
Plt. Off. Hardstaff, c V. Percy, b Cartwright	0
Plt. Off. Short, not out	22
C. I. G. Greaves, b Cartwright	0
Flg. Off. Meadows, c Gilbert, b Cartwright	2
A/C Stephenson, c Payne, b Cartwright	0
Plt. Off. Cohen, b Duckett	8
A. Spark, lbw, b Duckett	0
Extras	11
Total	106

Old Bedfordians v Incogniti C.C.

Played on Wednesday, 21st July, 1954.

After Tuesday's triumph, the batting of the O.B.s on the Wednesday can only be described as pathetic. At one time they were 46 for 8, of which Spark had made 23. Murray-Clarke and Greaves then made the score look a little better and nearly doubled it. Our old friend Rice was the chief enemy with 6 for 27 in seventeen overs, and Money took four catches behind the stumps. The Incogniti proceeded to win quite comfortably by 8 wickets and one-and-a-half hours to spare.

OLD BEDFORDIANS

D. R. Wynn-Williams, c Money, b Rice	0
K. Vane-Percy, c Furbank, b Rice	7
R. V. Spark, lbw, b Rice	23
R. W. Street, c Money, b Rice	0
C. R. Randall, c Money, b Rice	0
R. L. Cartwright, b Chignell	8
J. G. Cook, c Furbank, b Chignell	0
J. O. Murray-Clarke, c and b Mills	22
A. Duckett, st Money, b Chignell	0
C. I. H. Greaves, b Rice	24
C. G. Ogilvie, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	91

INCOGNITI C.C.

C. H. Barrow, b Ogilvie	19
E. E. Goldie, c Randall, b Ogilvie	45
R. F. S. Chignell, not out	7
P. A. G. Wilson, not out	13
Extras	8
Total (for 2 wkts.)	92

H. M. Rice, J. E. I. Grey, B. Shackel, J. M. Mills, D. C. Money R. G. Furbank and C. A. P. Gray, did not bat.

**Old Bedfordians v XL Club**

Played on Thursday, 22nd July, 1954, and drawn.

The XL Club side, which included the old England bowler, George Pope, still bowling, as three of the O.B.s later thought, in England form, won the toss and batted first. At 12.45 p.m. the O.B.s were well pleased with the morning's work, and the opposition were 57 for 5. In the next two hours play, however, Howieson, Pope and Gummer had added another 200 runs, and a very tired O.B.s side came off the field to attempt an impossible task.

The highlight of the O.B.s innings was Wynn-Williams' century, and he completed his hundred, going from 74 to 100 exactly in one over with five fours and then a six for good measure. He scored 107 out of the 168 made while he was in, but the XL Club's total was too great a task in two-and-a-half hours, after two wickets had fallen in the first over.

XL CLUB	
J. Manning, lbw, b Vane-Percy	4
D. C. Money, b Murray-Clarke	35
G. C. Tebbitt, lbw, b Duckett	5
R. H. M. Burton, b Vane-Percy	2
H. H. Dupont, lbw, b Duckett	8
K. A. Howieson, not out	84
G. Pope, lbw, b Cartwright	36
P. Gummer, c and b Wynn-Williams	53
A. G. Trembath, not out	15
Extras	16
<b>Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)</b>	<b>258</b>

W. M. W. Cooper and A. D. Mathews did not bat

OLD BEDFORDIANS	
K. Vane-Percy, b Pope	0
J. G. Cook, b Pope	18
R. V. Spark, b Pope	0
D. R. Wynn-Williams, c Pope, b Tebbitt	107
G. S. S. Gilbert, c Gummer, b Dupont	13
C. R. Randall, not out	13
R. L. Cartwright, st Money, b Cooper	17
Extras	00
<b>Total (for 6 wkts.)</b>	<b>168</b>

J. O. Murray-Clarke, C. I. H. Greaves, A. Duckett and A. Spark did not bat.

**Old Bedfordians v The School**

Played on Friday and Saturday, 23rd and 24th July, 1954.

For full details see under School Cricket.

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**Shooting**

A match between the School, the Masters, and the Old Bedfordians Club took place at the School on Thursday, 22nd July, 1954, and was won by the School with a score of 451 out of a possible 520. The programme was as follows :—

(1) 5 rounds grouping (half-inch group)	25	points
(2) 5 rounds application	25	„
(3) 5 rounds snap	15	„
Possible	65	„

THE SCHOOL	(1)	(2)	(3)	Total
I. B. H. Murray	25	22	15	62
C. J. Heaton-Armstrong	20	20	12	52
R. H. C. Lindley	25	19	15	59
R. R. Wyatt	25	24	15	64
C. S. W. Armitage	20	20	9	49
D. M. Pugh	20	20	9	49
M. R. Sharman	20	21	15	56
J. H. Patterson	25	23	12	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>451</b>

THE OLD BEDFORDIANS CLUB	(1)	(2)	(3)	Total
J. D. Wiggins	20	23	15	58
J. P. Mills	25	23	15	63
R. L. Rastall	20	23	15	58
Captain E. A. Halse	15	19	12	46
M. Love	20	20	12	52
Air Commodore J. E. R. Sowman	25	23	15	63
H. L. Ensor	20	19	15	54
A. D. Nightall	15	23	12	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>444</b>

THE MASTERS	(1)	(2)	(3)	Total
H. B. Boys-Stones	—	16	12	28
R. E. Titley	15	20	12	47
W. R. Dalzell	5	19	9	33
R. G. G. Squibbs	25	22	3	50
B. C. Smith	15	24	15	54
W. M. W. Cooper	20	20	12	52
J. P. Marchant	20	16	6	42
K. Schoenenberger	20	21	12	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>359</b>

**Luncheon and Dinner****Hampshire and Dorset District Luncheon**

A most successful and enjoyable luncheon was held at the Bourne Hotel, Bournemouth, on the 11th September. The D.V.P.s, S. G. Huntley and Major F. E. Moules, had put in a great deal of hard work to try and ensure a cheery party, and cheery party it certainly was. But they must have felt a little sad that so many members were absent.

The following were present: W. T. R. Beckett, (82-88), in the chair; Air Commodore Hardy V. Wells (87-93), Brigadier S. G. Francis (91-97), Lt.-Colonel L. H. Tudor (87-94), H. Campbell (91-97), L. C. Sharman (88-98), Colonel J. T. P. Clarke (98-01), Major R. C. Campbell (94-01), A. J. F. Millar (94-02), C. E. L. Anderson (12-19), C. J. Curtis (17-20), S. G. Huntley (D.V.P., 18-21), Major F. E. Moules (Joint D.V.P., 21-22), Lt.-Colonel C. L. Ommaney (23-27), J. R. Sharman (27-32), E. A. Woodger (27-34), Major H. W. Wilkins (29-34), Lt.-Colonel H. O. Sutherland (Sec., 98-08), R. H. Keable (Staff, 19-49), and F. A. S. Sewell (Staff, 10-44).

"The Queen" was proposed by the Chairman, who also proposed "The School". He said how unfortunate it was that the raising of fees and modern economic conditions caused a break in family traditions in going to the School. The School was now giving a training for the modern world by specialising in Science, as well as the Classical side. He went on to say how proud we all were to be Old Bedfordians, and how well the School was doing in sport. Rowing was on the up-grade but cricket was always a mystery to him.

R. H. Keable, replying, said he was now putting most of his time in the garden, but was closely in touch with the School, and although the classical

side was dwindling when compared to the modern side, it was still flourishing, and the School was winning some very fine classical scholarships. He said boys alter quickly, but masters more slowly, and how happy masters were to meet O.B.s. He urged them to revisit the School whenever they could, as they were always warmly welcomed.

L. C. Sharman in proposing the "Old Bedfordians Club" said the Club was founded in 1891, and that Bishop Surtees is the sole survivor of the Founders' Committee. In those days the Club was principally a dinner club. There was no President until 1903. Since then there have been fifteen Presidents, most of whom have been very distinguished in their professions. He then gave a review of the careers of past Presidents.

Lt.-Colonel H. O. Sutherland, Secretary of the Old Bedfordians Club, replied. He commenced by saying it was just as well to keep the object of the Club in mind, which briefly was "To form a bond of union between O.B.s and the maintenance of interest in the School". Whilst the Committee carried out the routine work, it was D.V.P.s all over the world who did most towards maintaining the bond of union by the reunion of O.B.s in their districts and the annual dinners or luncheons. To ease their very arduous task, for which they get no thanks, he asked members to notify their changes of address to their old and new D.V.P. and not to forget entirely the poor Secretary, who had the task of keeping the Register as up to date as possible. As there were something like 4,500 names on the Register, this in itself was almost a full-time job. The annual general meeting had been well attended, and the Hon. Treasurer had been in the happy position to report that for the first time in many years income had exceeded expenditure. He felt sure that they would all be delighted to learn that L. C. Sharman had been elected a Vice-President as a slight recognition of his labours on behalf of the Club. The O.B.s Week had been a great success, due entirely to the Bedford Sub-Committee. The only misfortune was the inability of the O.B.s to raise an VIII to row against the School.

The D.V.P., S. G. Huntley thanked those present for supporting the luncheon. He felt sure they would like him to send good wishes and remembrances to C. N. Goodall (72-80), who is the fifth oldest O.B. in the Register.

Thus ended a very enjoyable function.

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### Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland Dinner

The second Old Bedfordians Dinner of this District was held at the County Hotel, Nottingham, on Friday, 15th October, 1954. W. W. S. Robertson (15-25) was in the Chair, and the following were present: R. M. Goodman (98-05), A. L. Martin (00-13), M. M. McCallum (02-03), R. L. Wightmand (14-18), W. T. Gill (16-24), Dr. A. P. M. Page (Joint D.V.P., 17-25), I. A. A. Macdonald (18-21), F. H. Sowman (19-25), A. D. Nightall (20-25), H. W. Lawson (Joint D.V.P., 21-24), J. C. H. Gover (22-31), A. H. Wilson (22-27), C. G. Chantrill (27-30), P. Watson (30-37), P. C. N. Poolman (34-43), C. T. Rouse (34-39), E. H. C. Baker (35-37), R. F. McKnight (37-42), T. W. Oates (38-42), A. S. Hutchinson (44-48) and Lt.-Colonel H. O. Sutherland (98-08), Secretary, O.B.s Club. The Head Master, Mr. C. M. E. Seaman, was the guest of honour.

"The Queen", followed by "Pious Memory of the Founder and Benefactors" were proposed by the Chairman, who then proposed "Floreat Schola Bedfordiensis", in a very witty speech.

The Head Master replied, and in an extremely interesting speech on the changed conditions in the School, touched on some of the problems which these changes had created now and for the future.

The Secretary proposed the toast of "The Chairman", and said how proud he was to have been invited to such a grand dinner.

The School songs were sung with great gusto and obvious enjoyment.

### Honours and Appointments

Sir Percivale Liesching (04-14), G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.V.O., has been appointed H.M. High Commissioner for Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and Swaziland, a post which is held in conjunction with that of High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa for H.M. Government in the United Kingdom.

Sir Percivale Liesching, who was born in 1895, leaves an appointment of over four years as head of the Commonwealth Relations Office for one of the most exacting posts in the Commonwealth. The High Commissionership at Pretoria involves the exercise at the same time of the skill of the ambassador in relation to the Union and the powers of a colonial governor in relation to the three Protectorates.

Sir Percivale Liesching takes with him an unrivalled knowledge of the Commonwealth as a whole, having served in the Colonial Office, Canada and Australia. He also has detailed and recent knowledge of southern Africa, to which he is no newcomer. From 1933 to 1935 he was political secretary at the High Commission in Pretoria. In recent years he had played a leading part in the conferences on Central African federation and is familiar with all the negotiations arising from the Bamangwato dispute. He has travelled on several occasions to South Africa during his term of office.—*The Times*.

General Sir Sidney C. Kirkman (10-14), G.C.B., K.B.E., M.C., has been appointed Director-General of Civil Defence.

The appointment of General Sir Sidney Kirkman as Director-General of Civil Defence is consistent with the proposal, made in the first report of the advisory committee on publicity and recruitment for the civil defence and allied services in 1952, that consideration should be given to the appointment of a head of the civil defence services.

In their second report the committee made a more specific proposal. They suggested, as an immediate step towards enabling these services to take their proper place in the general strategic and tactical pattern of national defence and in the deliberations of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, the introduction of an "individual of the highest competence and national reputation, who, by the special nature of his office would be capable of inspiring public confidence and would provide the leadership which is so essential to recruitment and training".

General Kirkman, who is 59, was Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff from 1945 to 1947, and Quartermaster-General to the Forces, 1947-50. He was twice wounded in the first world war and won

the Military Cross. At the outbreak of the second world war he was a Major. He was a staff officer with the Eighth Army at El Alamein, and later commanded 50th Division and XIII Corps in Italy.

In 1950 he was a special financial representative in Germany, and last year he was appointed to examine the command and district organisation in Britain to see what economies could be made.

—*The Times*.

Vice-Admiral J. Hughes-Hallett (09-15), C.B., D.S.O., has taken his seat in the House of Commons after being successful in the recent parliamentary by-election at Croydon East.

Vice-Admiral Hughes-Hallett is 52. He became a midshipman in 1918, served throughout the second world war, took part in the Dieppe raid and the sinking of the *Scharnhorst*, and was Naval Chief of Staff for the planning of the invasion of France. He was Vice-Controller of the Navy from 1950-52 and Flag Officer, Heavy Squadron, Home Fleet, from 1952-53.—*The Times*.

H. H. Hobbs (24-31) has been appointed Director of Finance, War Office, ranking as an Assistant Under-Secretary of State.

Brigadier R. Briggs (01-09), C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Cambridge.

W. A. Sime (20-28), M.B.E., has been appointed Recorder of Grantham. Aged 45, and a barrister on the Midland Circuit, Mr. Sime was at Bedford School 1920-28, and went on to Balliol College, Oxford. Called to the Bar in 1932, he has acted as Deputy County Court Judge in the Retford, Mansfield, Newark, Nottingham, Worksop and Doncaster Circuit. He captained Bedford School Cricket XI in 1928, having been a member of the XI in 1925, 1926 and 1927. In the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 he played in the School Rugby XV, and while still at School and for some time afterwards played for Bedford R.U.F.C. At one time he was captain of Bedfordshire C.C.C. and for some years he captained Nottinghamshire C.C.C.

—*Bedfordshire Times and Standard*.

Air Vice-Marshal H. H. Brookes (18-22), C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., has taken up the appointment of Air Officer Commanding, Iraq.

Air Commodore B. C. Yarde (13-24), C.V.O., C.B.E., has been appointed Commandant-General of the Royal Air Force Regiment and Inspector of Ground Combat Training, with the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal. It will be remembered that Air Commodore Yarde commanded and led the R.A.F. Contingent in the Coronation procession last year.

Flight-Lieutenant I. Gordon-Johnson (43-47) has been awarded by President Eisenhower the U.S.A. Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal in recognition of gallant and valuable services in Korea.

Captain M. Le Fanu (22-27), D.S.C., has been appointed to command H.M.S. *Ganges*.

Recent Army Appointments are as follows:—Lt.-Colonel J. Grose (25-28), O.B.E., M.C., R.A.—A.A.G., A.G.6, War Office; Lt.-Colonel E. M. Oldrey (22-29), O.B.E., R.A.—O.C., 44 H.A.A. Regt.; Major T. D. Gregg (32-37), R.T.R.—G.S.O.2, R.A.C., War Office.

The following have been appointed to Regiments as indicated on their passing-out of the R.M.A., Sandhurst: W. C. Denton (44-51) and E. G. Pavay (46-52) to the Royal Artillery; D. C. Wield (44-48) to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Rev. A. P. Cameron (19-25) has been appointed to the united benefice of St. Thomas at Cliffe and All Saints, at Lewes, Sussex.

Rev. T. P. Symonds (19-21) has been appointed to the perpetual curacy of Beeley, Derbyshire.

S. C. Sinclair (14-25) has been appointed Principal Immigration Officer in the Immigration and Passport Department, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika.

A. M. Bailey (43-49), formerly Exhibitioner of St. John's College, Oxford, who last term was placed in Class I of the Final Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics, and who was successful in the Home Civil Service (Administrative Class) examination, has been elected to a Harmsworth Senior Scholarship at Merton College.

R. W. E. Harper (22-26), Chief Police Officer, Trengannu, Federation of Malaya, has received the meritorious Service Medal from His Highness the Sultan of Trengannu.

## News from the D.V.P.s

### Kenya and Uganda

R. W. Hooper (19-23), D.V.P., writing on the 11th July, states that he had contacted M. G. A. Young (41-48), R.A.S.C., lately arrived, and had taken him around and put him up for the Nairobi Club. It is quite a sight to see him get into his "Minicar".

C. Brown (44-51), R.E.M.E., son of Eric Brown, who was on the staff, has been in hospital, but has now quite recovered. Richard Stewart (48-51) is expected in Nairobi shortly. Hooper goes on to say that he hopes to be home for July and August next year, after 31 years' absence.

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### Nigeria

Major W. Daniels (22-31), R.E., D.V.P., writing on 2nd August, says that Archie Peacop (25-35) is with the Shell Co. in Accra, Gold Coast. He is glad to learn that Lt.-Colonel D. H. Andrews is now a member of the O.B.s Club. Frank Martin-Davies (31-34), dined at the H.Q., Nigeria District, Officers' Mess. He was acting Administrator of the Colony pending the appointment of a new one. His address is Colonial Administrative Service, Lagos, Nigeria, B.W. Africa. Daniels goes on to say that he has had a very nasty carbuncle on his left ankle [*All my sympathy, I had one too.*—Sec.], but is on the way to recovery. His tour of duty is to end next March, and in June the Daniels family will be setting up house in Bedford, and the eldest boy will start at the School.

In a further letter dated 8th October, Daniels draws attention to the fact that the Royal Engineers coxed-four won the Wyfold Cup at Henley. He thinks that rowing boys at the School, who are thinking of going into the Army, may be interested in this if they are keen to keep up their rowing. Daniels "hopes that any O.B. who is either contemplating coming out to West Africa, or who is posted here, will write to me. My wife and I will be very pleased to give them information on what or what not to bring out".

**Malaya**

K. H. Cantrell (31-36), D.V.P., writing on 26th August, says that he had received letters from S. J. Ross-Macdonald (45-53), who is in the R.A.F. and stationed at Changi, Singapore, J. D. K. Kellie (43-48), with the Royal Hampshire Regt., in Bentong, Pahang, and T. H. S. Curry (48-53), with the Northern Rhodesia Regt., due to arrive shortly. Cantrell had also seen Peter Stanton (43-49).

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**Ceylon**

A. H. Bayly (34-44), D.V.P., wrote on the 4th August to notify the very sad news of the recent death of P. M. Dalgety (39-43). On behalf of all O.B.s in Ceylon, and himself, he sent a wreath to the funeral.

In a subsequent letter, dated 13th September, Bayly says he managed to arrange a small gathering of O.B.s at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, where they had an excellent dinner. Those present were C. G. T. Lindsay-White (22-32), R. A. O. Mayne (30-36), A. P. Calladine (34-39), G. C. Pattison (39-44), D. N. L. Knopp (41-44), his brother, M. H. Bayly (33-40), and himself. Lt.-Commander M. P. Dawes (33-44), R.N., serving on H.M.S. *Ceylon*, at Trincomalee, was unable to attend, though very keen to do so. "The dinner was a very enjoyable one, and if the size of the bill is any measure of whether or not a good time was had by all, I should say that the evening was a distinct success." He goes on to say that it is, he thinks, at least six years—probably more—since any form of O.B. gathering took place in Ceylon, and that now it has started, albeit in a small way, he hopes that this will be the first of a successful line of O.B. meetings.

The annual up-country *versus* low-country rugger fixture took place early in August. D. F. Parker (46-49) was in the front row of the up-country scrum, and D. N. L. Knopp (41-44) was in the low-country pack. It was unfortunate that Parker had to leave the field during the second half with a bruised rib, which did not prove serious.

R. Evans-Jones (36-41) was recently in Colombo with his wife and family. A. A. Gardner (38-43) paid a surprise visit on his way home from Australia.

On the 4th September, the Colombo Rowing Club staged their annual South-West Monsoon Regatta, and the main event of the day was the race between the Colombo four and a crew from Madras, who had arrived in Colombo on the 2nd idem. Bayly says he happened to glance through the sporting page of one of the local newspapers and saw the names of the Madras crew, and noticed that the stroke's name was Dudeley. The Dudeley concerned turned out to be Charles Dudeney (27-39), who was Head of the School. Bayly saw quite a lot of him prior to his departure on the 5th. The Madras crew did not fare too well, as during the race Charles' shorts got caught up in the slide.

When H.M.S. *Ceylon* was in Colombo, Dawes asked a number of O.B.s on board for a drink one evening, a gesture which was very much appreciated.

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**South India**

N. R. Ramsay (14-25), D.V.P., has recently taken over from B. C. E. Earle (31-33). He says it is very difficult to arrange any sort of gathering as the few O.B.s are very widely scattered. He hoped to see

a few during Planters' Week in August, and also during the All-India Rugger Tournament due to be held in Madras in October. "Everyone who can get away from his job makes a point of coming down for it, and there is always the possibility that there will be one or two O.B.s in visiting teams". Ramsay hopes to come home on leave next June.

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**Australia—New South Wales**

Dr. J. Cooper-Booth (05-07), M.B., writes on the 13th August that he is still trying to adjust his life to one of ease, in which "time" no longer is of daily importance, and is finding it very difficult. The winter had, up to that time, not been very cold.

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**Cape Province**

Colonel B. C. Judd (86-91), O.B.E., D.V.P., wrote on the 8th August to say how pleased he was to see E. G. Penstone (21-26), D.V.P. N. Rhodesia, and his wife, who were on leave and looking very well. He had also received a visit from E. P. Kennedy (30-33). Sir Percivale Liesching's appointment as High Commissioner for the U.K. and Native Territories of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, has given the Colonel much pleasure. Colonel Judd concludes his letter by stating that he hopes to fix up an O.B.s reunion some time in the winter, after the winter rains.

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**Argentina**

E. A. Rumboll (24-29), D.V.P., in a letter of the 2nd July to the Secretary, sent him a most delightful welcome on his appointment from himself and on behalf of O.B.s in the country, which is very much appreciated. He says, "we have a very enthusiastic and loyal group of O.B.s in Argentina, though the numbers have gradually dwindled from a peak of 75 about ten years ago. Enclosed with his letter was the following "O.B. Brevities". [*The Secretary wishes all D.V.P.s would follow this truly excellent method, which gets him out of a lot of worry!*]

A. G. Capel-Cure (31-39) arrived in Buenos Aires on a British merchant ship. He was entertained by the Committee and later lunched with the D.V.P. at the Hurlingham Club. Seems to enjoy the rather carefree life at sea.

Sir Basil A. T. McFarland (11-16), Bart., arrived in Buenos Aires on a round trip in the Royal Mail liner *Alcantara*. He joined members of the local O.B. Committee and George Mackern (10-13) for lunch at the English Club. George Daly (15-17) took him and two of his ship-board friends on a 1,000-mile car trip to Mar Del Plata—our main go-ahead seaside resort—and other provincial towns, and included a two-day visit to a large estancia, where Sir Basil much enjoyed seeing farm life on a very big scale. George Mackern later took him over the huge "Alpargatas" factory, where he is a director, and eventually C. R. Rumboll, R. L. Makin, G. R. Daly and the D.V.P. had a most cheerful farewell lunch with Sir Basil on the *Alcantara* before sailing. We hope he will encourage more O.B.s to try a similar round trip to Buenos Aires and let the local O.B. Committee see to their entertainment at this end.

E. L. Rumboll (81-91), the G.O.M. of O.B.s in Argentina and Hon. President of our local branch,

has made a splendid recovery recently, and is as hale and hearty as ever, though he cannot get about much. He is as up-to-date with matters Bedfordian as he ever was. He has at last retired from business and is taking life more easily at home. We are hoping to see him at our next annual dinner.

P. A. Foy (05-09), our Hon. D.V.P., has had some trouble with arthritis in a foot—but he still gets about well and continues to take an eager interest in all O.B.s, the School, and cricket.

R. L. Makin (14-24), our O.B. Branch Treasurer, has had cartilage trouble in his left knee and this may keep him off the cricket field next summer. Last year, playing for Hurlingham in the Saturday Championship (the D.V.P. being team captain), "Buster" Makin was high in the bowling averages with top number of wickets taken during the season—a splendid effort.

M. F. Hore (37-42), who is now Manager of Unilever Peruana, writes cheerfully from Lima and says he is enjoying life in the land of the Incas. He has been in the United Kingdom recently on a quick business trip. We hope he managed to get to Bedford.

G. R. Daly (15-17) has again been adding to his fame as a car road-racer. He recently came fourth in a most gruelling 1,800 kilometre race over rough camp roads, driving a super-charged Ford. His average speed was over 150 k.p.h.—which his wife considers far too fast! He has in the past had frequent tussles with J. M. Fangio and F. Gonzalez, who are now well known as track and road-racing "aces" in England and other European countries.

R. G. Napier (27-32) has been appointed Assistant Sales Manager in Greater Buenos Aires for Shell. He says he has settled down very happily. His wife and three children seem to like the country—though their first winter here has been colder and more wet than usual.

R. G. Wise (22-31) is a welcome new addition to our branch. He arrived early this year to take up an appointment as Games Master at St. George's College, and we hear he has made a splendid first impression. He unfortunately broke an ankle recently, but it is well on the mend and he expects to be out of plaster by the end of July.

We were all so sorry to hear of the death of E. W. S. ("Tommy") Thompson (91-93) in the United Kingdom. "Tommy" had been a mainstay of O.B.s in Argentina, where he lived for many years, taking a most active part in local cricket, having been President of the Argentine Cricket Association for several years before he left the country to retire at home. He will always be remembered among us.

### O.B. Notes

The following appeared in the lists of Final Honour Schools at Oxford:—

Philosophy, Politics and Economics—Class I,  
A. M. Bailey (St. John's); Class II, A. H. P  
Bartlett (Balliol).

Theology and Literae Humaniores—Class II,  
B. G. Felce (Jesus).

English Language and Literature—Class II,  
A. H. Davis (Brasenose); Class III, T. R. Twigg  
(Exeter).

Jurisprudence—Class II, B. M. F. O'Brien  
(University); Class III, J. S. C. Macnair (Brasenose).

J. R. Abrahams (41-49) has graduated, with honours, in Engineering at Imperial College, London University. He is now doing research in Applied Electronics at Brown University, Providence, U.S.A., having been awarded a post-graduate scholarship and a Fulbright travel grant.

D. J. de G. Allingham (49-52) won the Colts Sporting Championship of the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association in the Open Sporting Championship competition of Great Britain.

Rev. A. Bailey (38-44), we now learn, was married over two years ago at St. Paul's Church, Newport, to Margaret Ilar, daughter of the Venerable the Arch-deacon of Newport and Mrs. T. Parry Pryce, of the Old Rectory, Langstone, near Newport, Mon. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth. Bailey was ordained Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford in his cathedral church on the 20th September last year, and was ordained Priest on the 19th September this year. For the time being he is serving as assistant curate of Barkingside Parish Church, Essex, but he hopes to be going to work in South Wales in the near future.

E. V. Bevan (90-93), writing from Wellington, New Zealand, says he hopes to sail by the *Southern Cross* on the 4th May next year. We commend his forethought in sending a cheque for a ticket for the O.B.s Dinner in 1955!

L. A. N. Brooks (97-05) writes from Bulawayo on the 29th August to say he is leaving for England on 1st October *via* the East Coast and expected to arrive in London on 5th November.

P. N. G. Burroughs (37-47) wrote on the 20th July regretting his inability to swim for the O.B.s *versus* The School, owing to the fact that he was then stationed in the Canal Zone, though his Regiment, the 49th Field Regt., R.A., was in Cyprus. He states, "Swimming is one of the most popular sports in almost every military, naval or R.A.F. station in the world, especially in the Middle East, Far East, and in the West Indies. Swimmers have in the past reflected quite their share of credit to the School, and with some encouragement could do much more". Before going to Cyprus, Burroughs was in Germany with the 30th H.A.A. Regt., R.A. He came across Major J. K. Ransford (26-32), Major W. A. Fraser-Harris (34-39), Major P. J. Hislop (43-49), Captain C. L. R. Herman (46-48)—now completed his service and living in Weybridge—and Captain J. A. Edington (34-42). We hope that Burroughs has recovered from an appendix which was giving a bit of bother.

Alderman S. B. Cole (07-09), J.P., the principal of Messrs. Cole's Potteries, Tottenham, the old-established manufacturers of hand-thrown flower pots, has been admitted an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Wood Green for eminent services to the Borough since 1920.

F. S. Corder (01-02) has retired from business in Johannesburg and taken up permanent residence at "The Nook", Ridge Road, St. Michael's-on-Sea, South Coast, Natal.

P. Cottam (44-51) has passed the intermediate examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

B. E. Day (41-49), who gained his degree at Cambridge this summer, has been appointed assistant science master at Tonbridge School. His



address is 5 Dry Hill Park Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

H. B. Goodridge (15-19), who is now lecturer in Geography at the Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, paid a visit to the School after thirty years abroad. He gave, for the use of the "Inky" boarders in Nash's, the whole of his large collection of model boats and soldiers. The Nash's boarders are most grateful to him.

I. R. Hooper (41-44), wrote on the 31st July from Bahrein in the Persian Gulf. He says life there is surprisingly civilised. There is no shortage of water, due to a lot of artesian wells, and although the climate is hot and very humid, life is quite comfortable in air-conditioned apartments. Apparently the sport of under-water swimming with goggles and feet flippers is becoming very popular.

A. N. Jordan (41-48), R.A.V.C., wrote from Kenya to acknowledge receipt of his *Old Bedfordian*. He passed his membership examinations to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in the summer of 1953, and has been appointed Veterinary Officer to East Africa Command. He finds the country and climate most agreeable, but is not sure that he will want to settle out there, although there appear to be quite a number of openings for Vets. One of the first people he met on arrival in the country was G. C. Metcalfe (40-46), who is M.O. to one of the battalions of the K.A.R.

L. A. W. Jordan (36-44) has passed the final examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants.

J. D. K. Kellie (43-48) realised on receipt of the *Old Bedfordian* that he had been somewhat remiss at letting anyone know what he had been doing. [*We hope others will take note.*—H.O.S.] He had done four years' teaching in preparatory schools up to last year, and then, as the result of a successful operation, he was able to volunteer for the Army. "After passing through the usual channels, including Eaton Hall, I was eventually posted to the regiment of my choice and arrived in Pahang last July". He goes on to say, "Life is quite interesting, and I was present at a successful ambush, when we got two bandits, our first for 68 days. They are mighty difficult to catch in this part of Pahang".

H. H. Lawson (23-25), writing on the 30th September from AZABU, Tokyo, says he meets the following O.B.s quite frequently: Group Captain S. S. Murray (22-27), O.B.E., who is Attaché, L. J. A. Porter (33-36), W. H. Henderson (35-44), R. E. E. Haines (20-30), who has been home recently on leave. He says the British community are rather shaken by the fact that the Cambridge University VIII lost all but one of their races against Japanese crews. The races have been over one-and-a-quarter miles, whereas the crew was trained for much longer distances.

A. E. McConnell (97-03), M.B.E., has written once or twice to the Secretary from his home in Bangor, Co. Down. He has great hopes of a voyage round Africa this winter, and also hopes to see a School match in November. Whilst on duty in Bangor during the war, the Secretary rented a house and then discovered that McConnell lived next door. It was a lucky break for the Secretary, as he and his wife received much hospitality from Mr. and Mrs. McConnell.

H. S. Northwood (41-45) has passed the intermediate examination of the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants.

B. S. O'Dell (46-52) has been successful in the intermediate examination of the Law Society.

W. E. Poles (16-19), M.C., has been staying near Minehead, in Somerset, while on leave from Mpika, Northern Rhodesia.

P. M. Renouf (42-50) has finished his second year at Cambridge, where the History Faculty has him "firmly entangled in its mesh". For the two years after leaving School, he taught in a preparatory school. His outside activities have consisted of "rather aimless charges around the rugby fields of Cambridge, suffering, on the wing, from 'ball starvation', and an occasional canter round Fenner's track". He has also done some boxing and adds, "you will, I feel sure, swell with justifiable O.B. pride at the remark of the university trainer that Bedford can always be relied upon to turn out some of the best schoolboy boxers in England". Renouf goes on to say "Tilly Williams (T. W. Williams, 42-50), is usually to be seen in his duffle coat or gracing various dramatic productions, and Hugh Henry (43-50) was last seen in 'digs' somewhere towards Great Yarmouth."

Pilot Officer S. J. Ross-Macdonald (45-53) wrote from Changi, Singapore, in August. He is in Fighter Control Branch, having been commissioned in May this year. He considers himself lucky to be out there. When he finishes his National Service in 1955 he will be at Cambridge.

M. S. Smith (36-44) has been appointed Second Officer of the Royal Research Ship, *John Biscoe*. Smith wrote on the 24th August giving this news, and states that "we leave for the Antarctic in October on the Falkland Island Dependencies Survey. We will spend eight months 'down south' touring the bases and return to the United Kingdom in June, 1955. As my last ship took me to the Persian Gulf, I feel that I have rather gone from the frying-pan into the refrigerator". Smith is to be congratulated on his recovery after an operation for a complaint which had kept him away from the sea for some time. He gives the credit for his quick recovery to the excellent nursing and care he received at the hands of his nurse, to whom he is now engaged. They are planning to get married on his return from the Antarctic.

His brother, P. R. Smith (33-44), is living in Lively, Ontario, and working for the International Nickel Co. He has been out there for over two years now and loves the life.

L. B. Stent (91-95) wrote a very appreciative letter regarding the 1954 *Old Bedfordian*, especially "Milestones", which stirred his memory. He took part in the "Historic March" from the old school to the new on the 29th October, 1891. He fought with the South African Forces in the 1914-18 war.

P. T. Thompson (29-36) and M. C. Jones (38-48), who were both on the staff of Barclays Bank (D.C. and O.) in Trinidad, have been moved to Tobago. Thompson writes that Tobago is a delightful island and a perfect place for a holiday. Rumour has it that Robinson Crusoe lived there, and one of the hotels is named after him. He hopes to get home in September, 1955.

V. Watlington (88-93), M.B.E., calls himself "truly an old boy, one of those who marched from the old school to the 'new' buildings". He wrote to inform the Secretary that Dr. J. M. Pooley (88-94) died a few years ago. He was in the Shooting Eight in 1893/94.

**O.B. Sport****O.B. Golfing Society**

The Autumn Meeting was held on 12th September, 1954, at Berkhamsted Golf Club. It was a very successful day, and there were over thirty people sitting down to lunch, including, we are happy to report, half a dozen young members who have joined the Society in the past twelve months.

The Scratch Prize :

Won by W. O. Newcomb with gross 77.

Kendal Salver :

Won by W. O. Newcomb, 77-7=70.

The Junior Challenge Trophy :

Won by K. A. Perkins, 81-14=67.

The Veterans' Trophy :

Won by C. T. Watts, 89.

President's Special Prize :

Won by K. A. Perkins.

Foursomes Stableford :

Won by the President (Lt.-Colonel C. M. T. Hogg) and Dr. E. S. Scorer.

Members of the Society will be glad to learn that the Committee of the Old Bedfordians Club have decided that the entrance fee to the Halford-Hewitt Cup shall in future be paid out of Club funds, up to a sum of £12 10s. 0d., and not by the Society.

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**Rowing Notes**

At Henley, three O.B.s rowed in crews in the Grand Challenge Cup—W. A. D. Windham (40-44), Leander; A. R. Davidson (45-50), Thames R.C.; F. H. J. Moore (32-38), London R.C.—and three in the Stewards' Cup—Windham, Davidson and J. M. Beresford (47-53), the last-named for the R.A.F. crew.

M. Budd (44-49) stroked the St. Thomas' crew in the Thames Cup.

Windham has also this year the distinction of being elected a Steward of Henley Regatta.

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**Cricket**

The following appeared in the County XI during the past season: G. L. B. August (27-35), Vice-Captain; R. W. Street (46-54), Captain of School XI; P. Smith (49-54), School XI; D. C. Eldridge, School XI, as twelfth man.

G. L. B. August has played regularly for the County since 1935. He completed his hundredth Minor Counties match on August 7th, 1954, his scores totalling 4,629 runs.

He was presented with a beautifully gold-mounted fountain pen by the County Cricket Club in appreciation of his good record of service to the County.

**Births**

BECKETT. On 2nd June, 1954, at Northampton, to Joan (née Wood), wife of H. W. T. Beckett (23-32), a son.

BRAITHWAITE. On 25th September, 1954, at Luton, to Beryl (née Swannell), wife of Raymond L. Braithwaite (35-41), a son.

DAVIES. On 21st October, 1954, at Manchester, to Margaret (née Blacklock), wife of C. Peter Davies (29-35), a daughter.

EDGEWORTH. On 21st October, 1954, to Anne (née Reynolds), wife of T. Roy Edgeworth (34-39), a son.

FORSTER. On 4th September, 1954, at Waterloo, Liverpool, to Betty (née Rigby), wife of Michael L. Forster (31-35), a son.

GRAHAM. On 31st August, 1954, at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, to Daphne (née Salvesen), wife of Maurice Y. N. Graham (31-38), a daughter.

HABBERFIELD-BATEMAN. On 12th October, 1954, at Woking, to Patricia (née Plewman), wife of Dennis R. Habberfield-Bateman (39-42), a daughter.

HARDEN. On 29th July, 1954, to Ursula (née Strutt), wife of Major J. Richard E. Harden (30-34), D.S.O., M.C., M.P., a son.

HETHERINGTON. On 9th October, 1954, at Bradninch, Devon, to Ann, wife of Geoffrey C. Hetherington (36-41), M.C., a son.

HOBKIRK. On 26th September, 1954, at Kempston, to Betty (née Turner), wife of John T. W. Hobkirk (38-43), a son.

KENWRICK-COX. On 25th September, 1954, at Copenhagen, to Kirsten (née Schobel), wife of Major Donald Kenwick-Cox (30-39), M.B.E., R.E., a daughter.

PICKETT. On 9th August, 1954, at Salisbury, to Janet (née Stevens), wife of Peter L. Pickett (41-47), a daughter.

PRATT. On 15th April, 1954, at Buenos Aires, to Dolores (née Saenz-Valiente), wife of Oswald G. Pratt (29-38), a daughter.

RIGBY. On 2nd August, 1954, to Mary (née Burnhill), wife of Major C. Patrick Rigby (32-34), T.D., a son.

RYE. On 16th October, 1954, to Petronella (née Shields), wife of G. Michael Rye (38-43), a son.

SMITH. On 25th April, 1954, to Vera (née Edgington), wife of Peter R. Smith (33-44), a daughter.

TRASK. On 12th October, 1954, at Bedford, to Kathleen (née MacTier), wife of A. Barnard Trask (35-41), a son.

TUSTING. On 4th August, 1954, at Northampton, to Annette (née Briers), wife of Ian R. R. Tusting (40-43), a son.

**Marriages**

AUDEN—BOURKE. On 2nd October, 1954, at Hartley-Wintney, Hants., John Anthony Lorimer Auden (40-44), son of Major J. L. Auden, M.C., to Elizabeth Bourke, younger daughter of the Hon. Geoffrey and Mrs. Bourke.