



# DUKIES OF YESTERYEAR

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### **ABOUT THIS BOOK**

**DUKIES of YESTERYEAR** is a chronological collection of activities and events as experienced by Dukies (pupils at the Duke of York's Royal Military School) and staff during the period 1803-1950. Attended by journalists of the local media, the reports give an eyewitness experience as though the reader is a spectator at these events.

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### **COVER ILLUSTRATION**

Shows Dukies returning from a Drumhead Service in 1942, held on 'Drury's Field', seen in background, at Saunton, on their march back to Saunton Hotel, where the school was located during World War Two. The Dukie wearing the eye patch, fourth from right, nearside rank, is believed to be Oliver Bettinson, who suffered injuries to his eye and a hand, when he picked up an anti-personnel device somewhere on the beach area near the School.

## THE SCHOOL BADGE, CREST AND SHIELD

### THE BADGE UNTIL 2013



### FROM 2013



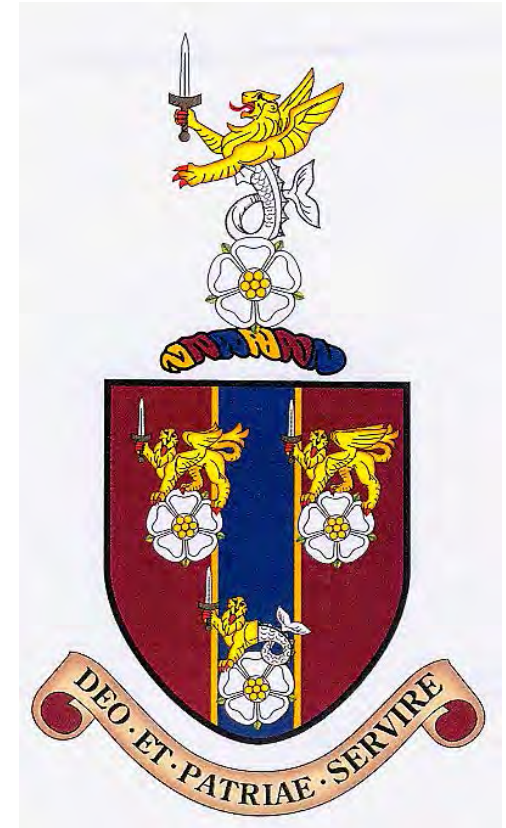
When the school became an academy in 2010, restrictions were placed on the use of certain elements of the old design. This meant a new design and permission to use the new style crown. A new Crest, Shield, Badge and Crown are now in use.

**The badge** is the main School logo. At the top stands the national passant guardant lion above a wreath of eight white York roses (barbed and seeded proper). The wreath is a complete circle, and within it lies the crown of HM Queen Elizabeth II (only permitted because a royal licence has been obtained) and below, the white rose which represents our founder, Frederick Duke of York. Below is the date the school was founded a scroll with the words 'Duke of York's Royal Military School.'

## THE NEW SCHOOL CREST AND SHIELD

**Crest-Top:** The winged sea lion rampant (rearing up, standing profile) refers to the tri-service links which the School has. Its wings symbolise the RAF, the sword as the Army and the fish-tail, piscine parts, as the Navy. The lion stands above the white rose of York.

**Arms-central.** On the shield are three argent, white, York roses with the three lions of the tri-services standing above. Each passant lion symbolises the Army, RAF and Navy. In the dexter (right) forefoot each lion holds a sword pointing upwards. While the School colours of maroon and navy remain, two gold bands have been added to the background of the shield. The scroll underneath the shield reads 'Deo et Patriae Servire' in Latin ('To serve God and Country').



## SCHOOL FOUNDER, THE DUKE OF YORK



H.R.H. FREDRICK (Augustus), THE DUKE OF YORK AND ALBANY,<sup>1</sup> K.G. 1763 – 1827.<sup>2</sup> Son of King George III<sup>2</sup> of Britain. Army Commander-in-Chief 1798 – 1809. His reform of the Army proved a lasting benefit, especially to the Duke of Wellington, in later years. Supposed to have inspired the song “The Grand Old Duke of York”. He retired in 1809 but was reappointed C. in C., in 1811.

<sup>1</sup> In 1791 he married Princess Frederica of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, North Germany.

<sup>2</sup> And his wife Queen Sophia Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, North Germany.

<sup>3</sup> Available at <https://goo.gl/iCXSbH>.

## ABOUT OUR NOBLE FOUNDER

Perhaps the present day Dukie, who, wishing to satisfy his/her curiosity by reading ‘DUKIES OF YESTERYEAR,’ is also just as curious, whilst gazing at the portrait of our School’s Founder in the dining room at the D.Y.R.M. School at Dover, as to ask him/herself, ‘Who was he? Where did he go? What did he do? What sort of life did he lead?’ etc.

Lewis Rudd, in his book “Sons of the Brave”,<sup>3</sup> writes several paragraphs about the many decorations, honours and positions held by the Duke of York during his career.

The following articles, published in the local media of the time, will, perhaps, provide some of the answers by giving but a brief glimpse into the Duke’s life and achievements. It may be noticed that though some articles are dated as published in January 1827, upon the Duke’s death, they refer to much earlier times.

How many Dukies past and present know of the Duke’s brush with death during his early years which, but for the hand of fate, almost prevented the formation of the Royal Military Asylum?<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> See Pages 8 and 14.

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## PREFACE

Being an avid family historian researching ancestors on my maternal side of the family, known to have lived in East Kent, I chanced upon an article about the Duke of York's Royal Military School (DYRMS) at Dover. The article was printed in the local *Dover Express & East Kent News*. As an ex Dukie, who had joined at Saunton Sands, in north Devon, with my elder brother on 19th March 1942, I became very interested and decided to research further.

I joined 'Findmypast', a genealogy website, in order to access their vast records, and within a period of several months had amassed hundreds of articles printed during the period 1780 to 1950, referring to the life and experiences of Dukies throughout those years. (Those before 1800 refer to the Duke of York's earlier life.)

Now an octogenarian, fast approaching the brow of the hill, I set myself the tasks of editing and organising them chronologically to form a history of activities and events as experienced by the Dukies of those past years.

The Royal Hibernian Military School, Ireland, which merged with the DYRMS in June 1924, and DYRMS itself, previously the Royal Military Asylum, were but two of several schools from which the Army sourced its recruits who went on to become the core of the Army, all trained in a variety of trades and military skills.

Before 1950, the School had a predominantly military bias but with some academic teaching. From 1950, the emphasis was more towards academic qualifications with some military training thus still providing the Army with many of its future commissioned and non-commissioned officers.

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In order to transport the reader back in time to those past years, and to give him/her the experience of being present as a spectator at these events, these articles are as published in the local media of that time. I therefore make no apologies for grammatical or spelling errors, especially of personal names, these usually having been subjected to umpteen variations over the years. However. I'm afraid the quality of some of the photographs have suffered the ravages of time.

Although the originator of this book, I do not, in any way, claim to be the originator of the written or photographic content contained in the articles used.

Whilst, as a reader, you may discover and enjoy the newfound knowledge of the experiences that were a part of the everyday life of Dukies past, no part of the contents of this book may be used for monetary gain whether private or commercial.

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Special thanks to the Director of Military Music, Major (retired) D.W. Cresswell, who kindly supplied copies of the School's two marches.

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## 1789-1840

London Morning Post, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1827.

### BIOGRAPHICAL MEMOIRS OF THE DUKE OF YORK.

(Chiefly copied from The Mirror by the editor, London Morning Post.)

His Royal Highness Prince Frederick. second son of George III. and brother to his present Majesty, was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1763. When he was but seven months old, he was elected Bishop of Osnaburgh, a Bishopric to which the elector of Hanover had the power of influencing the election alternately with another European Power, and which has been since increased.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1771, his Royal Highness was installed a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, in company with his two brothers, the Princes of Wales and Cumberland, in presence of the Sovereign. The education of his Royal Highness under the paternal eye of George the Third, was strictly attended to; and the pictures which are left us of the domestic life pursued under his Majesty's sanction, are such as to convince us of his paramount regard for the blessings of a tranquil life.

During their childhood, the Prince of Wales and the subject of our memoir were remarkably attached to each other. They studied together, and played together, and were noticed as being extremely devoted to each other's society. A popular writer, who has given us some account of his own life, mentions, that having been brought to work in Kew gardens, he saw there the two young Princes, whom he noticed as being very fond of each other, and both fine lively lads.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1789, his Royal Highness was created Duke of York and Albany. This very year was marked by a circumstance<sup>5</sup> so remarkable in the history of the Royal Duke as to require a particular mention. (See report below.)

Hereford Journal, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1789.

## THE DUKE OF YORK'S DUEL, 1789.

Further particulars of the Dispute between the DUKE of YORK and COL. LENOX.

Copy of a circular letter sent by Colonel Lenox to every member of Daubigny's club. Richmond House, May 18, 1789.

S I R,

A report having been spread that the Duke of York had said—"Some words had been made use of to me, in a political conversation, that no gentleman ought to submit to", I, on the first opportunity, spoke to his Royal Highness before the officers of the Coldstream regiment, to which I have the honour to belong; his answer was-

"That he had heard them said to me at Daubigny's;" but he positively refused to tell me the expression, or the person who had used it. In this situation, being perfectly ignorant what his Royal Highness can allude to, and not being aware that any such expression ever passed, I cannot find any better mode of clearing up this matter, than by writing a letter to every member of Daubigny's club, desiring each of them to let me know if he can recollect any expression to have been used in his presence which could bear the construction put upon it by his Royal Highness, and in such case, by whom the expression was used.

If any such expression should occur to your memory, (as you must be conscious of the disagreeable situation in which I am placed), I trust and hope, you will take the earliest opportunity of stating it to me. If no such expression occurs to your memory, I would not give you the trouble of an answer, which I should else hope to receive before this day se'nnight.<sup>6</sup>

I have the honour to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient, Humble Servant, (Signed) C. LENOX.

The seven days being expired, the dispute at length came to the issue which had been anticipated. On Monday, the term limited by the Colonel

<sup>5</sup> "The Duke of York's Duel" is the report as published in the Hereford Journal, 1789.

<sup>6</sup> Could be shortened version of 'seven nights (days' time)' from today?

for an answer to the above letter having expired, he sent a written message to his Royal Highness to this purport: —

"That, not being able to recollect any occasion on which words had been spoken to him at Daubigny's which a gentleman ought not to submit to, he had taken the step which appeared to him the most likely to gain information of the words to which his Royal Highness had alluded, and of the person who had used them; that none of the Members of the Club had given him information of any such insult being in their knowledge; and therefore he expected, in justice to his character, that his Royal Highness should contradict the report as publicly as he had asserted it."

This letter was delivered to his Royal Highness on Monday by the Earl of Winchelsea; when the answer returned by his Royal Highness not proving satisfactory, a message was sent to his Royal Highness desiring a meeting, and the time and place, for a duel, were settled that evening.

To preclude the unfounded representations which may be propagated respecting this affair, which took place on Tuesday, the seconds have thought it necessary to give the following account." In consequence of a dispute already known to the public, his Royal Highness the Duke of York, attended by Lord Rawdon, and Lieutenant-Colonel Lenox, accompanied by the Earl of Winchelsea, met at Wimbledon Common. The ground was measured at 12 paces, and both parties were to fire upon a signal agreed upon. The signal being given, Lieutenant-Colonel Lenox fired, and the ball grazed his Royal Highness's curl. The Duke of York did not fire. Lord Rawdon then interfered, and said, 'That he thought enough had been done.'

Lieutenant-Colonel Lenox observed, 'That his Royal Highness had not fired. Lord Rawdon said, 'It was not the Duke's intention to fire; his Royal Highness had come out upon Lieutenant-Colonel Lenox's desire, to give him satisfaction, and had no animosity against him.' Lieutenant-Colonel Lenox pressed that the Duke of York should fire, which was declined, upon a repetition of the reason. Lord Winchelsea then went up to the Duke of York, and expressed his hope, 'That his Royal Highness could have no objection to say, he considered Lieutenant-Colonel Lenox as a man of

honour and courage.'

His Royal Highness replied, 'That he should say nothing; he had come out to give Lieutenant-Colonel Lenox satisfaction, and did not mean to fire at him; if Lieutenant-Colonel Lenox was not satisfied, he might fire again.' Lieutenant. Colonel Lenox said, 'He could not possibly fire again at the Duke, as his Royal Highness did not mean to fire at him.'

On this both parties left the ground. The seconds think it proper to add, that both parties behaved with the most perfect coolness and intrepidity.

(Signed)

"WINCHELSEA,  
RAWDON."

Hampshire Chronicle, 17<sup>th</sup> October 1791.

#### **THE DUKE'S MARRIAGE, 1791.**

Berlin. October 1.

The day before yesterday, in the evening, the wedding of Princess Frederica was consummated with the Duke of York. About six o'clock, all persons who were of the princely blood assembled in gala in the apartments of the dowager queen, where the diamond crown was put on the head of Princess Frederica. The generals, ministers, ambassadors, and the high nobility, assembled in the White-hall. Immediately after it struck seven o'clock, the Duke of York led the princess his spouse, whose train was carried by four Dames De La Cour, preceded by the gentlemen of the chamber, and the court officers of state, through all the parade apartments, into the White-hall. After them went the king, with the queen dowager; Prince Lewis of Prussia, and the reigning queen, (the crown prince was absent by indisposition;) the hereditary Prince of Orange, with Princess Wilhelmina; Prince Henry, third son to the King, with the hereditary the stadt-holdress, his aunt; Prince Wilhelm of Prussia, with Princess Augusta; the Duke of Weimar, with the spouse of Prince Henry of Prussia; the reigning Duke of Mecklenburg Strelitz, with the hereditary Princess of Brunswick.



In the White-hall, a canopy was erected of crimson velvet, and also a crimson velvet sofa for the marriage ceremony. When the young couple had placed themselves under the canopy, before the sofa, and the royal family flood round them, the upper counsellor of the consistory, Mr. Sack, made a speech in German. This being over, rings were exchanged, and the illustrious couple, kneeling on the sofa, were married according to the rites of the reformed church. The whole ended with a prayer; and, 12 guns placed-in the garden firing three rounds, the benediction was given, after which the new married couple received the congratulations of the royal family, and then returned in the same order to the apartments, where the royal family and all persons present sat down to card tables; after which the whole court, the high nobility, and the ambassadors, sat down to supper.

The supper was served at six tables-The first was placed under a canopy of crimson velvet, and the victuals served in gold dishes and plates. Lieutenant General Bornstredt and Count Bruhl had the honour to carve, without being seated.

The other five tables, at which sat the generals, ministers, ambassadors, all the officers of the court, and the high nobility, were served in other apartments.

Those who did the honneurs at these tables were—At the first, Prince Sacker, minister of state—At the second, General Mollendorf—At the third, Count Jinckenstin, minister of state—At the fourth, Count Schulemburg, lieutenant general and minister of state—

At the fifth, Major General Bishopsswerder.

During supper, music continued playing in the galleries of the first hall, which immediately began when the company entered the hall. At the desert, the royal table was served with a beautiful set of china made in the Berlin manufactory. Supper being over, the whole assembly repaired to the White-hall, where trumpet, timbrel, and other music, was playing-the Flambeau Dance was begun, at which the ministers of state carried the torches. With this ended the festivity. The new couple were attended to their apartments by the reigning queen and the queen dowager.

The Duke of York wore on this day the English uniform, and the Princess Frederica was drest in a suit of Drap D'Argent, ornamented with diamonds. The Palace of the Margrave of Anspach was illuminated.

A full account of the above ceremony was received on Saturday last in letters from his royal highness to his august father, which were immediately forwarded to his majesty in Weymouth.

Caledonian Mercury, 12<sup>th</sup> October 1793.

### **THE DUKE'S ARMY IN FRANCE, 1793.**

OCTOBER 4.

We are now in a better situation, and with better prospects than at any time since the retreat from Dunkirk. The head-quarters of the Duke of York continue at "Menin; the allied troops under his command are encamped behind the town-the right extending to Cisoing, and the left towards Oudenarde. It seems to be expected that we will remain here some time, the soldiers having been ordered to thatch their tents.

Sir William Erskine has been appointed to the command of the British troops. This appears to be a provisional step to the departure of the Duke of York for England, which is intended as soon as the campaign is brought to a conclusion. We are in great hopes that this will be done soon, by the complete route, and perhaps the capture of the only army which the French have now to oppose us.

They have made a movement to the left; the Prince of Cobough has followed, and is said already to have surrounded them. We are in daily expectation of hearing the result. This movement of the French has made us tolerably quiet. When in our front, they were perpetually annoying our advance guards and picquets, and obliging the line to turn out under arms several times in a day. It is now three days since we had an alerte of this

kind. The troops then shewed the utmost alacrity<sup>7</sup> to engage, particularly the highlanders, who have lately joined us and have not had their seasoning.

Though we have so many sick in camp, and have sent such considerable numbers to the hospital, the troops in general keep their health surprisingly well, considering the extreme hardships they have undergone, and their exposure to so much bad weather.

Greater secrecy is now observed than ever. We know not the intentions of our generals. It was reported, that they meant to attempt Lille, invited by its unprovided state and the thinness of the garrison, the greatest part of it having been drawn out to march towards Cambray.

But this is not very probable. We could not prevent the enemy front throwing in succours<sup>8</sup>, as our army is not sufficiently numerous to invest it, and at the same time to maintain our other posts.

The Duke is amazingly altered within these few weeks. He seems to have taken much to heart the failure at Dunkirk. Whether this misfortune is to be repaired by another attack, is quite uncertain. Opinions are much divided about it; some think it feasible, others not.

This, however, all agree in, that it is now too late in the season to undertake the siege. Half the army, at least, would be sickened in lying one week before it; and as our generals would hardly be inclined to sacrifice so many brave men as would probably fall in an attempt to take it by assault, it seems most likely to continue in possession of the French during the present winter.

Hereford Journal, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1794.

#### DETAILS OF THE DUKE'S ARMY, 1794.

RETURN OF THE BRITISH, HANOVERIAN AND HESSIAN TROOPS,  
AS RECEIVED AT THE WAR OFFICE.

#### ESTABLISHMENT.

Officers.....	1,342	][ Drummers .....	785
Serjeants.....	2,695	][ Rank and File.....	31,341
Total .....	36,163		

#### WANTING TO COMPLETE.

Officers.....	36	][Drummers.....	18
Serjeants.....	48	][Rank and file.....	2,556
Total.....	2,658		

#### SICK.

Officers .....	61	][Drummers.....	68
Serjeants .....	262	][Rank and File.....	4,115
Total. ....	4,506		

#### PRISONERS.

Officers.....	48	][Drummers.....	11
Serjeants.....	98	][Rank and File .....	1,236
Total.....	1,393		

#### FIT FOR ACTUAL SERVICE.

Officers.....	1,202	][Drummers.....	756
Serjeants.....	2,307	][Rank and File.....	23,938
Total.....	28,203		

<sup>7</sup> Cheerful readiness.

<sup>8</sup> Going to the aid of fellows in distress.

The Morning Post, London, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1825.

### THE DUKE OF YORK'S MANSION, 1825.

#### CEREMONY OF LAYING THE FIRST STONE.

Yesterday was the day appointed for laying the first stone of the intended splendid mansion house for the Duke of York, in the precincts of the King's Palace, in St. James, commonly called the Stable-yard. A temporary platform was erected, covered with green baize, to descend to the spot where the stone was laid, which was on the west side of the garden, nearly opposite to the entrance of the Princess Augusta. About half-past five o'clock in the afternoon, the Duke of York, the Duke and Duchess of Rutland entered the garden from St. James's Park.

They were received by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Benjamin-Wyatt, the Architects appointed to erect the Building. After waiting a short time, the distinguished Personages were conducted to the spot over the platform above described, the Duke of York leading the Duchess of Rutland. On the arrival of the Duke of York at the spot where the stone was drawn up by a windlass, all present and the workmen took off their hats. The stone being adjusted by a plumb rule and a square, one of the Architects presented the Duchess of Rutland with silver gilt trowel<sup>9</sup> made for the occasion, with which the Duchess proceeded to spread the mortar under the stone previous to its being laid, with her lovely delicate hand, and afterwards the Noble Duchess struck it with a mallet.

After this proceeding, a square white glass bottle was placed in an aperture in the stone, in which was put a sovereign, a half sovereign, a crown piece, a half crown piece, a shilling, a sixpence, a three-penny piece, a twopenny and a silver penny piece, also a copper penny, halfpenny, and a farthing, all of his present Majesty's Coinage. This bottle was afterwards cemented in with resin. A plate was also let into the stone with an appropriate inscription, describing for whom the edifice was erected, naming the Royal Duke's title, rank, &c. as given from the Herald's College.

As the Royal Duke retiring from the ground, the workmen cheered his

Royal Highness with the most rapturous and gratifying huzza's<sup>10</sup>. The Royal Duke, previous to his leaving the ground, ordered every man employed on the occasion a liberal donation. The erection of the mansion will proceed with all possible speed.

Caledonian Mercury, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1827.

### TREATY OF MARRIAGE, 1791.

Amid the political agitations of 1791, the marriage of his Royal Highness the Duke of York to a Princess of the House of Prussia, served to cement more closely the relations which the Courts of St James's and Berlin had found it their interest to contract, with the view of counterpoising the inordinate ambition and mighty projects of the restless Empress of Russia. The treaty touching this alliance was signed at Berlin, on the 26th of January 1791, by Sir Morton Eden, on the part of the King of England, and three representatives on behalf of his Prussian Majesty.

By the first article of this treaty, the marriage portion guaranteed to his Royal Highness was stated to be 100,000 crowns in Fredericks d'or, viz. 40,000 as being the usual portion of the Princesses of the House of Prussia, and the remaining 60,000 for "paraphernalia."

It was further stipulated, that in case the Princess should happen to die before her husband, without leaving issue, that then both sums should revert to the King and his successors, in as far as her Royal Highness should not have disposed of the latter; but the produce thereof was to belong to his Royal Highness, in case he was the survivor. Her Royal Highness was likewise to have her *trousseau*, or her wedding suit, supplied by her father.

By the third and fourth articles, the Royal Duchess's pin money was fixed at L.4000 a year, and the *morgan gebe*, or present from her husband the day after her marriage, was to be L.6000. And in the fifth article, the King secured to her Royal Highness, if she survived the husband, a jointure

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<sup>9</sup> At present held in the D.Y.R.M. School at Dover.

<sup>10</sup> Three Cheers.



of L.8000 a year, with a residence and suitable establishment.

The King, in his speech, on the opening of Parliament, on the 1st January 1792, communicated to both Houses the important change which had taken place in his family, and invited the Commons to consider of the means of enabling him to keep his engagements with his brother of Prussia. This part of the speech from the throne elicited

considerable discussion in Parliament, the great disparity of the pecuniary advances and settlements made by the respective Courts being the principal topics of observation; and although no positive disapprobation of the match itself was expressed, yet an opinion not very favourable to the stipulations by which it was accompanied was indicated. In the result, however, the House voted to his Royal Highness, in addition to his then income of L.12,000 a year, an additional annuity of L.25,000, in consideration of his matrimonial alliance. Upon the 5th of April, the address in which this provision was embodied, was carried to the foot of the Throne by the Speaker, and it expressed the entire approbation of the House in the step which had been taken, and a hope that the provision made would be thought worthy of the occasion.

On the arrival of the royal party in England, they were re-married at St James's on the 24th of November.

London Courier, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1827.

### **THE DUKE'S DEATH, 1827.**

Whitehall, Friday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1827.

"This evening, at twenty minutes past nine o'clock, departed this life, after a painful and protracted illness, his Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York and Albany, his Majesty's next brother, to the great grief of his Majesty, and of all the Royal Family."

His Royal Highness was in his sixty-fourth year, being born on the 16th of August 1763. His style and titles were as follows: - Prince Frederick,

Duke of York and Albany, Earl of Ulster in Ireland, Bishop of Osnaburgh, a Field Marshal, Commander in Chief of all the Land Forces. Colonel of the First Regiment of Foot Guards, Colonel in Chief of the 60th Regiment of Infantry, Officiating Grand Master of the Order of the Bath, High Steward of New Windsor, and Warden and Keeper of New Forest, Hampshire, Knight of the Garter, and of various foreign orders, &c.

Caledonian Mercury,<sup>11</sup> Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1827.

### **DEATH OF THE DUKE OF YORK, 1827.**

That event, for which the country has been painfully prepared during the last two or three weeks, has, at length, taken place.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York and Albany expired on Friday night, at twenty minutes past nine, at the house of his Grace the Duke of Rutland, in Arlington Street, where, the august sufferer had taken up his residence, receiving from his Noble Friend and family every soothing care and attention which could mitigate the approaches of dissolution.

### **THE DUKE OF YORK'S COFFIN.**

On Saturday morning Mr. Mash, of the Lord Chamberlain's Office, waited upon the King at Windsor, to take his Majesty's commands relative to the funeral of his Royal Brother.

It was with difficulty that his Majesty could so far compose himself, as to give directions on the melancholy occasion. The directions given were that the body should be embalmed; the remains to lie in state two days, in the King's Palace, St. James's, and the days are said to be Thursday and Friday, the 18th and 19th instant; and on the following day the remains are to be removed to Windsor, to be interred in the Royal vault.

The funeral will be conducted not only with Royal, but with Grand Military Honours. The coffin is of the finest St. Domingo mahogany, one inch in thickness, cased with lead of considerable thickness. The weight of

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<sup>11</sup> This edition contained many articles of interest pertaining to the Duke during his lifetime.

These were acknowledged as sourced from other published media.

the whole is about three cwt.

Caledonian Mercury, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1827.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE DUKE'S PROMOTIONS, 1827.**

His Royal Highness entered service on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1780, as Colonel by Brevet<sup>12</sup>. Was appointed: -

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 1782, Colonel of the 2<sup>nd</sup> regiment of horse grenadier guards.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1782, Major-General.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1784, Lieutenant General.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1784, Colonel of the Coldstream regiment of guards.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1793, General.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 1795, Field Marshal.

He was appointed in February 1795, Commander-in-Chief.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1797, Colonel in chief of the 60th regiment of foot.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1805, Colonel of the grenadier regiment of guards.

Retired from office in March 1809.

Re-appointed in May 1811, Commander-in-Chief.

11<sup>th</sup> January 1827.

#### **TRIBUTE TO THE LATE DUKE OF YORK, 1827.**

A Commons Tribute.

Resolved:- That the thanks of this House be given to Field Marshal his Royal Highness the Duke of York, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces, for his continued, effectual, and unremitting exertions in the discharge of the duties of his high station, during a period of upward of 20 years, in which the British army has attained a state of discipline and military science hitherto unknown, and which, under Providence, have

contributed, in great degree, to acquire for this empire, its present height of military glory among the nations of Europe.

Ordered: - That Mr Speaker do signify the said resolution to his Royal Highness the Duke of York.

The body of his Royal Highness will be removed almost immediately to Windsor.

Caledonian Mercury, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1827.

#### **THE DUKE & THE FRENCH AT TURCOIGN, 1794.**

His Royal Highness was now called into actual and severe public service. Troops were embarked for Holland, and the Duke of York was appointed Commander in Chief of the army on the Continent.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 1793, his Royal Highness was defeated by the French, near Dunkirk. Nothing particular transpired till the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1794, when the French attacked him, but were driven back; the enemy, however, quickly reappeared in the field, and gave a second battle to the Duke's forces at Turcoign, whom they defeated with great slaughter. It was in the year 1794, at the battle of Tournay, that his Royal Highness narrowly escaped being taken prisoner. In the battle of Tournay, in 1794, the English army were quite surrounded by the French, and no resource was left but to cut their way through an enemy infinitely superior in numbers; this was no sooner thought of than measures were adopted for the purpose. The French, however, not daring to oppose so brave a band, made a Lane for them to pass through, and coolly received them on each side with showers of musketry. In this movement, his Royal Highness the Duke of York narrowly escaped being made prisoner.

Accompanied by an Austrian General and two other officers, he reached a village which had been taken the preceding day from the enemy, and supposing it still in the hands of the allies, they rode through it at full gallop. In turning the corner of one of the streets rather sharply, they

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<sup>12</sup> Receiving a commission of a higher nominal rank than that for which he is being paid.

discovered that the village was then in the hands of the French, and a column of the enemy facing them; the latter, supposing that the Duke was at the head of a body of troops, at first fled, after having fired volley at them, which killed the Austrian General by the side of his Royal Highness.

Caledonian Mercury, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1827

#### **ANECDOTE OF THE LATE DUKE OF YORK.**

##### **THE OLD SOLDIER.**

About the year 1810, his Royal Highness the late Duke of York, whilst reviewing, in company with his present Majesty, the troops of the eastern district, on Lexden Heath, near Colchester, then commanded by the Earl of Chatham, an old soldier was observed by his Majesty, mounted on an old hack, and requested to be informed who he was? The Commander-in-Chief replied

"Why, it is old Andrews, the oldest soldier in the service, having served in the reigns of George the First, Second. and Third, and now on half-pay."- An Aide-de-Camp was immediately dispatched for the old veteran's attendance, which was of course complied with, and a long and pleasing conversation ensued, of which the following forms part:

"How old are you, Andrews, and how long have you been in service?" says the late lamented Duke." why, your Highness, I am now ninety years old, and have been in service about seventy years." But his Royal Highness seeing he was dressed in an old suit of regimentals, asked how long he had had them? "Why, your Highness, about forty years;" at which his Royal Highness took up the skirt of his tunic for the purpose of feeling its texture, remarked that such cloth was not made now-a-days. "No," replied the old veteran," nor such men either."

The reply so pleased his Royal Highness and his Majesty, that the old veteran was placed from that day on full pay, making the remainder of his days comfortable. He died at the advanced age of ninety-seven and was

buried in the churchyard of St. Mary's, Colchester.

Chester Chronicle. July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1800.

#### **FUNDING FOR A MILITARY ASYLUM, 1800.**

Mr. WINDHAM, in a Committee of Supply, brought forward his motion for establishing an Institution for the Maintenance and Education of the Orphan Children of Soldiers.

He did not wish that the House should run wildly into any scheme, even of benevolence, but he should hope that a proposition like the present would be received without hesitation. No class of persons could stand more forward in their distress, and in their relation to the public to claim relief, than these orphans. In general, they were so situated that they could not claim any parochial aid. The expense of this Institution, he observed, would be moderate, as it was partly to be defrayed by the public, and partly by voluntary subscription.

It was proposed that 500 children, 250 of each sex, should be received in the first instance, and that the expense of educating and maintaining these he calculated at 15l<sup>13</sup>. per head.

The boys, at 12 years of age, were to have their option of entering into the army, but with a final option when they arrived at the age of 14. If they did not then choose to enlist, they were then to be turned over to other pursuits.

A proper situation for this purpose had been found at Chelsea, where both ends of a soldier's life, age and infancy might be said properly to meet. They would be there within the reach of a due superintendence. He concluded with moving, "That the sum of 25,000l. be granted for the establishment of a Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea."

General Tarleton spoke in favour of the measure, as having for its object to save these children "from the pelting of many a pitiless storm."

The Resolution was then agreed to and ordered to be reported on

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<sup>13</sup> The old monetary symbol for a £.



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The Salisbury and Wiltshire Journal. Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June. 1801.

#### **NEW RMA AT CHELSEA, 1801.**

The Secretary at War said, it was his duty to call the attention of the Committee to the subject of his Majesty's message relative to the establishment of a Military College. The object of the proposed Institution was to instruct young men intended for the profession of arms, in Military Tactics, and in every branch of science, the knowledge of which was calculated to render them skilful officers, capable of conducting military operations with precision and scientific accuracy.

Whatever might be the strength of the Army, it was absolutely necessary it should be conducted with that skill, without which numbers and valour were of no use, more particularly at the present moment, when the greater part of the States of Europe were our enemies, because they envied our prosperity - when we were surrounded by rebellion and disaffection, by plunder and by massacre - and when, if a peace, did actually take place, it could at best be but a horrid suspension, and an armed truce. He concluded by moving, "That a Sum, not exceeding £30,000. be granted to his Majesty to purchase Lands for the construction of Buildings for the establishment of a Royal Military College, being the sum wanted for the same, for the year 1801.

The motion, after some observations from Mr. Jones and Mr. Martin, was agreed to.

The Secretary at War said, that a sum of £23,000. had been voted, about two years ago, for an establishment for the support of soldiers' orphan children, and that a small additional sum would render it sufficient for twice the original number, which was 500. It would be more just and dignified, that the necessary amount should be furnished by the country, than by a deduction of a day's pay in the year from the army.

He therefore moved that a sum not exceeding £8,472. 0s.9d. be granted for the expenses, &c. on account of certain premises at Chelsea, intended for a Royal Military Asylum for the reception of soldiers' children.

This motion, after some slight opposition, was also agreed to.

The Morning Post, London. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1801.

#### **THE FIRST STONE, 1801.**

Yesterday His Royal Highness the Duke of York, attended by the Secretary at War, Lord Harrington, General De-Lancy and several other Officers of the Staff, laid the first stone, of the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, when several coins and medals, commemorating our naval and military victories, were deposited under a plate, with an appropriate inscription.

London Gazette. Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1803.

#### **THE FIRST COMMANDANT. 1803.**

WAR-OFFICE, April 9.

*Royal Military Asylum*, George Williamson, Esq. late Captain in the 70th Foot, to be Commandant of the Royal Military Asylum, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army, so long as he shall retain the situation of Commandant.

The Morning Post, London. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1804.

#### **CONTRACT TO SUPPLY PROVISIONS. 1804.**

Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, January 3rd, 1804.

Notice is hereby given, That the Commissioners for this Institution, are ready to receive Proposals for supplying the Articles for One Year; the deliveries to commence on the 24th instant, viz.-

Beef, Mutton, Suet, Bacon, Butter, Cheese, Bread, Flour, Peas, Oatmeal, and Small Beer.

Particulars may be had, on application to the Commandant, to whom Tenders, signed and sealed, marked on the outside "Tenders for Supplies," must be sent on or before Monday, the 9th instant: and the Parties making such Tenders, are to attend at the Asylum on the day following, at Eleven o'clock precisely.

The Morning Chronicle, London. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1805.

#### **THE ROYAL DUKES INSPECT THE R.M. ASYLUM, 1805.**

On Thursday next, the 20th instant, his Majesty and the Royal Dukes will inspect the Royal Military Asylum, at Chelsea, which contains 1000 children, the orphans of soldiers of the regular army; and also Chelsea College, where his Majesty, Sons, and Suite, will be most elegantly entertained with a grand breakfast, &c. by the Governor, Sir David Dundas.

The Queen's Royal Volunteers will be on duty at the Asylum and College, and who, with the old veterans, will fire three grand volleys on the occasion at one o'clock, in the principal court, where the Bands belonging to the Queen's Volunteers and Scotch Greys will attend, and perform during the breakfast, &c.

The Morning Post, London. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1808.

#### **CONTRACT TO SUPPLY PROVISIONS, 1808.**

Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, 10th Nov. 1808.

SUCH Persons as are willing to supply this Institution with the following Articles (the Annual Consumption of which is undermentioned), in such quantities as shall from time to time be demanded between the 25th December, 1808, and the 24th December, 1809, inclusive, will give in their Proposal, in writing, on or before the 24th instant, to the Commandant, at his office, (between the hours of ten and one o'clock), where particulars of the Contracts may be had every day, Sunday excepted. No Tenders will

be accepted from Persons who are not themselves established Dealers in the Articles for which they offer.

The Annual Consumption about, viz.-

Bread, 52,913 quartern<sup>14</sup> Loaves; Beef, 12,313 stones; Mutton, 4,379 stones; Suet, 1,389 stones; Cheese, 213 cwt.; Butter, 19 cwt.; Bacon, 10 cwt.; Flour, 213 sacks; Oatmeal, 199 cwt.; Peas, 250 bushels; Salt, 219 bushels; Rice, 7 cwt.; Table Beer (called 20s Beer), 1310 barrels; Yellow soap, 44 cwt.; Soft Soap, B.S. 20 firkins, of 64lbs each; Pearl Ash, British, 7 cwt.; Candles, 1000lbs. of Moulds, and 1800lbs. of Dips.

Morning Post, London. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1809.

#### **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, 1809.**

Amongst the many demonstrations of joy on the late Jubilee, we have not heard of any more truly pleasing than what took place at the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, for the reception of children of soldiers of the regular army. The children, about twelve hundred in number, of both sexes, after Divine service, were drawn up in a long, extended line, in front of that noble building, and gave a general salute and three cheers in honour of the day. From thence they marched, in military order, to their respective halls, where a good dinner of roast beef and plumb pudding awaited them, and two pence placed by the side of each plate, to be spent as they pleased. Before and after dinner they sang "God save the King; and the effect produced from upwards of a thousand voices, resounding through the different Halls, was grand and affecting.

They then returned in the same order, cakes were distributed, three more huzzas succeeded, and the afternoon was spent in the truest hilarity and most innocent merriment. The fineness of the day, the military dress of the children, the joy that lighted up their little countenances, afforded a spectacle which our gracious Sovereign

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<sup>14</sup> 1600g loaf when baked. Also term given to 4" sq loaves used for sandwiches.

himself might have contemplated with pleasure. This noble Institution we understand was brought to its present perfect state, under the auspices and personal inspection of the late Commander-in-Chief.

The Ipswich Journal. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1811.

#### **THE RMA SETS AN EXAMPLE, 1811.**

Sir, -I have received the Commander in Chief's directions to inform you, that it is in the contemplation of Government to afford the means of establishing Regimental Schools, for the care and instruction of the children of non-commissioned Officers and soldiers. It is his Royal Highness's intention, that these Schools shall be conducted on the plan recommended by the Rev. Dr Bell, and adopted with great success at the Royal Military Asylum; and you will be pleased immediately to look out for a person calculated to superintend the School of Regiment under your command.

The object of these institutions is to implant in the children's minds early habits of morality, obedience, and industry, and to give them that portion of learning which may qualify therefore non-commissioned Officers. With this view the Commander in Chief desires you will be very careful in the selection of the person you propose for the superintendence of the School, which should be done without delay. The person so selected will be placed on the strength of the regiment as a sergeant, in addition to the present establishment. I shall hereafter have the honour of communicating with you further on this subject. I have the honour to be, & c.

Morning Post, London. Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 1812.

#### **A MILITARY FUNERAL, 1812.**

On Thursday last were interred, in the burying ground of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, the remains of Lieutenant-Colonel George Williamson, late Commandant of the Royal Military Asylum. In consequence of the respect in which the memory of the deceased was held, his Royal

Highness the Commander-in-Chief and Patron of the School, and several of the Commissioners, honoured the funeral by walking in the procession.

The body was preceded by the Band of the Guards, playing the most solemn music; and followed by the Officers, and a thousand children belonging to the Asylum. The procession moved through the front gate of the Asylum, and was received, at the principal entrance of Chelsea Hospital, by the Officers and Chaplains of that Institution, in their proper dress, who conducted it to the Chapel, where the usual service was read by the Chaplain of the Asylum.

From thence, the body was conveyed to the burying ground, where the remaining part of the ceremony was performed. The Duke of York, attended by the Commissioners, Officers, servants, and children of the Institution, with the friends of the deceased, surrounding the grave.

The whole was conducted with the greatest order and decorum and presenting a very awful and impressive scene: the artless grief of the children, sensible of having lost a kind friend and protector, was peculiarly affecting.

The Exeter Flying Post, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1816.

#### **ALARMING FIRE AT THE RMA, 1816.**

The Duke of York's Royal Military Asylum for the Children of the Soldiers of the Regular Army.

This noble edifice was discovered to be on fire at half past four o'clock yesterday morning. Chelsea and its neighbourhood were immediately alarmed by the drums beating to arms; the children immediately appeared on the parade-ground, some with their clothes on, others holding them in their hands; they were formed into a line and mustered. We have the pleasure of announcing that there was not one of them missing.

After this necessary precaution had been taken, it was ascertained that it was the schoolroom that was on fire, which is in the centre of the buildings. On opening the door, the flames burst out. At five o'clock the



engines had arrived from town, but there was a scarcity of water, the pipe not having been laid down from the Chelsea water-works to the Asylum; however, by the exertions of the firemen, a party of the foot guards, the pensioners of the Hospital, and the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, it was got under by eight o'clock. There was such a quantity of smoke in the chapel which adjoins the school-room that they were obliged to break in a part of the roof to let it evaporate; fortunately the school-room had no connection with the wards where the children sleep, for if it had they must have been suffocated before the alarm was given.

It is not known how the fire commenced, but, from the quantity of smoke, the floor of the room being burned to so great an extent, and the furniture of it consumed, it is supposed to have been burning all night. The chapel is also much injured.-Too much praise cannot be given to the officers of the institution for the regularity preserved amongst the children, and they are to be highly commended for the swift attention with which they obeyed the call of the drum, by forming themselves into a line on the parade ground.- This early observance of strict discipline, promises that they may be yet the heroes of their country. No lives were lost, or did any person meet with an accident. Chelsea was crowded during the day with spectators.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York, who has constantly taken the most active interest in the institution, arrived at half-past ten o'clock, and continued until one o'clock to superintend the arrangements throughout the building, unnecessarily created by this accident. His Royal Highness was in the course of the day attended by Mr. Copeland, the architect, by whom we understand the damage done to the Asylum was estimated at £1,500.

Immediately after the Duke of York's arrival, a detachment of the Foot Guards was sent for to town, to do duty at the gates instead of the Veterans, for the more effective exclusion of those who would be attracted by curiosity to the spot.

The Morning Post, London. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1819.

#### **CONTRACT FOR BREAD, 1819.**

Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea. March 2, 1819.

SUCH Persons as are willing to supply this Institution with about 42,766 QUARTERN LOAVES of the best WHEATEN BREAD, to be delivered free of expense, at the Asylum, in such quantities as shall from time to time be demanded, between the 1st April and 24th December 1819. will give in their Proposals to the Commandant, at his Office, on or before the 25th March 1819, where printed forms of the Tenders may be had every day (Saturday excepted).

Tenders will be accepted from Persons who are not themselves established dealers in Bread, nor will notice be taken of any Tenders which are not made upon the printed forms delivered from hence, and properly filled up in writing, without figures.- The payments to be made Quarterly.

The Morning Chronicle. Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 1822.

#### **CONTRACT FOR PROVISIONS, 1822.**

ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM, Chelsea, Nov. 6.

SUCH Persons as are willing to SUPPLY this INSTITUTION with the undermentioned ARTICLES, to be delivered free of expense at the Asylum, in such Quantities as shall from time to time be demanded, between the 25th December, 1822, and 24th December, 1823, will give in their PROPOSALS to the Commandant, at his office, on or before the 14th day of December next (after which day no Tenders will be accepted), where particulars of the Contracts and forms of the Tenders may be had every day (Sunday excepted), viz:-

Bread, Beef, Mutton, Beef Suet, Bacon, Cheese, Butter, Flour, Oatmeal, Potatoes, Peas, Salt, Milk, Beer (called 20s Beer), Yellow and Mottled Soap, Soft Soap, Pearl-ash, Mould Candles, Dip Candles, Leather (for making and mending shoes), and lighting the Asylum Lamps.

No Tenders will be accepted from persons who are not themselves established dealers in the articles for which they offer, nor will notice be taken of any Tenders that are not made upon the printed forms delivered from hence, and properly filled up in writing without figures.-

The Payments to be made Quarterly.

Saturday's Post, London. Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1824.

#### **DUKIES AT WATERLOO, 1824.**

Previous to the close of Davis's amphitheatre, the Children of the Royal Military Asylum were permitted by His Royal Highness the Duke of York, to witness the representation of the Battle of Waterloo.

They attended in uniform, to the amount of six hundred, and their appearance excited much interest, particularly the beautiful little Band belonging to the School, which appeared on the stage in the review scenes, and at the close played God save the King, the whole company, the children, and many of the audience, joining in the chorus.

London Courier, Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1827.

#### **THE DUKE'S DEATH, 1827.**

Whitehall, January 5th, 1827.

"This evening, at twenty minutes past nine o'clock, departed this life, after a painful and protracted illness, his Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York and Albany, his Majesty's next brother, to the great grief of his Majesty, and of all the Royal Family."

His Royal Highness was in his sixty-fourth year, being born on the 16th of August 1763. His style and titles were as follows: - Prince Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, Earl of Ulster in Ireland, Bishop of Osnaburgh, a Field Marshal, Commander in Chief of all the Land Forces, Colonel of the First Regiment of Foot Guards, Colonel in Chief of the 60th Regiment of Infantry, Officiating Grand Master of the Order of the Bath, High Steward of New Windsor, and Warden and Keeper of New Forest, Hampshire,

Knight of the Garter, and of various foreign orders, &c.

The London Evening Standard. Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 1828.

#### **THE ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL, 1828.**

The annual juvenile Fête took place at the above fairy of summer amusement on Saturday evening. The weather proved fine and the company, which consisted of between five and six thousand, was most select.

The gardens were illuminated by several thousand additional lamps. Above the promenade in the quadrangle were displayed emblems of the various articles of juvenile sports, such as the rocking horse, the kite, &c., and in the centre the illuminated words, "Welcome, our young friends." Ching Lauro exhibited his feats of posture and equilibrium to the astonishing gaze of the spectators, and the harlequinade drew forth roars of laughter. The concert, vaudeville, &c., went off with éclat, and a fantasia on the violin, by Master Charles, met with the applause it so well merited; and the cosmoramas and Italian pictures drew together groups of spectators. During the evening the band of the Royal Military Asylum paraded the gardens.

Towards the close several small balloons ascended, and the amusements of the evening terminated by a grand display of fireworks and the beautiful hydropyric exhibition. The quadrangle was afterwards for a short time thronged with gay fashionable visitors, after which they gradually retired.

The London Evening Standard. Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 1829.

#### **EXTENSIVE FIRE AT CHELSEA, 1829.**

One of the most extensive, as well as destructive, fires that have happened in or near the metropolis for some time past took place at Chelsea yesterday, when the whole of that immense pile of building, Downing and Sons' floor-cloth manufactory, was destroyed; and we regret to state, that the circumstances attending this dreadful calamity leave no

doubt of its having been the work of some wicked incendiary.

The Messrs Downing are distinguished for their kindness towards their workmen, as well as for their piety, and the senior gentleman and his daughters had gone to Rowland Hill's Chapel in the Blackfriars road, and only arrived in time to witness the awful scene which presented itself on the roof of the manufactory falling in. The fire broke out at two o'clock in the afternoon, and, when once ignited, was so instantaneous in its operations, the whole of the upper part of the building, which covers more than an acre of ground, sent forth one mass of flame, which raged in the most terrific manner possible until everything within its range was destroyed. Such was the intensity of the heat that, although the factory extends 50 or 60 yards back from the road, it was found almost impossible to pass along it.

On the first alarm being given the Commandant of the Royal Military Asylum ordered out a number of the senior boys with the engine of that institution, under the command of Mr. Fulham, the Adjutant. The boys were furnished with the leather buckets of the asylum, and, with the most praiseworthy zeal and attention to their orders, formed lines of communication from different pumps in the neighbourhood, and supplied their own and the parish engines with water. The engine of Chelsea Hospital also arrived shortly after, and, with a number of pensioners, under the command of the Sergeant-Major, proceeded upon the same plan as the Asylum boys, and, by their mutual exertions, succeeded in saving the adjoining premises - widow More's - from taking fire. Mr. Downing, junior, who lives in the neighbourhood, was soon on the spot, and, with the assistance of his neighbours, rescued 40 or 50 pieces of oil cloth from the lower part of the premises. They were also enabled to save the iron chest which contained their books and valuable papers. In the centre of the building is a cistern, which contained about nine pipes of linseed oil; a great quantity of paint was also on the premises, which, with the combustible quality of all the materials used in the business, fed the devouring element, so that, in 20 minutes from its commencement, the fire was at its height; the roof shortly after fell in, and the immense walls

(at least 60 feet high) began to shake in the most frightful manner.

The stables and carpenters' shop, which were situated to the westward of the building, had caught fire and were burning furiously when it was recollected that four valuable horses occupied the former building. As soon as this became known, several of Messrs. Downing's workmen rushed in, and happily succeeded in rescuing the frightened animals, but not until one had suffered, though not materially. Mr Downing's carriages were also saved. The premises had not been so full of manufactured goods for years. One pile of oil cloth which had been made for the Duke of Devonshire, and worth 900L., was wholly destroyed. The building was quite new, and its magnitude may be estimated, when we state that the mere skeleton was erected between two and three years ago at an expense of 12,000L. The loss occasioned to the firm by this fire will not be less than 30,000L., and we are sorry to add that not one shilling's worth of it was insured.

The different fire engines, considering the distance they had to come, were promptly upon the spot, but from the furious nature of the fire they were not of the least service. All the mischief was done even before the water could be obtained from the Chelsea main, which was full half an hour after the fire broke out. At six the eastern wall gave way and fell with a tremendous crash, and between seven and eight the wall on the west side fell, and happily without accident, the crowd having previously been forced back by the constables on duty. The front and back walls were standing at nine o'clock, and the oil and other materials were still burning; but, from the situation of the premises, no further danger was anticipated, unless by the falling of the back wall. The beautiful gardens in the immediate vicinity of the fire, particularly those of Mr. Davey and Mrs. More, are entirely destroyed by being trampled upon, and the latter, it is feared, will feel her loss very severely.

It appears that the Fire Offices will not take an insurance upon such factories as this, unless at a very heavy rate and by special agreement; and Messrs. Downing felt themselves the more secure from the premises being perfectly isolated and being entirely under their own immediate



inspection. A grandson of Mr. Downing's went into the manufactory but ten minutes before the alarm, and remarked that there seemed to be unusual disorder, so that he felt assured that someone had been there before him. Mr. George Downing had grounds for suspecting two persons who had formerly been in their employ, and on hinting his suspicions to one of his men, they were strongly confirmed, and a reference to circumstances induced him to take steps for their apprehension.

We understand that one of the men suspected was taken into custody between five and six o'clock yesterday, and that little doubt is entertained that the other will be secured before long. Prince Leopold happened to be driving past during the conflagration, and sat viewing the awful scene for some time.

The London Evening Standard. Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 1829.

#### **THE ROYAL MENAGERIE, 1829.**

On Thursday last a detachment of the boys of the Royal Military Asylum, consisting of upward of 600, marched from their barracks at Chelsea, with the band and colours of the corps, to accept an invitation from Mr. Cross, to view his Royal Menagerie at the Mews, Charing Cross; they were drawn up in the Barrack-yard, where they were received by the Guards with presented arms; from thence they went by companies into the spacious buildings occupied by the noble and curious animals which compose this splendid collection; the boys were very much delighted with this interesting family, but particularly with the young elephant, and the reel Satyr, commonly called Jerry, who sat in his chair smoking his pipe, going through all the motions of an experienced smoker.

On their return into the barrack square, the hospitality of Mr. Cross regaled the whole regiment with a liberal supply of biscuits and porter. As they marched away the band struck up "God save the King," the little fellows waved their caps, and gave three merry cheers, thus signifying their gratitude to Mr. Cross, for this second proof of his most agreeable mode of "showing the lions."

Morning Post (London), Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1830.

#### **SHOCKING CRUELTY, 1830.**

At the Sessions House, Oldham, on Thursday last, an investigation took place relative to the cruel treatment of four parish apprentices (two male and two female) by one Jonathan Buckley, a fustian weaver. It appears that these poor children were kept at work upwards of sixteen hours a day, and continually beaten in the most barbarous manner by their master, with a knotted rope, an iron rod, and with the fist. They were allowed but one meal per diem, and that was generally porridge.

On one of the females named Sarah Home, he had made repeated attempts of seduction, and he had treated her with additional cruelty, because she would not submit to his wishes, he also endeavouring to effect his object by force. Indeed, the detail of all the barbarities committed by this monster in human shape, on his miserable victims, would occupy upwards of two columns of our paper. The following description of the spectacle, which James Hoy, an orphan from the Duke of York's Asylum, in London, presented when before the Magistrate, will convey some idea of the torments inflicted on the wretched children.

This boy was only twelve years of age. His legs were swollen and discoloured, his body was bruised and wasted: his thighs and posteriors were shrivelled to the bone, and his loins were covered with sores. His head had been beaten almost to a jelly. The Surgeon exhibited a wound on it which, he said, penetrated to the skull. The bosom of his shirt was bloody; the hair about his ears, and the ears themselves, were clotted with stiffened gore; they had grown flat to his head with the healing of frequent wounds, and when brought to the workhouse he was quite blind.

Hannah Bell, another of the sufferers, was also a shocking object. Her hair had been pulled up in places by the roots, leaving the scalp bare and white, her back was growing out, and there were extensive bruises on the loins. Her body was wasted, and her limbs discoloured and swollen.

The children were taken great care of in the workhouse, where their depositions were taken on Tuesday, and on Thursday Mr. Leach, the

Surgeon, who attended the unfortunate children since their removal to the workhouse, signed a certificate that they were not in danger.

Buckley, their master, was then brought before Mr. Horden, and informed that he must find bail for an assault, with intent to commit rape on the body of Sarah Home, him in 60L., two sureties in 30L each; and that in the other three cases he would be indicted for an assault, and he would likewise be required to find bail, himself in 30L, and two sureties in 20L, each, and that 48 hours' notice must be given. He was then re-conducted to the lock-ups. A communication has been forwarded from the Overseers of Royton to the Governors of the Duke of York's school, relative to this atrocious transaction, and as to the general treatment of apprentices at Heyside and the immediate neighbourhood. A warrant has also been issued for the apprehension of a man named Alick, who was stated to have wantonly maltreated one of the poor girls.

The discovery of these enormities has created a general sensation in the country, and all classes call loudly for the exemplary punishment of the perpetrators.

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### **CRUELTY TO APPRENTICE, 1833.**

ILFORD PETTY SESSIONS, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1833.

Magistrates present—William Tooke Robinson, Esq. Chairman: Major Anderson; Wm. Cotton, Wm. Davis, Wm. Whittaker Maitland, and Jacob Sims, Esqrs. and the Rev. T. L. Fanshawe.

At the last Session a case of assault was exhibited by Wickham, a butcher, at Barking, against a man named Simmons, when it appeared that the affair arose out of protection given by defendant to complainant's apprentice, who had been cruelly used by his master.

Today Major Anderson called the attention of the Bench to the subject, and said the boy was an orphan, named Patrick Boyd, the son of a soldier who fell at Waterloo. He was brought up in the Royal Military Asylum, and

in 1831, apprenticed to Wickham, with a premium of 20/- From the statements of Simmons and two witnesses; it appeared the boy had been most cruelly used by his master. Wickham, who was present, said he must have the means of chastising the boy. He said he was returning 25/- a week at the time he took the boy.

Major Anderson said he should report to Colonel Williamson what had taken place, and requests that someone might come down to investigate it, -they would then know what to do with it.

Chairman,

If the officers of the Asylum apply here, we shall certainly discharge the indenture, and make an order upon Wickham to pay back part of the money.

Wickham,

I am quite ready to give back 10/- to get rid of him; I would not have had him for 100/- if I had known his character.

The discussion then dropped, Major Anderson undertaking to write again to the Commandant.

Chelmsford Chronicle. Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 1833.

Petty Sessions. Ilford. Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1833.

Magistrates present - R. W. Hall Dare, Esq. M.P.: Chairman:

Major Anderson: R. J. Brasry, and Wm Davis, Esqrs:

Rev, J. L. Fanshawe.

### **CRUEL TREATMENT OF APPRENTICE, 1833**

The case has been several times before the Bench, in which

Henry Wickham, a butcher, at Barking, was accused of ill-treating a boy, named Patrick Boyd, who was apprenticed to him from the Royal Military Asylum, with a premium of £20.

Wickham, it appeared, got the boy from the Asylum by false pretences, and instead of teaching him the business, employed him in other work,

and beat him severely. A long correspondence upon the subject has since taken place between Major Anderson and Colonel Williamson, the Commandant of the Asylum, in consequence of which, today a Sergeant of the establishment attended to endeavour to get the indenture cancelled, part of the premium returned, and if necessary to prosecute the master for his conduct.

Wickham did not appear, although he had been requested to do so by the Commissioners of the Asylum. A summons was sent, but he made no answer to it.

The Chairman, addressing the Sergeant, said - I am glad to see you here upon this case, for it shows that the gentlemen of the establishment to which you belong are determined to do their duty. I think they were wrong in binding the boy to the man in Barking, whose conduct to him has been anything but what it ought to be; certainly there was fraud and imposition practised upon them in this case. I hope you will persevere, and we as Magistrates will do all we can to punish the master for his shuffling conduct. We are determined to go as far as we can for the good of the Institution, and to serve as an example to others. We shall now issue a fresh summons for the master's appearance next Bench day, and if he does not come, we shall proceed without him.

Some conversation took place between Major Anderson, and the other Magistrates relative to the boy's appearance, and the evidence which it would be necessary to bring forward.

Mr. Davis thought that rested with the Asylum, -they were to manage their own case, and all the Magistrates had to do was to decide upon it when it was brought before them.

Mr. Dare, I will take all the responsibility upon myself-I do not wish to divide it with my friends here, if they have any scruple. This is such an atrocious case that I should be guilty of a dereliction of duty, if I did not do all I could to bring the party to justice.

Mr. Davis, I have all along been excessively anxious to have the case investigated. It was at my suggestion that our excellent friend Major

Anderson, undertook to write to Col. Williamson upon the subject, but what I mean is that I do not desire to step out of the way.

Some further discussion took place, and it was then agreed that a warrant should be issued against the master.

London Standard, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.1835.

#### **SCHOOL C.O. RETIRES, 1835.**

The appointment of Commandant of the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, commonly designated the Duke of York's School, at present held by Lieut. Colonel Williamson, is, it is understood forthwith to be discontinued, and the Secretary, acting also as Adjutant Quarter-Master-Surgeon, are also to retire on pensions, preparatory to the abolition of the school by the government.

The building, it is said, will afterwards be used as a barrack for the accommodation of the household troops.

London Gazette. 8<sup>th</sup> November 1836.

#### **CORONER'S INQUEST, 1836**

##### **DEATH FROM NEGLECT.**

Yesterday afternoon a lengthened inquiry was held before T. Stirling, Esq., Coroner, and highly respectable jury, at the Fulham Bridge public-house, in the Brompton-road, into the circumstances attending the death of James Esmond, a youth about seventeen years of age, apprentice of Mr. Robertson, bootmaker, of No. 18, New street, New Brompton, respecting whose death great interest was excited in the neighbourhood, reports having been extensively circulated that it had been accelerated by the neglect of his master.

Seven witnesses were examined, from whose evidence it appeared that the deceased, who had been apprenticed to Mr. Robertson from the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, had, during the last fortnight, complained of being very ill, but notwithstanding which he had been

compelled to continue at his work by his master, who called in no medical advise, although bound by his indentures to do so. On Sunday last, deceased was met by a person in the neighbourhood creeping along the road to fetch his master's dinner from the baker's, to whom he complained of being kept to work by his master, although almost utterly unable to execute the employment assigned him.

On that afternoon, deceased went to visit a friend at the Duke of York's School, Chelsea, from whence he returned to his master's house about nine o'clock on Sunday night, when he immediately proceeded to his bedroom, where two other persons also slept, who, hearing him cough very much, inquired how he was; to whom he complained of being much worse and of suffering great pain in the back. They offered to get him something to allay the pain, but the deceased declined their doing so, and went to bed.

About six o'clock on Monday morning Mr. Robertson's eldest son, who slept in the same room, got up, but did not particularly notice the state of the deceased; but on a younger son going up into the room about half-past seven o'clock to call the deceased, and finding he did not answer, he remarked to a man named Joseph Knight, one of the persons who slept in the room, how white the deceased looked, who instantly jumped out of bed, and discovered life to be extinct.

Mr. Woolley, surgeon of Brompton, was then immediately sent for, who, from the appearance of the body, stated it to be his belief that the deceased had died from inflammation of the heart, not having made a post mortem examination of the body, but, from the symptoms related to him, he considered that to have been the cause of the deceased's death.

The jury strongly censured Mr. Robertson for setting the deceased to work while labouring under such severe indisposition, and for not calling in medical assistance when bound to do so by the indentures; and, having viewed the body, returned a verdict-

"That the deceased died by the visitation of God, and that his death was accelerated by the want of proper medical assistance."

The London Evening Standard. 25<sup>th</sup> January 1838.

#### **HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 1838.**

On Tuesday afternoon the half-yearly general examination of the youthful inmates of this establishment took place at the committee-room of the asylum, before the commissioners,

Lieutenant-General Sir Willoughby Gordon, G.C.B. and G.C.H., presided. It was anticipated that his Royal highness the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Hill, and the Duke of Wellington would have been present. Col. Williamson, the Commandant, and the Rev. George Clarke, the Chaplain of the asylum was in attendance.

At half past two O'clock, such boys as had attained the ages of 13,14, and 15 years, and who would be apprenticed out to tradesmen, or enter the army during the ensuing half-year, marched into the board room, attired in their best uniforms, accompanied by their instructors, and the examination shortly after commenced. The young scholars replied to the numerous interrogatories with a quickness of perception which at once pleased and astonished the gallant officers who examined them, and reflected great credit upon their preceptors. The boys appeared to have a perfect knowledge of sacred history, being, seemingly, well conversant with the Old and New Testament. They appeared to be well grounded in the rudiments of the English grammar, and were very correct in their spelling, and the major part of them proved themselves to be excellent arithmeticians. They then exhibited specimens of their penmanship, and after the President had eulogised them upon the progress they had made in their studies, and complimented Mr Rogers, their Master,

upon the general appearance of his pupils and the result of his labours, the examination terminated. The boys did not go through their military exercises on the parade, nor exhibit any gymnastic feats.

During the early part of the afternoon, the young musicians, forming the band of the asylum, and whose skill is well known, rehearsed, under the direction of Mr. Blizzard, their leader, some favourite overtures and airs from the popular operas of Le Cheval Bronze, Gustavus, Il Pirata, and Il

Polichinello.

It is expected that her Majesty will shortly honour the asylum with her presence at a review of these" precocious warriors"

Leeds Mercury. Saturday 25th May.1839.

#### **A GIFT FOR THE BOYS, 1839.**

The Grand Duke of Russia was so pleased with the appearance and manners of the boys belonging to the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, that his Highness issued an order, directed to Messrs Gunter, to send to each of the 340 boys a box of choice sweetmeats, several pounds in weight.

Morning Post, London. Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.1839.

#### **CRUELTY TO APPRENTICE SHOEMAKER, 1839.**

POLICE INTELLIGENCE, HATTON-GARDEN.

Yesterday John Smith, shoemaker, of Brunswick-Parade, White Conduit-fields, was brought before Mr. Benett and Mr. Burrell, on a warrant, charged with cruelty towards John Hall, aged fifteen years, his apprentice.

It appeared from the statement of the boy that he was apprenticed to the defendant by the authorities of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Chelsea, with a premium, and that, on Thursday three weeks ago, he was sent by the defendant on an errand, when he kept twopence, which, being discovered by his master, he ordered him to strip naked, which he did. The master then took him into the washhouse and beat him violently on his back and arms with a leather strap, and gave him thirty or forty lashes, which left marks upon his flesh, and subsequently turpentine was put upon the back.

Mr. Benett - Then you confess having cheated your master out of twopence?

Boy (crying) - Yes, I was kept without my tea, and I was hungry, and I

spent money to get something to eat.

Mr. Benett - You had no right to do so, and you deserved proper chastisement, but such a severe infliction of punishment was unjustifiable.

Here the boy took off his jacket for the purpose of exhibiting the marks upon his back and arms, when Mr. Benett ordered Mackenzie, the officer, to take him into a private apartment to examine his person, which being performed, Mackenzie returned with the boy, and being sworn, stated that it was evident the boy had received a most severe flagellation, and the marks upon his back and arms were as large as his fingers, and the impression of a buckle were upon his flesh.

The defendant, being called upon for his defence, did not deny having chastised the boy for having kept the money, but he considered that he deserved it.

Mr. Benett - You have acted most improperly. The boy confessed to having kept the twopence, and he deserved proper chastisement. If you have to govern others, it is necessary that you should govern your own temper. It was your duty to have brought him before a magistrate if he acted wrong, and not to have taken the law into your own hands in the intemperate way that you have done.

Mackenzie - The boy says that after he was beaten turpentine was rubbed over his back, which gave him great pain.

Mr. Benett said that that was probably done to cure him.

The mother of the boy said that his master kept his pence from him, and that was the reason of his keeping the money.

The defendant denied this and said that he had treated the boy with attention and kindness. When he received the boy from the Duke of York's School he was afflicted with the itch, and he cured him.

Sergeant Warner, an assistant at the Duke of York's School, denied this, and said that it was merely an eruption arising from the high living of the boy in the School.

Mr. Benett said to the defendant, that proper coercion was necessary towards.

Apprentices when they committed themselves; but there were times and reasons for chastisement. A boy of ten or twelve years of age ought to be corrected as a schoolmaster might whip a boy; but to give him stripes upon his naked flesh with a strap, as he had done, leaving such severe marks upon his person, was carrying punishment to an undeserved extremity, which the laws did not justify.

The defendant confessed his error and promised in future to adopt the same mode of punishment.

Mr. Benett - You must not do it again. I can only say this, if the boy had not confessed having kept the twopence, I should deem it my duty immediately to cancel his indentures, and not allow him to remain with you any longer; and unless you make a positive promise not to repeat such violence, the boy shall not remain with you.

Defendant - I will promise; but this is his mother's fault. She is the greatest enemy and listens to every idle tale that he tells her.

Mr. Benett said it was the duty of a mother to espouse the care of her child under such circumstances and protect him. He severely reprimanded the defendant, and ordered him to take the boy home, and treat him well; and he recommended the boy, in the event of future cruelty being exercised over him, to complain immediately to the magistrates, and he should be protected.

London Standard, 29<sup>th</sup> April 1840.

#### **ROBBERY AT THE R.M.A, 1840.**

James Robins, the journeyman tailor who was charged a few days since at this office with having stolen a quantity of cloth and lining from the Duke of York's School, was brought up for re-examination.

No further evidence was added, and the prisoner was fully committed for trial.

#### **1843-1905**

The Salisbury & Westminster Journal, Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1843.

#### **NEW C.O. FOR R.M.A. 1843.**

Brevet-Colonel Peter Brown to be Commandant of the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea,

Vice Lieutenant-Colonel James Williamson, dead.

The Daily News, Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 1846.

#### **THREATENING TO SHOOT C.O., 1846**

##### **WESTMINSTER.**

A. Esdaile, a man apparently between 60 and 70 years of age, was charged with threatening to shoot Col. Brown, Commandant of the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea. James Wise, a dairyman, deposed to having heard defendant state that he wanted to shoot Col. Brown. Witness immediately told him that he should give him into custody, when the accused replied, "that he might if he liked, but he would be d----d if he did not shoot him." A police constable was called, and he was given in charge. In answer to an inquiry as to whether any firearms had been found upon the prisoner, the police replied in the negative.

Mr Burrell inquired of Col. Brown, who was in attendance, whether he apprehended any personal violence from the prisoner. The Colonel replied that, knowing the character of the man, he did. It seems that until about two years ago Esdaile had been a master tailor at the Asylum, but, in consequence of his gross irregularity and disorderly conduct, Col. Brown had felt it necessary to institute a court of inquiry, when the prisoner was suspended.

Whilst the matter was under consideration of the Commissioners, the prisoner went out, got into a drunken broil at some public house, and had two ribs broken in consequence of which he was an inmate of St. George's Hospital, and on his discharge from there was permitted to resign his post



at the Asylum.

Mr Burrell required the prisoner to find bail, himself in £200, and two sureties in £100 each, for the next six months.

Not being provided with the required bail, the prisoner was sent to jail.

London Evening Standard, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1849.

#### **TABLET PLACED IN SCHOOL CHAPEL, 1849.**

A tablet has just been erected in the Chapel of the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, to the memory of the Rev. George Clark, who was chaplain to that Institution, from its foundation to his death.

The Leeds Intelligencer, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1850.

#### **ARMY PRIZE MONEY. 1850.**

The Commissioners of Woods and Works have received from her Majesty's Paymaster General the sum of £20,000 unclaimed army prize money, for the purpose of purchasing

the site of the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, and for the enlarging and improving of the buildings, &c.- United Service Gazette.

Morning Advertiser Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1851.

#### **CONTRACT FOR COAL AND COKE. 1851.**

Royal Military Asylum. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1851.

Such Persons as are willing to supply this Institution with 330 Tons of Coals from the following Pits vis:- Hollwell, Hilda, Wallsend, Hotspair Wallsend, Perith Wallsend: and with 100 Chaldrons of Coke, to be delivered between 20<sup>th</sup> day of May and the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1851, will give in their proposals to the Commandant, on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> inst, where particulars of the contract and forms of the Tender may be had any

day (Sundays excepted).

No tenders will be considered from persons who are not themselves established dealers

in the above Articles, nor will notice be taken of any Tenders not made upon the printed forms delivered from hence, and properly filled up in writing without figures,

Payment to be made quarterly

Morning Advertiser, Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1851.

#### **CONTRACT FOR MILK FOR R.M.A., 1851.**

Royal Military Asylum, 7<sup>th</sup> July 1851.

Such Persons as are willing to Supply this Institution with Milk, to be delivered, free of expense at the Asylum, in such quantities as shall from time to time be demanded, between the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July. 1851, and 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1853, will give in their proposals to the Commandant, at his office on or before the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, where particulars of the contract and forms of the tender may be had any day (Sundays excepted).

No tender will be accepted from persons who are not themselves established dealers in the said articles: nor will notice be taken of any tenders that are not made upon the printed forms delivered from hence, and properly filled up in writing without figures.

The payment to be made quarterly.

The Morning Advertiser, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1854.

#### **INCREASE IN NUMBERS AT R.M.A., 1854.**

Mr. Oliveira has given notice in the House of Commons, that he will ask a question of the Secretary for War, -

Whether the number of children cannot be increased to 1,250, the original number, instead of allowing it to stand at the present complement of 350. The object of Mr. Oliveira is a very laudable one, and we hope will

meet with the success it deserves.

The subject has been warmly taken up by the public, and warmly responded to.

The institution was founded by the late Duke of York, for soldiers' sons; and we feel assured that her Majesty's Government will see the necessity of throwing open the gates of the Asylum for those children, instead of sending the children to the workhouse.

We have heard that nearly 1,000 of our brave soldiers who are on their way to the East, were educated within those walls. Nearly 200 are non-commissioned officers, and several hold her Majesty's commission. No doubt, if the children were housed, their mothers would be able to obtain employment. The country has never failed to step forward to benefit the British soldier, and no better opportunity could occur than at the present moment, to do justice to those brave fellows who have now cheerfully gone to fight the battles of their country.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 15th August 1855.

#### **DUKIES AT THE SEIGE OF SEVASTOPOL, 1855.**

An accident at Cremorne Gardens preceded, by a few hours, the actual representation of the attack given to the public. And this statement would appear to be true, from the fact that the officers in charge of the troops assisted at the rehearsal, and they doubtless have instantly perceived the utter unfitness of the second platform to bear the sudden rush of a dense body of heavy men like the Grenadiers, and would consequently have caused the necessary alterations to be made, or the programme of the attack to be changed, so as to avoid any possibility of endangering the safety of their men. It is also alleged by Mr. Johnston, the manager, that men were placed between the first and second platforms for the purpose of checking the advance of the troops when they had reached the former, the latter being occupied by a number of boys belonging to the Duke of York's School, who were then to show themselves at the embrasures of the fortress so as to give an idea of soldiers diminished in size by

perspective.

The troops however, rushed up the ascent in a most determined manner, having become excited by the preliminary skirmishing, and bursting upon the first platform with fixed bayonets, frightened from their position, the men who had been stationed to warn them back, jumped over the breach on to the second platform with a loud "hurrah.", as if really engaged in a sanguinary struggle, when the platform snapped, and they fell, to the number of 50, or 60, to the ground below. All the parties connected with the gardens, who witnessed the occurrence, speak to the excited state of the troops as gradually increasing as the mimic struggle proceeded; and, as a proof of its existence, the instance of a ramrod, shot from his musket by one of the Grenadiers, and found yesterday morning so firmly fixed in a 6-inch post under the works, that the united efforts of two men were exercised for a long time in an unavailing attempt to draw it out.

Strange as this state of excitement may at first sight appear, there seems no reason to doubt its actual existence; and the general reader will doubtless recollect recorded instances in which friendly contests have, through excitement, been matured into a deadly struggle.

No charge of drunkenness can, it is believed, be brought against the troops to account for their apparent infatuation, for although they were marched to the ground at three o'clock, and the attack did not take place until about ten, the refreshments supplied by Mr. Simpson were prudently confined to about a pint or a pint and a half of porter per man, with cold meat and bread and cheese.

The wounded men were, in the first instance, carried into the circus, where they were speedily attended by several medical men, some of whom were amongst the spectators, and among those who were most active upon the occasion, may be mentioned Dr. Synnot, of Eaton Terrace, and Dr. Opall, of Beauford Place, Chelsea. The unfortunate men bore their injuries with great fortitude; but one poor fellow, while suffering severely, could not help exclaiming-"I shouldn't have cared if it had really been at Sevastopol."

The worst cases were taken to St. George's Hospital. They were those of-

John Colwell, artilleryman, severe bayonet wound on his arm. James Sergeant, artilleryman, bayonet wounds on the head, arms, and hands, Wm. Stones, Grenadier Guards, severe injuries of the body. Wm. Sharp, Grenadier Guards, both legs broken. The last poor fellow is going on remarkably well, and the most troublesome case is said to be that of Cralley.

The other sufferers were taken to the military hospital. Happily, the injuries in these cases are none of them of a serious character.

The Evening Mail Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 1856.

#### **ACCOMMODATION FOR MORE DUKIES, 1856.**

Mr. Oliveira wished to ask the Under-Secretary for War whether the increase, promised in 1854, for the admission of children of non-commissioned officers and soldiers to the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea had been carried into effect. Mr. Peel, believed that additional accommodation was now provided for the reception of these children, who would therefore shortly be admitted.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1856.

#### **ASYLUM TO KNELLER-HALL, 1856.**

It is now definitely settled that this excellent institution shall be removed from Chelsea to Kneller-Hall, near Twickenham. Plans and estimates have been prepared for the necessary alterations and additions to that extensive building, and it is contemplated that the structure will be completed for the reception of the inmates of the Royal Military Asylum at some time in 1858.

Kneller-Hall is situated in the hamlet of Whitton, in the parish of Twickenham and stands in a park of between 40- and 50-acres productive land, adjoining the turnpike road from Hounslow, through Whitton, to

Twickenham, Hampton Court. The present building was erected, at the national expense, by Mr. Kelk, of London, from designs by Mr. Mair, architect, for the purpose of a training school for students desirous of assuming the important duties of schoolmasters or teachers in various parts of the Kingdom, after passing through the required probation course of instruction. The building was sufficiently large to accommodate 90 students with suitable apartments for the principal, vice-principal, and two masters, but the largest number of students under instruction at the school never exceeded at any time 67.

The training school was opened February 12, 1850, under the direction of the Rev. Frederick Temple, as principle, F.T. Palsgrave, Esq. (son of Sir Francis Palsgrave), vice-principle, and Mr. Tate and Mr. Tilleard, masters. The industrial training of the students was conducted by Mr. W. Steward. From various causes, the number of students gradually fell off, and, at the close of last year, the few young men remaining there were discharged, and the school was finally closed. The Rev. F. Temple had charge of the students from the opening of the institution, and remained at Kneller-Hall till Christmas last, when his official duties ceased. Mr. Temple, who officiated as chaplain to the school, on the Sabbath regularly discharged the duties of such position in the neat chapel within the building, which was always open to the inhabitants of the village. His discourse, to the limited congregations, was uniformly marked by eloquent force and earnest piety, and generally exhibited profound Scriptural Knowledge.

The first Stone of the building, now occupied as the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, was laid by his late Royal Highness the Duke of York, on the 10th June 1801, and the royal warrant appointing commissioners bears the date 24th of the same month. The intention of the founders was to provide for the support and education of a "certain number of orphans and other children of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the army." The asylum was opened for the reception of children of both sexes in September 1803. The numbers varied from time to time. At one period, in 1814, the number of boys was, 834, and girls 302. Subsequently to the termination of the war in Spain and France, the numbers gradually

diminished until they fell, in 1837, as low as 268, at which time the Government contemplated the entire abolition of the system. It was saved, however, by the interposition of his late majesty William the Fourth. Since that period the numbers have gradually increased, and the asylum at present affords a home to 470 poor children, who, without the shelter and protection it affords them, would probably swell the already large and increasing force of juvenile delinquency. In the year 1823 the female children were removed from Chelsea to a branch of the establishment at Southampton, where they remained until 1840, when an order was given to discontinue the reception of females, and to remove those already in the institution to Chelsea, where they were to pass the remainder of their time. The chief, if not the sole excuse, for the abolition of the female branch was the difficulty of providing for girls upon leaving the asylum, whereas boys could at all times find employment in the army.

The boys to be admitted into the asylum must be complete orphans, such as have lost one parent, or such as have both parents living, but the father on Foreign Service. If the father be alive and not now serving, they must be pensioners, and the children must have been born prior the father's discharge. They must be above five and under ten years of age.

The affairs of the institution are directed by a body of commissioners, of whom the commander-in-chief is always the president. They meet regularly once a quarter and oftener if necessary.

The names of the commissioners specially appointed by her Majesty are given in the Army List. The others are chiefly high military officers, who hold the appointment *ex officio*. There are, however, two prelates amongst them, namely, the Bishops of London and Winchester. The executive officers are a commandant, a secretary and an Adjutant, a quartermaster and paymaster, and a surgeon, all of whom are resident at the Asylum. There are also competent staffs of non-commissioned officers, nurses and pioneers.

The boys receive a good, moral, and religious education, and some of them are taught the trades of tailor and shoemaker, whilst others receive instruction in music. About 40 belong to the band, which is generally

thought to be a very good one. About the year 1837 a normal school was added to the asylum, for the purpose of training young men to become army schoolmasters. This school at present numbers, of students and monitors, 62, all of whom will eventually be attached to regiments or garrisons.

There are three masters in this department - the headmaster being also the chaplain of the asylum. It may be necessary to state that the boys remain at the asylum until they are 14 years of age. They are not compelled to become soldiers; but a large proportion chooses a military life, and they always select their own regiment. The boys who prefer learning a trade are bound apprentices, and whenever a boy is reported by the surgeon as unfit for military service, a small premium is allowed to the master to whom he may be apprenticed. The boys belonging to the band remain at the asylum until 15 years of age.

From the paternal care, which the Duke of York took of this institution, it acquired the name of the "Duke of York's School," by which designation it is still very generally known. We may add that plans have been prepared for extensive alterations in the buildings and premises at Chelsea, with a view to their conversion into barracks for a battalion of Foot Guards.

The Morning Chronicle, London. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1857.

#### **BANDMASTER, MR. PORTEOUS (1849-1862), 1857.**

The band of the above institution, under the spirited bandmaster, Mr. Porteous, will perform at the Fête to be held at the Crystal Palace this day, and will meet, we have no doubt, with the success usually attending it. The proficiency in music which these orphan boys at such a tender age attain under the tuition of Mr. Porteous is really astonishing. His kind and fatherly treatment of them, no doubt, tends to accomplish that end. There is scarcely a regimental band in the service which has not one or two of its members that have been trained by him.

Mr. Porteous served as a bandsman in the Scots Fusilier Guards and on his discharge from it was appointed, through the influence of his Royal

Highness Prince Albert, to the above School. Mr Porteous has been the successful inventor of the railway whistle, which bears his name; also the field pipes for sounding the light infantry calls in the field, and which has been adopted by a great many regiments.

About twelve months since a gentleman of a board of guardians in London, wishing to improve the condition of some of the boys, placed them under the tuition of Mr. Porteous, the bandmaster to the Duke of York's School, and the progress they made was truly astonishing. Some few months since, Colonel Maxwell, of the 88th regiment, wishing to introduce some boys into the band of his regiment, applied to Mr. Distin, the musical instrument maker, who being acquainted with the above circumstances at once applied to Mr. Porteous,

Mr. Distin was himself so astonished at the boys' play - all upon brass instruments - that he immediately decided to take six, all orphans, and not more than ten years of age. They were turned over to Colonel Maxwell, who kept them for some months at his own cost. Previous to the regiment leaving for India the boys were enlisted, and nothing could exceed their happiness and gratitude to their kind protector. We should like to see two or three hundred children placed under the tuition of Mr Porteous, who evidently thoroughly understands the teaching suited to young boys. Regimental bands could then fill up any vacancy, and there would be no necessity for keeping an expensive college for the purpose of teaching bandmasters.

The West Middlesex Advertiser. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1860

#### **SCHOOLMASTER'S SUICIDE, 1860.**

A second inquest was held on the body of Thomas Baker, about 39 years of age, one of the masters of the Duke of York's School, who was found on Saturday morning last, in the water-closet, with his throat cut on both sides.

Charlotte Hone, of Marlborough court, said she found the body of the deceased in the water-closet, on Saturday last, about half-past nine in the

morning. She could not open the door. A person outside told me Mr. Baker was there. I then went to finish the room I was cleaning. Shortly after that, deceased came out and spoke to me, and asked where Macdonald was, and I told him he was gone upstairs to Mrs. MacDonald; he replied, "All right, old girl." After finishing the room I was cleaning, I went out again to the closet, and on opening the door found the deceased was there again. First saw his feet, then discovered a quantity of blood on the floor: called out for help: he was nearly bent double; had no coat on; placed my hand on his back; it was not quite cold. Sergeant Cameron, of the 4th company, came, and I told him Baker was dead. Mr. Lee, one of the schoolmasters, also came. I have seen the deceased two or three times a week for the last eight months. Never knew that he was addicted to drinking; very sober for anything I know. Deceased had his coat on when I saw him after he had been in the closet the first time.

Edward Baker, proprietor of the billiard-room, brother to the deceased, said that he had resided at the asylum with his brother for the last five or six weeks. Deceased was 39 years of age; He had been schoolmaster at the asylum for thirteen years. Saw him last alive on Saturday morning; he was considerably excited, as he had been all night; he was perfectly sober; complained of his head; kept placing his hand on his head, saying he could not remove the idea from his mind that someone was going to do him an injury. He could not sleep on Friday night. He was perfectly sober; I never saw him tipsy. Was not aware he had been under medical treatment until I heard he had been taking laudanum. Never heard him threaten to destroy himself. He had performed his duty up to Saturday morning, even to reading prayers. The instrument with which he had done the deed was a razor, but do not know if it was his own. He was not in any danger of losing his situation; neither had he sustained any loss.

Mr. William Lucas, army surgeon, said he was sent for on Saturday morning to see the deceased and went to him immediately. The body was quite cold. There were two wounds on the throat, one on each side. There was a great quantity of blood on the floor. The instrument with which the wounds were inflicted was a razor with a black handle. The wound on

either side would have been sufficient to have caused death. Have not the slightest doubt but that it was his own act and should think death must have been instantaneous.

Mr. H. J. Bannister, M.R.C.S, 63 Coleshill Street, Eaton-square, said he had been under his care. On Thursday evening last the deceased came to him and complained of want of sleep. He appeared delirious. I prescribed a drachm of laudanum, to be taken in two doses. Deceased said he had been rather "loose" lately, but had given it up, and had only taken one glass of Negus the day before. Saw him again on the Friday morning; He said he had had but little sleep, and he laboured under the delusion that someone going to shoot him; he was suffering from delirium but was otherwise perfectly rational. There was no necessity to place him under restraint. Deceased was to have come again in the evening but did not.

The Jury returned a verdict that the deceased, destroyed himself by cutting his throat with a razor while in an unsound state of mind.

West Middlesex Advertiser, Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1862.

#### **CONFIRMATION AT THE R.M.A., 1862**

On Wednesday afternoon the Bishop of London confirmed about eighty boys at the Royal Military Asylum. His Lordship was met at the Chapel door by the Rev. G. W. Langmead, the Chaplain, and the officers of the Institution. The Bishop delivered a very appropriate address to them and enforced the necessity of prayer to God. Before another year they would in all probability have to leave that noble institution and enter upon the arduous scenes of life, and he would therefore urge on them to remember the parting advice which he had given to them. Although the confirmation was conducted in a strictly private manner, the service was particularly impressive.

The Morning Advertiser, Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1864.

#### **CHANGE OF C.O. AT R.M.A., 1864**

We believe it is most probable that Colonel Yorke, C.B., late of the Royal

Dragoons, will succeed Major-General Crutchley as Commandant of the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea. Colonel Yorke still suffers acutely from a wound received at Balaclava, and his appointment to this post is in every respect well merited.

The Frome Times, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1864.

#### **THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON AT R.M.A., 1864.**

F.W. - The great Duke of Wellington died in 1852, and his body was embalmed, and lay in state at the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, for some time.

The Sheffield Daily Telegraph, Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1865.

#### **UNCLAIMED ARMY PRIZE MONEY, 1865.**

The annual account, made up to the end of 1864, shows that the cash refunded to claimants is £50,868 more than it was at the end of 1863. On the other hand, the cash received is stated at above £42,000 more than at the end of 1863. This fund has supplied about £600,000 to the Chelsea Hospital and its pensioners, and £40,000 to the Royal Military Asylum, and there is still a balance in hand of £50,000 consols and £17,835 cash in the Bank of England.

St. James Gazette, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1883.

#### **DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE INSPECTS R.M.A., 1883.**

In the grounds of the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, better known as the Duke of York's School, the boys now being educated in that establishment were to-day inspected by the Duke of Cambridge. The boys, 484 in number, together with a company of schoolmasters and pupil-teachers, with the battery of light guns on the right, were drawn up in line and saluted the Commander-in-Chief as he walked up to the flagstaff with the royal standard displayed, the colours being drooped and the band playing the National Anthem. The Duke then made a close inspection of



the ranks, after which the battalion marched past with the guns leading. This was followed by drill. The boys were then marched into the school-room for the presentation of prizes won during the past year, the Duke occupying the chair. Colonel Mackenzie, the commandant, said he had again to make a favourable report of the general conduct in the school. One hundred and eighty-six boys had been admitted to the institution, and the same number had left. Of these, 126 had enlisted and three had become pupil-teachers in the Royal Military Asylum with a view of becoming army schoolmasters. The annual return from regiments showed that 1,125 men and boys who had been educated there were now serving. Of these, 5 were officers, 11 warrant-officers, 367 non-commissioned officers, 225 musicians, 337 drummers and boys, and 80 privates. The prizes were then presented by the Commander-in-Chief, who, at the close of the ceremony, delivered a short address, in which he said that his visit there was always an agreeable one, particularly when it was attended with such satisfactory results. He was greatly gratified and pleased with all he had seen and heard.

The Morning Post. London. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1885.

#### **ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1885.**

The boys of the Royal Military Asylum, or, as is more popularly known, the Duke of York's School, were yesterday morning inspected on their parade-ground at Chelsea by the Duke of Cambridge, who afterwards presented the prizes gained by the pupils during the past year. A large company of ladies and gentlemen were present to witness the interesting ceremony, amongst those present being Field-Marshal Sir Patrick Grant, Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Alison, Lieutenant-General Sir A. Herbert, General Sir E. B. Johnson, Director General of Military Education, General Lord William Paulet, General Sir R.P. Douglas, General Renny, Major-General Gipps, Major-General Hutt, Colonel Julian Hall, and Mr. Osborne Morgan, M.P. The pupils, to the number of nearly 500, were drawn up in line, in six companies of infantry, with a battery of artillery on the right, the military students for army schoolmaster-ships intervening.

Colonel H. Mackenzie was in command, assisted by Major Thompson, Captain MacDonnell, and the Rev. E.H. Goodwin (Chaplain).

The Duke of Cambridge, who was accompanied by Lieutenant-General Tyrwhitt, was received on arrival with a Royal Salute, the band playing a few bars of National Anthem. His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Horse Guards staff and other officers then made a close examination of the ranks, and on returning to the saluting base, witnessed the march past, first in column and then in close order. Both were done with much precision, and the drill which followed included changes of front, echelon movements, and various square formations, showed the close attention paid to the instruction. After a charge to the strains of bugle and drum, this portion of the programme was brought to a close with an advance in review order and salute. An adjournment was then made to the principal classroom, where the commandant, Colonel Mackenzie, read the report for the year, which was of the most favourable character. This showed that the percentage of daily sickness was 2.03 per cent, of which three cases had been diphtheria, one of the three proving fatal, being the first death in the asylum for 3.5 years.

Ten students had been appointed schoolmasters, while 15 students and three pupil teachers had joined the institution during the year. One hundred and thirty-seven boys had been admitted, and the same number left, of whom 81 had enlisted, two had become pupil teachers, four were apprenticed, and the remainder had either returned to their friends or been withdrawn.

Returns from regiments showed that there were now in the army 1,137 of all ranks who had received their education in the asylum. Of these six were officers, five warrant officers, 385 non-commissioned officers, 250 musicians, 369 drummers, trumpeters, and buglers, and 158 privates. Their characters were returned as 466 "very good", 685 "good", 31 "indifferent", 10 "bad", and 1 "very bad." Of 123 boys examined in the year for certificates not one had failed to pass. (Cheers.)

The prizes, consisted of desks, telescopes, boxes of drawing instruments, cricket bats, etc., were then presented, the commander-in-

chief accompanying the various gifts by a kindly word or two to the recipients. The winner of prize for "best boy in all respects" in the school was E.W. Austin.

The Duke of Cambridge said it always gave him great pleasure to come there and see their healthy and happy faces. He was much gratified with all he had seen and had to congratulate Colonel Mackenzie on the success with which he had conducted the school and followed the example of his worthy predecessor. (Cheers.)

The report which had been read was very gratifying. He was glad to find so many boys entered the army. Of course, there was no compulsion in the matter, but it was very pleasant to think so many followed that profession. The boys of the establishment had a very high reputation for good conduct after leaving, which he hoped they would all strive to maintain. The very few not well thought of showed plainly that the lads were well grounded in discipline, a matter of infinite advantage to them in after life. After a few words of advice to the boys to remember the teachings of their early lives when they became men, his Royal Highness concluded by again expressing his extreme satisfaction with everything connected with the institution.

After "God save the Queen" had been sung, the Duke left, but many of the other visitors were conducted through the workshops, and subsequently witnessed an excellent athletic display in the gymnasium. The annual athletic sports will be held today.

The Morning Post, Friday May 25th, 1888.

#### **BAZAAR AT THE R.M.A., 1888.**

For a long time past the committee of the Royal Military Asylum, better known as the Duke of York's School, in the King's Road, Chelsea, have found themselves sadly crippled by want of funds in the desire to extend the usefulness of the Institution. The main object of the founders was to provide for the sons of soldiers of long service and good conduct, of whom 483 are at present clothed, fed and educated free of cost to their parents.

Those gentlemen who are responsible for its management are anxious to receive more lads, but up to the present moment are unable to provide for their accommodation. Meanwhile, however, they feel that it is imperative that the inmates should have the chapel in which they worship so arranged as to enable the service to be conducted in a manner most conducive to reverence.

This has hitherto been scarcely possible, owing to the many defects of the building and the furniture. With the object therefore, of purchasing an organ, and improving the chancel of the chapel, it was determined to hold a grand bazaar and military fete in the building and grounds of the Institution. Committees of ladies and gentlemen, with the Rev. C. A. Solbe, the chaplain, as secretary, were formed to carry out this project, and the

Princess Louise was invited and promised to open the bazaar.

The Queen extended her kindly patronage to the undertaking, as did also the Duke of Cambridge, Mr. Stanhope, M.P. (Secretary of State for War), the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, the Duchess of Argyll, the Duchess of Manchester, and many other distinguished persons.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen undertook to provide and preside over stalls, among them being Countess Cadogan, Lady Kensington, Lady Grant, Lady Kathleen Gaussen, Lady Horatia Erskine, Colonel the Hon. H.F. Eaton, Captain F.C. Ricardo, the Hon. Mrs. Methuen, and Mrs. Gilden. A *cafe chantant* was constructed, in which Lady Ramsay of Banff, Sir A. Webster, Major-General Ridout, Colonel P. E. Pope, Mrs. Charles Crutchley, Mrs. Somerset Butler, Major F. O. Barrington Foote, Mrs. C. P. Colnaghi, and others undertook to render voluntary service; the bands of the Grenadier and Coldstream Guards, the Royal Military Asylum, the Royal Military School of Music, and the pipers of the Scots Guards were engaged, while the entertainments comprised musical drill, club and sword feats by Corporal-Major M'Pherson, of the Royal Horse Guards, concerts, a French play, and a comedy entitled "Our Bitterest Foe."

In accordance with the promise given, the bazaar was opened yesterday afternoon by the Princess Louise. Her Royal highness was received on her arrival by the Duke of Cambridge, Sir Patrick Grant and

other members of the committee, and at once conducted into the bazaar, which she briefly and formerly declared to be open.

The Princess, accompanied by the Duke of Cambridge, then made a close inspection of the various stalls, all of which were very prettily and artistically arranged, mostly with military emblems, and was present subsequently at some of the entertainments enumerated above, receiving, both on her arrival and departure, a most respectful greeting.

The bazaar will remain open during to-day, when the principal portions of the programme of yesterday will be repeated.

Morning Post. London. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1889.

#### **SCHOOL CHAPEL RE-OPENS, 1889.**

The Chapel of the Duke of York's School will be reopened tomorrow, after restoration. The sermons at both morning and evening services will be preached by the Rev, J.C. Eghill, Chaplain-General, to the Forces.

St. James Gazette, Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1890.

#### **THE ROYAL MILITARY TOURNAMENT, 1890.**

The Eleventh Royal Military Tournament, of which the Queen is patron, the Duke of Cambridge president, and Major-General Philip Smith chairman of the committee, will be formally opened by the Duchess of Albany on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. A large number of military and naval schools are expected to attend, and, being Waterloo day, the interesting ceremony of trooping the colour will be performed by the boys of the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea. The Royal Military Tournament since its formation has contributed the sum of £23,000 to military charities. The majority of the leading features of previous years will be retained, and some new and interesting competitions will be introduced.

The Morning Post Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1890.

#### **MORE FUNDS FOR THE R.M.A. CHAPEL, 1890.**

An entertainment, entitled "Our Men in Africa," was given on Saturday afternoon at the Princes' Hall, Piccadilly, for the purpose of raising the necessary funds for the restoration of the chapel of "The Little Sons of the Brave" at the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea. The chair was taken by the Duke of Cambridge, and there was a large attendance, - The proceedings opened with a lecture by Mr. Herbert Ward, of the Emin Pa'ha Relief Expedition, in the course of which he gave some information as to the customs of the tribes with which he had been brought into contact during his travels on the Congo. Referring to the controversy as to the rear guard of Mr. Stanley's expedition, the lecturer said that he did not agree with the course which Mr. Stanley had taken, and England was the last country in which anything bad about dead men should be said. (Hear, hear.)

Whether the allegations against the deceased officers were true or false he did not know, and as he was not present when the facts were stated to have occurred, he could neither substantiate nor contradict them. The lecture was illustrated by means of a number of the lecturer's own sketches, enlarged and projected upon a screen by means of limelight, -

The next name on the programme was that of Mr. Melon Prior, who briefly described what he saw at the bombardment of Alexandria and the storming of the lines of Tel-el- Kebir, accompanying his lecture by reproductions on a large scale of his own graphic sketches. If there was little new in the account given by the speaker, it was told with considerable verve, and elicited much applause from an interested audience. -

Mrs. Scott-Thorp then recited "The Furlough" and, as an encore, gave "The Charge of The Light Brigade," rendering both of these appropriate pieces with great feeling.

The last speaker was Mr. Henry Pearse, whose account of the night march on the Nile, accompanied by a touching reference to the sad death

of his fellow correspondent, Mr. St. Leger Herbert, was listened to with attention. In the course of the entertainment a selection of music was performed by the band of the Duke of York's School, conducted by Mr. R. Green, the bandmaster. Amongst the pieces given being "Sons of the Brave." a march especially composed for the occasion by Mr. Percy.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 26th May 1893.

### **ROYAL MILITARY TOURNAMENT, 1893.**

Under the happiest auspices, the Royal Military Tournament opened in London yesterday afternoon. Brilliant weather an enormous gathering of spectators, and a really splendid military display combined to ensure not merely the success of the day, but it may safely be said of the whole fortnight.

The royal box was occupied by General Prince Edward of Saxe-Weima, Lady Henry Lencox, Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A.; Mr Fraser of Castle Fraser, Sir Saul Samuel (Agent-General for Victoria), and other distinguished visitors. When the boys of the Duke of York's School and of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich paraded in the arena, two other military charities were represented in the side boxes- the girls from the Guards School in red cloaks and blue trimmed hats, and the boys of the Royal Caledonian Asylum in black, with white collars. Ranging from ten years up to about 15, the lads made a brave show, and went through their marching exercises, and, in the case of the young bluejackets, the musical dumb bell drill, in a manner which reflected the highest credit upon their instructors and upon their own intelligence.

Musical single stick and foil drill by the boys of the Royal Military Asylum followed, and then there was a parade of the Australian troops, the Victorian Horse Artillery (13 in number, under Major F.C. Hughes), and the New South Wales Cavalry Regiment Lancers (17 in number, under Captain Malcolm M\*Neill). Drawn up in line with the Colonial troops was a detachment of Indian Cavalry (10 in number, representing as many regiments).

The troops were inspected by General Prince Edward of Saxe-Weima, and as they marched past and out, were loudly cheered by the spectators. Driving by auxiliary artillery followed. Four teams were entered-the Horse Artillery Battery H.A.C., the 1st team Victorian Horse Artillery, 2nd team of same regiment, and the 1st Sussex Artillery Volunteers. Next, came the first ties in this "heads and posts competition," for which six men entered. More interesting, perhaps, to the general spectator is the musical ride of the 2nd Life Guards, undoubtedly the most brilliant and imposing spectacle which the whole programme affords. The Guards go through their complicated evolutions with a stately grace and precision which leaves nothing to be desired. Splendidly mounted and brave in all the picturesqueness of their abiding accoutrements, the representatives of the crack regiment fully sustained in appearance and discipline, its historic reputation. An interesting display by non-commissioned officers under training at the headquarters' gymnasium, Aldershot; a cavalry display by the 17th (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Lancers, the riding and jumping competition, for which there were 15 entries, and a Balaclava epic, led up to the grand feature of the day, the combined display of all arms, which aroused something very like enthusiasm. The construction of the bridge over the river, the sortie of rebel tribesmen from fort, the dash of the attacking force, the capture and dismantling of the fort, are amongst the features of the display, which are particularly well done, and which were loudly applauded.

Standard News, London. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1893.

### **ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1893.**

The Duke of Cambridge yesterday made his Annual Inspection of the Duke of York's School in the grounds at Chelsea. A large company had assembled to witness the parade of the boys, amongst them being Prince Edward of Saxe-Wennar, Field Marshal Sir Patrick Grant, General Sir Reginald Gipps, (Military Secretary), General Lennox, V.C. (Director General of Military Education) Lord Chelmsford, General Monek, General Thesiger, the Chaplain General, Lord Edward Pelham-Clinton, Mr.

Woodall, M.P., The boys of the school mustered 543 out of the 549 now on the establishment. The boys, in their familiar scarlet jackets, formed a battalion of six companies, with a battery of four small unhorsed field guns on their right, the gunners, in accordance with the Royal Artillery tradition, wearing loose blue serge.

His Royal Highness, who was accompanied by Colonel Fitzgerald, was received with a Royal Salute, thoroughly well given by the long line of boys, who, by their steadiness, erect bearing, and prompt obedience, perfectly bore out the character of soldier's sons. In the march past, the four guns, hauled by the shafts and drag ropes, kept line in the most regular manner; and the six companies showed such good dressing and distances as called forth the commendation of the Commander in Chief. At the close, all adjourned to the large dining-room, where, after a very satisfactory report had been presented,

His Royal Highness congratulated the school that the Queen had approved of its readopting officially its old title of the 'Duke of York's School', and that the Duke of York had been appointed one of its commissioners, and regretted that Colonel Fitzgerald was about by his own wish to terminate his tenure of the command. He had never seen the boys look better or healthier, better drilled or smarter. He was very pleased with the appearance of the assistant masters, who were in training for army schoolmasters, and told the boys that it was quite open to themselves whether they ultimately joined the army or went into civil life, but reminded them how well most of their predecessors had succeeded in the military career. In any case, the fine *esprit de corps* of the school should be preserved in the pursuits of after life.

Morning Post, London. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 1893.

#### **COMMANDING OFFICER DIES, 1893.**

The death has been reported of Colonel J.W. Fitzgerald, Commandant of the Duke of York's School. The gallant officer, who had just completed his 54<sup>th</sup> year, joined the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dragoon Guards in 1857, and subsequently served

in the Essex Regiment. He was appointed Secretary and Adjutant of the Royal Hibernian Military School at Dublin in 1881, was transferred as Commandant to the Duke of York's School in 1887, and, having been for some time in ill health, died at Tunbridge Wells on Friday. A Funeral Service will be held at the School this afternoon.

Morning Post, London. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1893.

#### **NEW COMMANDANT, 1893.**

The Duke of Cambridge has selected Lieut.-Colonel G. A. W. Forrest, formerly of the Hampshire Regiment, for the post of commander of the Duke of York's School, to succeed Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Fitzgerald, deceased.

The Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1895.

#### **THE DUKE'S VISIT, 1895.**

The Duke of Cambridge yesterday made his annual inspection of the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

The Standard, London. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1897.

#### **PRESENTATION OF COLOURS, 1897.**

The Duchess York, On Saturday, visited the Duke of York's School, in Chelsea, to present new Colours to the School. The Colours hitherto borne by the School, and which, ragged and worn, made their last appearance on parade on Saturday, were the oldest borne in the Army, having been granted seventy-two years ago by George IV. The boys were drawn up in line in presence of a large and distinguished company, which included the Duke of Cambridge, Sir Donald Stewart, Sir Lintorn Simmonds, Sir Daniel Lyons, Earl Cadogan, the Bishop of London, Lord Chelmsford, Sir Richard Taylor, Major General Robinson, and many more officers. There was a large attendance of the officers of the Native Army and the Imperial Service troops from India, and the officers and troopers of the Australian and South African corps now in England.

*The Duchess of York handing the Colours to a Staff- Colour-Corporal, at the Presentation of the new Colours, at the Duke of York's School, Chelsea.*



The path from the entrance gates to the boys' parade ground was lined by the pensioned veterans of Chelsea Hospital, bearing on their breasts the medals of the last fifty years of British Warfare in all parts of the world. The Duchess, who drove on to the ground at a quarter past twelve, was accompanied by the Duke of York, and they were received with a Royal Salute from the School Battalion, of which Colonel Forrest was in Command. Before the new Colours were presented the old Standard had to be trooped, and this ceremony was performed admirably; then the Battalion formed three sides of a square, the drums were piled, the new Colours laid upon the drums, and the Duke and Duchess, the Duke of Cambridge, and the other Generals advanced to the centre as the Chaplain General (The Rev. Dr Edghill) and the Rev. G.H. Andrews, came forward. The boys sang the stirring hymn, "Brightly gleams our Banner," and joined in the rest of the short consecration service.

The worship ended with a special prayer for the boys and the School. The Queen's Colour was handled by Monitor Penfold to the Duchess, and she handed it to Staff Colour Corporal Crissale, who received it on bended knees; the School Colour was afterwards handed to the Duchess by Monitor Girling and given to Staff Colour Corporal Davis. Colonel Forrest thanked the Duchess for her attendance and service.

The Duke of York briefly replied. The Duchess, he said, wished him to express the great pleasure she had experienced in presenting the new Colours. The old Colours, which had just been carried for the last time, should always remain in the thoughts of the boys, as they remembered the reputation and honour the School had attained; and the Duchess was quite certain that the boys she had seen, and those who would come after them, would maintain their own and the School's reputation under the new Colours, for himself, he had been pleased to note the steadiness, smartness, and good drill exhibited. He hoped most of the boys in time would join the Army; and, from his own experience in the Navy, he knew that the only way to get on was to do one's duty. He had pleasure in adding that, at the request of the duchess, Colonel Forrest, the Commandant, had consented to give this an extra week's holiday, in



honour of the Queen's Jubilee.

The new Colours were received by the battalion with a salute, the battalion marched past, the line advanced in review order, gave the Royal salute and a final three cheers for the Duchess of York, and this concluded the ceremony.

Morning Post, London. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1899.

#### **ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1899.**

The annual inspection, of the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School. Chelsea, by the Commander-in-Chief, took place yesterday morning. The boys, numbering considerably over five hundred, were paraded on the fine piece of ground, in front of the school, and were under the charge of Colonel C, A, V. Forrest (Commandant) and Captain EL C, Thomas, (Adjutant). Viscount Wolseley was accompanied by Colonel Davidson (Aide-de-Camp) and Colonel A. M, Delavoye, Assistant Military Secretary. The annual inspection is an event which is looked forward to with considerable pleasure by all who have any connection with or take an interest in the school. Old boys who have gone out into the world revisit the scene of their youth, retired officers who held positions at the school are present, and the day be generally regarded as one on which old comrades meet and old associations are renewed.

Yesterday being a fine day the inspection was attended by a large number of people, not the least conspicuous among whom were the Pensioners from the Chelsea Hospital close by. Among the Commissioners of the School present were General Sir Lt. C, A. Taylor, Major-General Battersby, Major-General King, General Sir F, C, A. Stephenson, General Sir M, Dillon, Major-General Thomas, and General Sir E. Bulwer. Among the spectators were Lord and Lady Kelvin, Lady Falkland, Lady Fremantle, Lady White, Mrs. Furrest, General Sir A. Holdich, General Sir Martin Dillon, General Salisbury, General Sir W, Cameron. General Salis-Schwahe, Colonel Cochrane. Colonel St. John, Colonel Holden, Colonel Goldschmid, Major Britton, Colonel Sir Howard Vincent Low. M.P., Mr., Leem-Knowles, M.P., Dr. Farquharson, M.P., and Admiral, Alington. The march past of the boys was a very creditable performance, all was much appreciated, the

physical exercise and the drill were also well done, and the gunner's drill, under Colour-Sergeant Williams, Was very interesting. The boys handled their rifles with skill and were quick in what they did. The rifle drill, under Sergeant-Major Fear, was equally commendatory. The Duke of York's School has always had a good reputation for the excellence of its gymnastic displays. The exercises which were gone through by a company of boys yesterday under the direction of Colour-Sergeant Lee were most praiseworthy.

Lord Wolseley visited the hospital, and then proceeded to a platform which had been erected at the end of the lawn and distributed the chief prizes to boys for good conduct and proficiency in schoolwork. At the conclusion of the ceremony he made a few remarks, in which he referred to the excellent report on the school which was read earlier by the Commandant. He regretted extremely that the school was not large enough to accommodate more boys, and he considered it an unwise policy not to enlarge the institution to correspond with the one in Ireland, which did such a great deal of work for the Army. He was glad to know that a large number of boys still went into the Army from the school, and that many of them had had the honour of receiving her Majesty's commission.

The days had long gone by when birth was the only thing which procured success in the Army, They looked now to worth more than to birth, Colonel Hector MacDonald, who was one of the brilliant leaders in the recent operations around Khartoum, entered the Army as a private soldier. He hoped that all the boys he saw before him, carried about in embryo the commission which her Majesty might confer on them for equally efficient service. (Cheers)

A Song entitled "The Soldiers of Dear Old England", written and composed by Mr. John Taylor, organist to her Majesty at Kensington Palace was then sung by the boys and the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated with the National Anthem. The annual sports take place this afternoon.

The Morning Post, London. Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 1900.

### **ANNUAL PARADE AND INSPECTION, 1900.**

There was a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen at the Duke of York's Royal Military School yesterday morning on the occasion of the annual Inspection of the School by the Commander-in-Chief.

Fine weather prevailed, and the gay dresses of the ladies, the uniforms of the officers, the scarlet coats of the boys, and the quaint garb of the Chelsea pensioners made up an exceedingly attractive picture on the ground in front of institution.

Field Marshal Viscount Wolsely was accompanied by Major Fremantle, A.D.C., and among others present were General Sir R.C. Taylor, Major-General Battersby, General Sir M. Dillon, Lieutenant-General J. W. Thomas, General Sir E.G. Bulwer (Commissioners of the school), General Sir W. Olpherts, V.C., Major General G. Salis-Schwabs (Lieutenant-Governor of Chelsea Hospital), General Holdich, Lieutenant-General Moncrieff, General Tupper, Major-General A.E. Turner (Inspector-General of Auxiliary Forces), Colonel Rotton, Colonel Whipple, Captain E.C. Thomas (adjutant of the school), Mr. Arnold-Forster, M.P., Dr. Farquharson, M.P., Mr. Causton, M.P., and Mr. W. Irwin (headmaster).

The Commander-in-Chief was received by a guard of honour of Chelsea pensioners, under Captain Reed, and with a general salute from the boys, who paraded to the number of about ...0, (*numerals were smudged and undecipherable, though figures given below of school strength might give some idea of numbers on parade*), under the command of Colonel G. Forrest (the commandant).

An inspection of the ranks was followed by a march past in quick and double time to the music of the school band, after which the boys went through a performance of physical and musical drill and gymnastic exercises, all of which were executed in a smart and soldierly manner.

The boys were then drawn up in front of the dais erected in the grounds to receive the prizes gained during the year.

Colonel Forrest read his annual report, which was highly satisfactory in

character.

The present strength of the school, he said, was 547, and out of the 141 boys who had left during the year 99 of the 122 who were eligible, joined the Army. The number of old boys actually serving on June 1 was 1,640, of whom 26 were officers, 63 warrant officers, and 571 non-commissioned officers. As to their character, 1,571 were reported as exemplary, very good, or good, 45 fair 20 indifferent, and only four bad.

No fewer than four old boys had received commissions in the Army during the year, while he regretted to say that six old boys had been killed in South Africa.

Lord WOLSELY then presented the prizes to the successful scholars, and afterwards addressed the officers and boys. He said he had visited this excellent military school for some years' past, and every time he came he saw something better and something new. He had never seen the boys looking healthier than that day, nor the exercises better done. The parade was remarkably good and so was the physical drill.

He was glad to notice the large proportion of old boys serving in the Army who were officers and non-commissioned officers. He hoped the boys before him, many of whom would join the colours, would be equally successful. It would depend entirely on them, for almost every year a large proportion of young men from the ranks became officers. One of the most distinguished generals serving in the field in South Africa and commanding a brigade had risen to that position from the ranks entirely by his work and courage.

The first step towards promotion in the Army was absolute obedience. Another point which he would strongly impress on them was that the boys, who left that school and joined the Army with a determination to be temperate in their habits and preferably teetotallers, would have a very great advantage. The curse of our race from time immemorial, had been drink, and he urged the boys to take the advice of an old soldier and adhere to temperance principles. He concluded by wishing them one and all every possible good luck.

Evening Telegraph. Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1901.

### **THE ARMY'S OLDEST COLOURS, 1901.**

#### **LORD ROBERTS AND THE CHELSEA SCHOOL.**

Earl Roberts, who has promised to make the annual inspection of the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Chelsea on July 10th, will, in all probability, allude to the large number of boys from this historic institution who have taken part in the campaign in South Africa. It is a fact that, although the names of no battles are inscribed on the colours, there has not been a battle of importance since the school first sent its members into the army in which Duke of York boys have not borne their part, and upheld the name of their school.

It may not be generally known that only two other institutions-the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and the Royal Hibernian Military School-are on an equality with the regiments of the British Army in having the right to carry colours presented by Her late Majesty.

In 1897 new colours were presented by the Duke and Duchess of York, but those in use up to that period were the oldest carried in the army, having been granted by George 1V, in 1825.

The Nottingham Evening Post. Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1903.

### **NEW C.O. APPOINTED, 1903.**

Colonel A.W. McKinstry has been appointed Commandant of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, vice Colonel G.A.W. Forrest, placed on retired pay.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 10th October 1903.

### **PURCHASE OF LAND, 1903.**

It is now authoritatively stated that the purchase of the site for the Duke of York's School, at Dover, has been completed, and that about 100 acres were bought from Sir William Crundall, who owns a large area of land in the neighbourhood. The site was selected out of ninety offers from

different parts of the country, as best fulfilling the required stipulations. It is a very healthy spot on the Deal road.

The Evening News. Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1904.

### **DEATH OF COLONEL FORREST, (EX DYRMS), 1904.**

The death is announced to have taken place at Bournemouth of Colonel George William Forrest, late of the Hampshire Regiment, and Commandant of the Duke of York's Royal Military School from October 1893, to October 1900.

Colonel Forrest, who was the eldest son of the late captain Forrest, of the 11<sup>th</sup> Hussars, and a former Chief Constable of Hampshire, was born in September 1846, and educated at the Royal College, Sandhurst. He was first gazetted in March 1865, to the 47<sup>th</sup> Foot, from which he transferred two months later to the 37<sup>th</sup> Foot, now the Hampshire Regiment.

He obtained his company in 1880, and his Majority in his regiment in 1884, was promoted to a half-pay Lieutenant-Colonelcy in 1892, and obtained his Brevet-Colonelcy in 1896. During the Burmese expedition of 1889-90 he was very dangerously wounded, and after his return home and convalescence he served as a recruiting Staff officer until his appointment as Commandant of the Duke of York's School. Colonel Forrest married in 1801 Olivia, second daughter of the Rev. Sir John Richardson-Bunbury.

Devon and Evening Gazette. Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1904.

### **THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S VISIT, 1904.**

The Duke of Connaught, Inspector-General of Forces, made his first annual inspection of the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Chelsea yesterday.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 10th March 1905.

### **TOWN CLERK'S BOMBSHELL, 1905**

At the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, the Town Clerk, Sir Wollaston Knocker, made a statement that sent a cold shiver down the backs of the members. It will be remembered that recently, the Town Council memorialised His Majesty's Office of Works, asking them to commence the work in connection with the Duke of York's School at Dover, as soon as is possible, so as to provide work for the unemployed. The Town Clerk stated that he had seen Sir Schombereg M\*Donnell, and had latter received an official letter from the Board of Works. He was informed, that whilst very anxious to do all they can to provide and commence work, they will not commence until the order for stopping up disused footpaths is passed by the East Kent County Quarter Sessions, and that if the order is refused, they will not build it here at all and most likely go to some other County.

The Councillors, at once asked, what could they do? The Town Clerk said they could not be represented by Counsel as having no locus standi. We advise the Council to have Mr. Gill, or some other K.C. of high repute, to urge his claims, if need be, to be heard on behalf of Dover. Alderman Adcock said that the most influential County Magistrates had promised their support, and he had not the faintest idea that the application would be refused. We trust not: but it needs to be put before the County Magistrates very well what an inestimable boon to East Kent, as well as to Dover, will be the presence, of such a money-spending institution as the Duke of York's School. It will add largely to the rateable value of the district and enable the District Council to spend more money on the upkeep of the roads, and at the same time, to reduce the County rates. It will bring visitors who will not only spend money in Dover, but, in Folkestone, Deal, and Canterbury. The work of building it will bring money from other parts of the County into East Kent. It will be no such enterprise as taking in the neighbours' washing, but a genuine importation of money from afar.

All around, there are so many reasons why the order that will enable these disused paths to be closed, should be passed, that it seems

unnecessary to appeal on its behalf; but there is no use in risking anything in a matter like this. We trust that every County Magistrate who sees this will give the order his support and make it a duty to his County to go to Canterbury to do it. If there is any idea of opposing it, we hope the gentleman, whoever he may be, will pause, because we feel sure he would bitterly regret it when it was too late.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1905.

### **STOPPING UP OF FOOTPATHS, 1905.**

Great satisfaction is felt in Dover that the obstacles to building the Duke of York's School on the Dover eastern heights have been removed. A very large tract of land between Frith Farm and the Deal Road (1 KL), had been acquired by the Board of Works for removing this School from London to this salubrious spot, but there happened to be across the site an ancient right of way which, except an a matter of sentiment, appealed to no one, for it led to nowhere in particular.

It was made a stipulation by the Board of Works that if they built their School at Dover, this path must be diverted, because it would be subversive of all discipline to have a public road passing through the middle of their premises. The necessity was so obvious it was supposed no single individual would object. The Local Authorities interested—the Gaston Parish Council and the Dover Rural District Council—gladly gave their consent, and a special Act of Parliament was introduced which, but for the interference of some local busybody, would have long since been passed into law; but owing to that interference, the Bill was abandoned, and the Government were on the point of deciding to find a site in some other part or England.

It was suggested, however, that the Dover Rural District Council should apply to the East Kent Quarter Sessions to have the path diverted. Again, individual opposition was threatened, but happily, it was dropped before the case came on at Canterbury on Tuesday and now the work of building will go forward without delay.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 21st April 1905.

#### **PEGGING OUT, 1905.**

The work of pegging out the Duke of York's School, on the Eastern Heights, commences this week, and it is expected that very shortly, tenders will be invited. The usual course is for the Board of Works to invite those firms to tender, who are on the list of the Board of Works, and we believe that this is what they will do in this case. The Duke of York's School at Dover will not take the form of one large building, like the one in London, but will be split up into a number of houses, each of which will house a separate company. These houses will be built in the form of a crescent facing Fort Burgoyne and extending from the Lone Tree on the Deal road to the Guston road opposite Frith Farm. In the centre will be a handsome church, and in addition to the various company houses, there will be a swimming bath and gymnasium, assembly hall, and every other convenience that large public schools of a modern character possess. Undoubtedly, one of the finest educational establishments in the world will be erected at Dover.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1905.

#### **THE SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR, 1905.**

The contract for the erection of the Duke of York's School at Dover has been let, to Messrs. A. Hudson and Co., of Queen Anne's Chambers, Toothill St., London, and the amount of the contract being, we believe, £105,000. Messrs. Hudson and Co. is at present engaged in the erection of the new hotel on Lord Guilford's estate at Sandwich, and we understand that they will come to Dover and commence operations directly after Christmas. Only two firms tendered in this district, Messrs. R. and G. Drisley, of Dover, and Mr. Denne, of Walmer.

### **1906-1910**

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1906.

#### **ARRIVAL OF THE CONTRACTOR, 1906.**

We understand that the contractors for the Duke of York's School, Messrs Alfred. Hudson and Co have arrived at Dover, this weekend, and that commencement will be made at once. The delay that has arisen has been due to the negotiations necessary for the use of the railway line to the site This railway belongs to Messrs. Pearson and Son, and we understand that an agreement has been entered into, so that all the materials for the School can be brought to the site by a siding from this line, which passes close by. The news is very satisfactory, for it had hoped to have commenced the work three weeks ago, and some impatience was felt at the delay by those who cannot realize that such a big work requires a good deal of organizing.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 13th April 1906.

#### **SITE RAILWAY OPEN, 1906.**

The preliminary work in erecting sheds, etc., at the Duke of York's School, is now rapidly proceeding. The railway is nearly finished, and the rails are being completed to the site, and a quantity of trucks reached the works this week.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 6th July 1906.

#### **RAIL PROGRESS, 1906.**

Recently, marked progress has been made at the Duke of York's School. The light railway connecting Messrs. Pearson and Son's railway to the site of the School is now completed and is already largely used for the conveyance of material to the works. The preliminary operations, such as the erection of temporary buildings and workshops, the collection of materials (of which some hundreds of tons are now on the ground), and

the excavations, are now sufficiently advanced to warrant a commencement of the actual building, in which already considerable progress has been made. A large number of men are busily engaged, the

site presenting quite a panoramic appearance. A substantial iron fence (about  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles square), is in course of erection round the site.







Contractors' Workshops

Western Workshops.

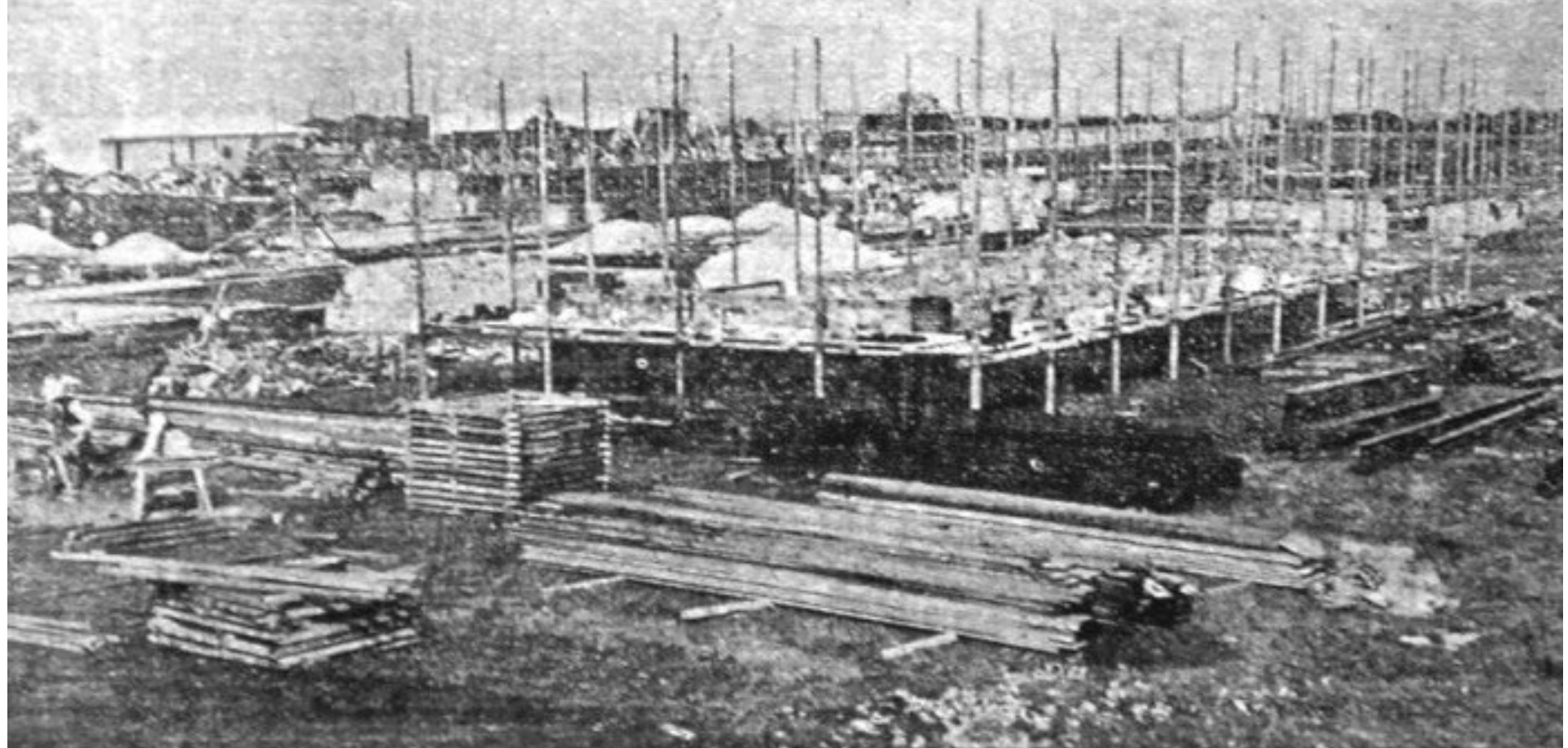
Boiler House

# **THE DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL IN PROGRESS.**

Picture Postcard 14/

*Western Workshops.*

*Eastern Playshed.*



*Kitchen.*

*Women's Quarters.*

*Boiler House.*

**THE DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL IN PROGRESS.**

*Picture Postcard.*

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1906.

## **NEW PLANS FOR D.Y.R.M. SCHOOL. 1906.**

### **FULL DESCRIPTION OF THIS IMPORTANT WORK.**

The building of the Duke of York's School on the ridge that runs from the Lone Tree to Frith Farm is now in full progress. Hitherto, no accurate description of the new School has been published, but now, by kind permission of the architect, Sir Henry Tanner, we have been enabled to place before our readers, the following full description, together with the accompanying drawing, plan, and photographs of the work as it is at the present moment.

The Duke of York's Royal Military School was founded in 1801, by H.R.H., the Duke of York, and has hitherto been located at Chelsea. It is under the management of the Secretary of State for War.

Five hundred and fifty boys, the sons of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men are clothed, fed and educated, free of charge, preference being given to those whose fathers have been killed or died in service abroad.

The boys are admitted at about nine years of age, and an educational test is necessary before a boy can get into the Home. At 14, if fit and willing to serve in the Army, they are enlisted, and the others are apprenticed, placed in service, or handed over to their friends. As it is, 90 per cent enter the Army, which is as high a proportion as can be expected to fulfil the exacting demands for physique that the Army makes.

Some time ago, the accommodation at Chelsea was found to be ill-adapted for the methods of instruction that is considered necessary today. It was decided to alter the buildings to make them suitable, but when the cost of the work, and the only partial fulfilment of its object when completed was considered, Sir Henry Tanner proposed an alternate plan. It had been suggested that the health of the boys would be greatly improved by their removal to the country, from the metropolis. He consequently drew up plans, practically as they now are, for providing for the accommodation of the boys, in separate buildings for each company,

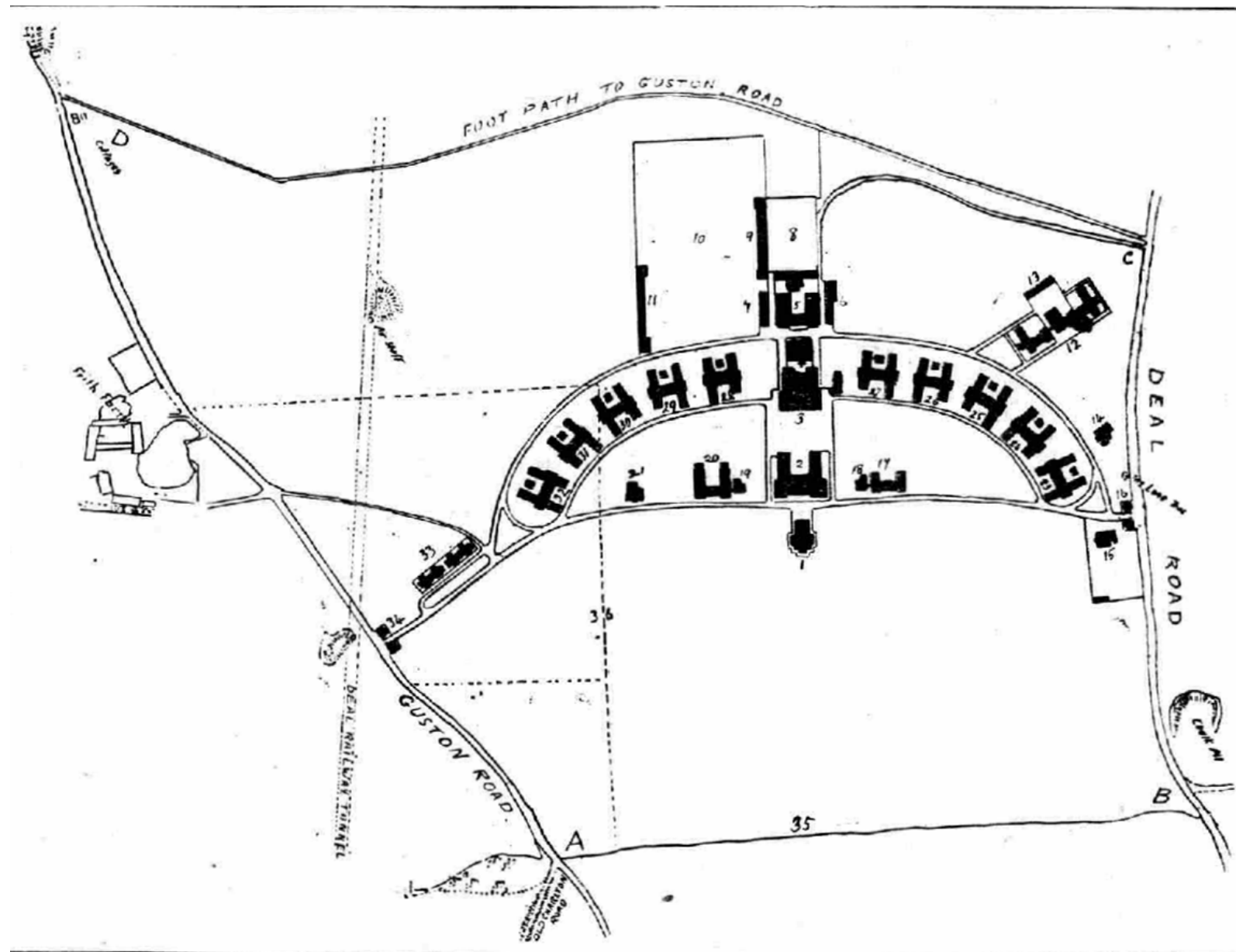
spread over a considerable area, for which a site was to be found in the country. Sir Henry Tanner's designs, were approved, not only on account of their suitability as far as the good of the boys were concerned, but also because, by transferring the School from Chelsea to the country, not only would this very suitable accommodation be obtained, but the old buildings at Chelsea could be sold for a very large sum. It is said, in fact, after the building of the new schools and the purchase of the site, there will be a profit of £100,000 when the old schools are sold.

Sir Henry Tanner's designs having been approved, the next thing was to obtain a site, and offers were invited. They came from all parts of England, but, fortunately for Dover, that of Sir William Crundall was accepted, and the land on which the School is now being erected was bought. As we have said, it is on a ridge running from the Deal Road by the Lone Tree to the Guston road near Frith Farm. The area which the School will occupy comprises about 140 acres: this, on the accompanying block plan is indicated at each of the corners by the letters A, B, C, D,

The site at Dover having been purchased, it became necessary to divert a couple of unused rights of way that passed through the grounds. There was some difficulty over the matter, but in April 1905, that was satisfactorily accomplished, and the detailed plans were commenced. In December, a contract was let to Messrs. A. Hudson and Co., of Queen Anne's, Chambers, Tothill Street, London, for the sum of £107, 789, to erect the schools. The work actually started in the beginning of March, and the position it has reached will be described later in the article. There are 350 men at work, and from what we could see that number seems likely to be increased. The contract was for two years from January, but in all probability, it will not be finally completed within that period.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW SCHOOL.**

The ground plan on the next page gives an excellent idea of the general arrangement of the buildings which will be described in detail. The area, about 140 acres, is surrounded by a 6ft. unclimbable iron fence, the length



**GROUND PLAN OF THE DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL.**  
 LOOKING FROM THE DOVER OR S.W. SIDE.



of which is 2 1/4 miles. There are two entrances, the main, from the Deal road close to the Lone Tree, and the other from the Guston Road, just opposite the heap of chalk and the Deal Railway ventilating shaft, on the left-hand side of the road.

Between these two entrances, runs a gravelled road 16ft. wide and 2500 ft.in length, from one lodge to the other, curving off from this in a semi-circular direction are two gravelled roads, 10ft. and 15ft. wide, which run at the back and front of the ten buildings that form the dormitories for the boys. The chord of this arc is 1500ft, and facing the centre of the semi-circle is the Chapel, and in the swimming baths, etc. The numbers on the ground plan will show on reference to the text below, the uses of the various buildings. In the centre are the schoolhouse, dining hall, swimming baths, etc. The numbers on the ground plan show on reference to the text below, the uses of the various buildings.

1. Chapel. 2. School House.
3. Dining Hall, Central Tower, and Kitchen, with Women's' Quarters attached.
4. Quartermaster's Stores.
5. Swimming Baths and Gymnasium, with Boiler House at rear.
6. Workshops. 7. Workshops. 8. Paved Drying Yard.
9. Eastern Play shed with Fives Court. 10. Paved Playground.
11. Western Play shed with Fives Court at north end and Band Room at south end.
12. Hospital. 13. Mortuary and Disinfecting Chamber.
14. Medical Officer's Residence.15. Commandant's Residence.
16. Eastern or Main Entrance, flanked by two Lodges.
17. Administration Building. 18. Adjutant's Residence.
19. Headmaster's Residence. 20. Students' Blocks.
21. Chaplain's Residence.
23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. Dormitories, of which 9 are now being erected.
33. Cottages at Guston Entrance.
34. Western or Guston Entrance, flanked by two Lodges.

35. Boundary Fence across Drill Field nearest Dover.

36. Line of Hedges that run along the north corner of Drill Field.

A. B. C. D. denotes the extent of the School grounds.

A. Is at the top of the old Charlton road that leads from the Danes.

B. On the Deal road at the top of the road leading to Broadmead Farm.

C. Near the bridge over Messrs. Pearson's railway on the Deal Road.

D. On the Guston Road halfway between Frith Farm and Guston.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The buildings are erected on the bungalow principle, being mostly on one floor only. They are built with red brick plinths and dressing, the body being filled in with rough cast formed of small shingle, which is kept in its natural colour. This gives the elevation a warm and very pleasing effect. The roofs have all overhanging eaves and are covered with tiles. The eaves, in most cases, form a modillioned cornice, whilst the doorways have projecting hoods supported on cut brackets having moulded fascias, and covered with lead. Internally, all the rooms, where much work is carried on, are faced with glazed bricks, dark brown dado or skirting, with ivory white above; the remainder being, in most cases, plastered in the ordinary manner, except the Dining room, Board room, and School room, which are panelled with oak. The elevations are handsome and pleasing. Although all in the bungalow style, they are diversified, and the whole will give a very striking effect, well worthy of its designer.

The impression that the School gives when standing in the Parade Ground in its centre, is that notwithstanding the great area it occupies, it has been exceedingly well designed. On either side of the parade ground are the school and dining rooms, whilst adjoining these, on side, the chapel and the swimming baths and gymnasium stands. Surrounding these in a semi-circle are the nine dormitory houses, all of which are in sight.



**GENERAL VIEW OF THE SCHOOL AS IT WILL APPEAR.**  
From a drawing prepared by Sir Henry Tanner, Architect to His Majesty's Board of Works.

Picture Postcard, 1d.

### THE CHAPEL.

The chapel, a handsome building, is situated in the centre and to the south of the road between the two lodges. Externally, the walls are of red brick, with Darley Dale stone dressing. Darley Dale stone is a very hard and durable grey sandstone. There are two octagonal towers at the south end. In the centre an ornamental lead covered fleche, which is utilised for exhaust ventilation. Internally, the chapel consists of a fine broad nave, with transepts on each side, chancel, and raised altar, with organ chamber, choir vestry, and clergy's vestry.

There will be a gallery at the northern end. Over the entrance is a large

semi-circular window with mullions and heavy stone mouldings. The nave roof is supported on each side by five massive arches springing from octagonal stone piers, the roof being carried on massive framed timber trusses, and being formed of open timber, Oregon pine being used. The stonework facing internally consists of alternate bands of red brick and Darley Dale stone, which gives the interior of the building a striking appearance.

### THE SCHOOL BLOCK.

In the centre, and on the opposite side of the road to the chapel is the

school block. It contains a large hall 85ft. by 35ft., panelled in oak. Surrounding this hall are twelve classrooms, varying in accommodation, for from 30 to 50 boys, and there are also rooms for the students, assistant masters, and the headmaster.

#### **THE PARADE GROUND.**

Between the school and the dining hall, which is the central building of the arc, is a large parade ground, covered, paved with tar paving, on which the boys will muster.

#### **THE DINING HALL.**

Over the dining hall is the central tower, which is of a height of 100ft. It will contain a four-sided clock, and will be surmounted by a copper dome, finished with a flag staff. Situated on this high ridge, over 400ft. above the sea level, in sight of Ramsgate, Deal, Westgate, the South Foreland, the Goodwin Sands and a very large tract of country to west and north-west of Dover, it will be a striking landmark.

The tower itself will contain a couple of large tanks, which will hold 8800 gallons of water. The dining hall is a room panelled in oak, 114ft by 44ft. It will have a pitch of 32ft., and will be lighted by three large arched windows, on each side, 10ft. high, and at the end by a fine arched window, 18ft. high.

Immediately behind are the carving room, the service room, and corridors leading out on to the parade ground. Behind the carving room is the kitchen and the scullery. The whole of the cooking will be done by gas, and six flues are provided for the gas ovens. Every modern appliance is to be found in the kitchen and scullery.

On the western side are large stores for bread, grocery, dry goods, knives, etc. On the east side are the Matron's office, the servants' hall, two extensive meat larders, wood, and other stores. A small block for the women's quarters will be erected on the eastern side and attached to the main block by a covered way. Immediately behind the dining hall block,

but slightly detached, are the quartermaster's, stores, where there will be ample accommodation for clothing and bedding, with the Tuck Shop and Canteen.

#### **SWIMMING BATHS AND GYMNASIUM.**

Behind the quartermaster's stores and on the other side of the 15ft. roadway are the swimming baths and gymnasium. They are approached by a handsome portico entrance which gives access to the waiting and dressing rooms. On the western side is a fine swimming bath, 84ft. by 45ft. in the clear, the deep end being 6ft. 6in., and the shallow end 3ft. It will be entirely lined throughout with glazed bricks. There will be a fine gallery at a height of 10ft. round the baths. The roof is at an exceedingly high pitch, 42ft. above the level of the water. The gymnasium is on the eastern side, and is 100ft. by 45ft., the roof being carried to the same height as the baths, there being a gallery on three sides of the gymnasium.

#### **THE BOILER HOUSE.**

Behind the gymnasium and swimming baths is the boiler house, partly below the ground, in order to give access to the subways referred to below. It is lined with glazed bricks and contains three large boilers. At the north-east corner is chimney shaft which rises to height of 80ft., built of red brick, and Darley Dale stone dressing at the top. It is lined for a considerable height with Stourbridge fire bricks. Leading off the boiler house is the pump room, which will be required to pump back the water used in connection with the heating of the buildings. On the left is the engine room, which is lined throughout with glazed brickwork. Adjoining the boiler house and engine room is the laundry, having a receiving and despatch room, a large drying room in the centre, with a washhouse and ironing room either side, these being all faced internally with glazed bricks.

#### **THE WORKSHOPS.**

On either side, detached, and separated by a gravel road, are the

workshops, where the boys will be taught trades. On the western side will be the boot makers and tailors, and on the eastern side the bricklayers', plumbers', painters' and carpenters', shops.

#### **ADMINISTRATION BLOCK.**

On the eastern side of the School block will be the administration buildings, and the Adjutant's house adjoining. This block includes a Board room, panelled in oak, Commandant's, Adjutant's, Sergeant-Major's, Clerks', etc., rooms, staff reading and recreation rooms, library, etc., stores for records, etc. It is connected with the Adjutant's house by a covered way. The Adjutant's, house is a two-floored one. On the ground floor are the dining and drawing rooms, and parlour. On the first floor are five bedrooms, with bathroom, etc.

On the western side of the school block is the headmaster's house, and a large students' block. The former is an exact repetition of the Adjutant's house. The students' block has a hall 60ft. by 24ft., and on either side of it are cubicles giving separate accommodation for about 40 students, with the necessary lavatory arrangements at each end.

#### **THE DORMITORIES.**

The dormitories, which form the semi-circle, are all similar, except that they are built in pairs. Nine are being built, and they will be detached. These are built right- and left-handed in the form of an 'H', the cross bar being the day room or central hall, 43ft. by 24ft. The legs form three dormitory rooms, 50ft. by 18ft. The other leg forms the master's house, and in each case contains sitting-room, bedrooms, and kitchen, and offices.

Separate accommodation, also, is provided for a student for each dormitory. In the centre of the courtyard, at the back, is the sanitary block, and also a room for cleaning boots, etc.

#### **THE HOSPITAL.**

On the north-east portion of the site is a commodious Hospital block. A long central corridor leads to three large wards, to which are attached baths, lavatories, and other accommodation. There are also two day rooms and a waiting hall, and doctors', matron's, dentist's rooms, dispensing store, etc. There is also attached to the hospital a kitchen, larder, and scullery, entirely distinct from those in the main building. The central part of the hospital rises to a second floor, in which are nine bedrooms for the accommodation of the staff. At the rear, and detached, are a mortuary and a disinfection room. Owing to the contour of the ground, most of the hospital block will be built on arches, so as to bring it up to the level of the other buildings.

The elevation is so arranged, that there are several open verandas facing the south, where convalescents may sit and obtain fresh air. The elevation of the hospital shows that it will be a striking looking building, and it is fitted up with the most modern sanitary and other appliances.

Near the Deal road is the medical officer's house. It consists of three floors. The lower floor contains drawing room, dining room, study, hall and kitchen, and the usual offices. There are four bedrooms on the first floor, and three on the second floor.

The Chaplain's house, which is situated in the arc to the west of the students' block, is exactly of the same design and arrangement.

The Commandant's house, which is on the Dover side of the Deal road entrance, and adjoining the roadway, will be on the same lines, but of larger dimensions. Attached to it will be a lawn and stabling.

#### **COTTAGES.**

Towards the Guston Road entrance will be eight cottages, each containing parlour, kitchen, entrance hall, scullery, and bathroom, with offices, and three bedrooms upstairs. They are all built in a block of the same general design as the rest of the school and are approached by a double looped gravel road.



## **THE PLAYGROUND.**

Close to the School, at the back of the western side of the arc, is a large playground, 630ft by 430ft which is levelled and paved with tarred paving. On either side are extensive play sheds, 200ft. long by 18ft. wide, at the end of each being a fives court. These sheds are for the use of the boys in wet weather. In the western corner of the playground and adjoining one of the playing sheds is the band room, 35ft. by 35ft., with a large instrument and music stores attached. At the back of the laundry, and to the east of the playground, is a large drying yard, which is also tar, paved. In addition to the playground, it is also proposed to construct a football and cricket ground. These will be in front of the school, where there is a large area of ground available. These grounds will not require a great deal of work done to them, although, of course, the cricket pitches will need some skilled attention, but the work is not included in the contract, and will be done after the school is taken over by the Authorities.

It is also proposed to plant trees all around the fence that surrounds the ground; whilst on either side of the roadways will be avenues of trees. None of the trees that at present exist will be removed, except a few of the trees in the hedge that runs along the dotted line shown in the plan. It will be necessary to remove some of these, as they are on the ground that will be occupied by the dormitory buildings. The Lone Tree is within the area of the grounds belonging to the school, and will be religiously preserved, although it will be enclosed within the fence. It seems, however, a pity that the fence could not be curved round it so as to allow this historic tree to be approached by the public.

## **THE ENTRANCES.**

As already stated, there are two entrances to the school. The main one is near the Lone Tree on the Deal road. On either side of the entrance will be two lodges of very pleasing appearance. Between these will be the entrance gates, which will be hung to massive stone and brick piers, with stone copings. A boundary wall extends on either side this entrance for some distance. It will be built in panels, with massive piers at frequent

intervals. Above the coping it will be filled in with wrought iron palings. The lodges, set back from the line of the fence, are connected with the main wall by quadrants, which will give the whole a very handsome appearance. At the Guston Road entrance there are also two lodges of exactly the same style and design, but in that case, the iron fence is directly connected up to the lodges.

## **DRAINAGE, WATER SUPPLY, AND LIGHTING.**

The latest and most approved methods have been adopted in connection with the drainage, etc., of the School. The drains, heating apparatus, gas, and electricity and water mains are carried to the buildings by immense subways. One of these subways, runs right round the rear of the arc formed by the dormitories, whilst another subway at right angles serves the range of buildings in the centre. These subways are of concrete, 6ft. wide and 6ft.6ins high, and arched over, the concrete roof being strengthened by girders. The centre subway is 690ft. long, and the longitudinal one, 1900ft. The buildings will in every case be heated with hot water, radiators being frequently employed to distribute the heat.

The hot water is obtained from Calorifere chambers, there being one in the subways near each of the blocks. The steam is conveyed from the boiler house by the subway to these chambers, and heats the water in the Calorifere, whence the heated water circulates through the buildings. The water supply is obtained from the East Kent Co.'s mains, a reserve being stored in the central tower.

It is proposed to light the buildings with electricity. Gas will be utilised for lighting the grounds, and for cooking, etc. The drainage is connected with the Dover drainage by means of a 9in. pipe that will be laid by the way of the old Charlton Road to the junction of Frith Road and Barton Road.

The work of cutting the trench from the School across to the roadway has commenced. It is a big task, as the trench to be excavated is at that point over 40ft. deep. It is expected that in about three weeks the

roadway will be reached, and that the work will be completed during the winter, thereby enabling a good number of excavators to find occupation.

The ventilation has been carried out on the most approved modern lines. The whole of the buildings are surmounted by fleches, for getting rid of exhaust air, which are of ornamental character, and give a finish to the buildings. The flooring will in most cases be of wood blocks, tiles, etc, being used where necessary. The Clerk of the Works is Mr. Pickett, who has been in charge of many of the important works carried out by H.M. Boards of Works.

### **THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE WORK.**

The photographs show the present position of the work. During the first six months a great deal of the work was necessarily of a preliminary character, whilst the biggest part of the work completed, the cutting of the subways cannot be shown in a photograph. The eastern portion of the subway that runs around the arc, and the central subway that runs across it at right angles, have been excavated. The connecting of the central subway is in active progress, and a portion of it has been roofed over. The buildings that are being erected are those that form the centre of the semi-circle. One of the long play sheds has been built and can be seen in the photograph.

The swimming baths have been excavated, and the gymnasium has been built breast high. The foundations of all the buildings in the centre, except the chapel, are in. The western workshop and the administrative block are now being built up, over 100 bricklayers being engaged on them. The other buildings in the centre cannot be got on with till the central subway is completed, as it is not thought wise not to put too much thrust on the sides of the trenches. The cutting of the drains to join the Dover system is employing a good many men, and the scene generally at the School is a very busy one.

A branch line has been laid to Messrs. Pearson and Son's railway, and access thereby gained to the South Eastern and Chatham Railway. The

joinery to some extent is being prepared at the builders' works, Croydon.

The bricks are being supplied by Messrs. Denne and Son, Walmer; about two million will be required. The red bricks of which the chapel will be built are, however, being made by Messrs. Quested at Cheriton. They are a rather lighter shade than those used on the other part of the School.

### **Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1906. BANKRUPTCY OF CONTRACTOR, 1906.**

The contractors for the Duke of York's School, Messrs. A.H. Hudson and Co. filed their petition last week in the Middlesex Bankruptcy Court. The first meeting of creditors was held on Wednesday before Mr. G. Chapman. It was stated that the bankrupts, A. Hudson and E. Mearies, had carried on business as builders and contractors under the style of A. Hudson and Co., Caxton House, the Broadway, and Westminster. No statement of affairs had been filed, but it was reported by the Chairman that the debtors estimated their liabilities at £33,350, and their assets at £440. They stated that they began business in partnership two years ago, with capital of £1000, and attributed their failure to want of capital, and a loss of £500 under contract to erect the Guilford Hotel, Sandwich. Mr. R. Rabbidge was appointed to administer the estate.

### **Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1906. NEW CONTRACTOR, 1906.**

The Commercial Union Insurance Company has this week made arrangements with Mr. T. Denne, of Walmer, to complete the contract for the Duke of York's School, Dover. It appears that the names of Mr. T. Denne and Messrs. Jenkins and Son, Ltd, of Southampton, were submitted and approved by the Board of works. The Commercial on reviewing the two offers, considered that Mr. T. Denne was rather the more favourable, and that was accepted. It will be remembered that Mr. T. Denne, had a contract with the late contractor for the supply of bricks. The works will

be handed over to them at an early date. Although for a few weeks it will be impossible to do a great deal, it is anticipated that before very long the work will be in full swing, and that its completion will be little delayed by the rather long interval that has elapsed since the work stopped.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1907.

#### **CLOCK TOWER, 1907.**

The building of the Duke of York School is making great progress. The central tower is now to its full height and is a very prominent object all the country round, as it can be seen from over the greater part of southern East Kent. It is 100 feet high, and will have a four-sided clock; the dome, which is of copper, will be surmounted by a flag staff. It stands over 100 feet higher than the keep of Dover Castle.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1908.

#### **THE KING'S INSPECTION, 1908.**

The King intends to inspect the boys who are being trained at "The Duke of York's Royal Military School for the Children of Soldiers of the Regular Army," in Chelsea, on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and as this function is to be the last one of importance to take place prior to the removal of the school to Dover, it possesses a particular interest. Chelsea views with no little regret, the coming departure of the lads who are locally known as the "Dukies," for they can boast a grand record.

The Army at present contains 1.554 of them; thirty-four hold commissions; sixty-five are warrant officers, 605 are non-coms., 850, including musicians, are privates. A very large majority of these so-called privates are boys still under eighteen years of age, who, on attaining men's age will receive the non-commissioned officer's stripe.

Twelve years ago, new colours were presented to the school, as those entrusted to them in 1825, had been worn to rags. It may, indeed, be said that although these colours do not bear the names of any battles, they are entitled to be inscribed with the names of nearly all the engagements

in which British soldiers have taken part since the beginning of the last century.

No entries are to be found in the records of the Institution in regard to the lads who died in the Peninsular War, in the Crimea, and in the course of the Indian Mutiny.

Of late years, however, one finds such entries as these: -

"Amajuba." "Drummer, Frederick Nobbs, aged seventeen, and G. F. Hull." Six "Dukies" lost their lives at Isandlwana.

The school forms a miniature battalion, and those who wear stripes receive pay according to rank: viz., Lance-corporals 1d per week; while the corporals receive 2d, the Colour corporals 3d, and the monitors 3d, a day. The members of the band, the drummers, tailors, and menders - the last-named darn socks - receive from 1/2d, to 4d, per week, according to the quality of their work.

At the close of the year, in July, four medals, (two silver and two bronze), are awarded for good conduct, while the two best behaved boys are presented, on leaving school in their year, each with £2.10s, and a parchment certificate of good conduct.

These amounts are the proceeds of two legacies of £100 each, bequeathed for the above purpose by Major-General Sir John Waters and a Mrs. Smith.

The boys leave the school at the age of 14, with the exception of the musicians, who remain a year longer. The band has won fame, and it is impossible to supply the demand made by regiments for its members, who have always strengthened regimental bands with first class performers.

The school has not always been known under its present name, which was formerly the "Royal Military Asylum for the Children of Soldiers of the Regular Army,"

The change took place in 1906. The records of the institution show that the first meeting of the Royal Commissioners, the Dukes of York and Albany, Kent, Cumberland and Cambridge, occurred on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1801,

and that the foundation stone was laid by the Dukes of York and Albany on June 19th, 1801. The institution receives orphans of soldiers of the Regular Army; the children of fathers killed or having died on foreign service; children having lost their mothers, the fathers being absent on duty abroad; and, lastly, children whose fathers are ordered on foreign service or whose parents have other children to maintain.

The first commandant of the school was Lieutenant George Williamson, late Captain Lieutenant of the 70th Foot, who assumed command in 1803. The present commandant is Colonel A. M. Murray.

Girls were admitted as well as boys in the early days of the institution, being "discharged" at the age of fourteen and sent into service. In 1841, it was decided not to admit them, and the want thus created was supplied, after the Crimean War, by the foundation of the Soldiers' Daughters' Home.

In former times, the boys were subjected to most severe regime. The sergeants used the cane when they liked; small boys were wont to receive as many as three dozen strokes with a birch rod; they could be confined in a "black hole," while dragging about a heavy log secured to the ankle by a chain.

Another form of punishment was solitary confinement in a cage, for two or three days, winding a clock, which was hard to wind."

In the House of Commons on Monday, Mr. Hart-Davies (Hackney, North.) asked the Secretary of State for War, whether he had taken into consideration, or would take into consideration, the desirability of establishing a secondary school on part of the site vacated by the Duke of York School, in connection with the new school at Dover, so as to keep up the traditionary connection with Chelsea.

Mr. Haldane:

The Army Council considered that it was not satisfactory to keep a school of this character in London and decided to remove it to Dover. There is no intention of establishing a secondary school at Chelsea.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1908.

#### **HOLIDAY CAMP AT DOVER, 1908.**

Tuesday, about 200 of the boys from the Duke of York Royal Military School went into camp on the Ropewalk, Archcliff. The camp is of purely a holiday nature, and the boys, who comprise all those who for various reasons could not go to their homes for the vacation, have no drills of any kind. The only parade of the day is the bathing parade, and this is carried out under the superintendence of the School swimming instructor, every precaution being taken for the boys' safety.

The camp is in charge of Major Dyke. M.V.O., the School Adjutant, and with him is the Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Andrews. On Wednesday the whole of the boys were kindly invited by the Lord Warden, Lord Brassey, to witness the Pageant, and all very much appreciated Lord Brassey's generous hospitality.

A visit to the new Duke of York School is among the excursions arranged, and next Saturday and following Saturday the cricket team is playing the Guston boys. The boys will remain at Dover till the end of August, when the next School term commences. Last year the camp was held at the Isle of Wight, and for several years previous to that it was at Hythe.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 4th September 1908.

#### **DUKIES AT CAMP, 1908.**

Monday was the last day that the Duke of York's School boys were to spend at Dover in their holiday camp, as they were due to leave for London on Tuesday morning. They will none of them forget Monday night. The tremendous wind, between 50 – 60 mph, was felt in all its force at their camp at Ropewalk Meadow, and tent after tent was blown over. Eventually the youngsters made for Archcliff Fort, where they were put up by the Royal Engineers till the next morning.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 18th June 1909.

### **EARLY ARRIVALS, 1909.**

#### **FULL PARTICULARS.**

The Duke of York's, School will be moved from Chelsea to Dover at a much earlier date than expected. For some time it had been thought that the boys would not arrive till September, and although the School will not as a whole open until that date, it will commence to move to Dover on July 12th. There is no present intention of having an opening ceremony.

On July 13th the greater part of the students and boys will leave Chelsea for their homes for the summer vacation. Those boys who have no homes to go to, who number from 120 to 150, and were encamped at the Ropewalk Meadow last year, will leave for Dover on July 15th, and will occupy quarters at the School.

The whole School, including 40 students and 480 boys, will reassemble at the School on September 1st. after the summer holidays.

The first portion of the masters, with some of the subordinate staff, will leave for Dover on the 12th July. These will include Army Schoolmasters E. S. Connell, W. J. Ruthven, W. Hawes, G.A. White, J.T. Costelloe, Quartermaster-Sergeant G. E. Lee, and Pioneer Weedon. Mrs. Parsons, Grieve, Franklin, Cranmer, and Howell.

On July 14th Army Schoolmasters H. Hussey, D. G. Smith, A. W. Waren, H. Longden, and G. H. Salter, Colour-Sergeants A. Stevens, and C. Williams, Sergeant-Drummer F. Smith, Master Cook F. Hamond, and Pioneer Hole, will move to Dover. On July 15th, the Chaplain and Headmasters will leave in charge of the students, monitors and boys remaining at the School.

The present Commander, Colonel Murray, M.V.O., hands over the command to the new Commandant, Colonel Morris, C. M. G., D.S.O., and he will arrive at Dover on the 17th or 18th. With the boys who come to Dover on July 15th. will also come the Rev. G. H. Andrews, M.A., C.F., and probably Lieut. Howell, Inspector of Army Schools, and Headmaster Sergeant-Major Fear, and Colour-Sergeants Wiles and Hewitt.

On the 16th July Bandmaster P. O'Donnell, Quartermaster-Sergeants D.

D. Cathcart, E. Birch, Colour-Sergeants C. Thompson and G. Kenyon, Master Tailor D. Sanders. Sergeant Instructor Marchant, Master Shoemaker Killope, Pioneer Hudd, Mrs. Heggie, Mrs. Collie, Mrs. Collier, Mrs. McKim, Mrs. Rose, and Mrs. Colwill, will also move to Dover.

Major J. S. Dyke, M.V.O., Quartermaster-Sergeant H. Hester, Librarian C. Newbold, Pioneers Donnelly, Brickell, West, and Hood, will move later.

The Medical Officer, Lieut.-Colonel Sir, Joseph Fayrer, Bart., will not accompany the School to Dover, as he is about to take up an appointment as Senior Medical Officer at Hong-Kong. The Medical officer who will have charge of the School will reside at the Castle.

The Office of Works will make arrangements with contractors, to move the equipment, furniture, books, etc., which are School property. The removal of all these stores will occupy about ten or twelve days, and the first instalment of stores leaves on the 12th of July. As they arrive, the Army schoolmasters and the Colour-Sergeants in charge of the companies will be fully occupied during the vacation preparing the classrooms and the boys' barracks for their arrival on the 1st September.

The rapid approach of the transfer, of the establishment, of the Duke of York's School to Dover, is indicated by the issue this week, of a notice of the Army Contracts for the "supplies to the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Guston, near Dover." It is announced that the Secretary of State for War is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of: -

(1) Bread and flour; (2) Meat; (3) Milk; (4) Bacon, Butter and Cheese; (5) Fruit and Vegetables; (6) Potatoes; (7) Groceries; (8) Fish; for the use of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, at Guston, during a period of Six Months from 16th July. 1909. Forms of tender may be obtained on application at the War Office, Whitehall, S. W. where they have to be delivered before 12 o'clock noon on Friday, 2nd. July 1909.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1909.

### **OPENING NEXT WEEK, 1909.**

Next Monday the removal of the Duke of York's School from London to

Dover will commence. Some of the subordinate staff will arrive on Monday. The school holiday commences the next day, and on Thursday 150 boys who have no homes to go to will arrive at Dover in charge of the Chaplain, the Rev. G.H. Andrews, M.A., and the Headmaster, and Inspector of Army Schools, Lieut. Howell, the main portion of the staff arriving at Dover during the week. Until the boys return from their holidays, at the beginning of September, the staff at Dover will be busy getting the school ready for the boys.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1909.

#### **FIRST BOYS ARRIVE, 1909.**

Though the Duke of York's School is not yet quite finished, the first batch of boys arrived shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday, accompanied by the School Colours, from the old School in London, which is now closed.

Before the end of the week the whole of the staff will be busily engaged in moving into their quarters and arranging those of the boys. The lads now in residence number 160, and are those who, through having no home or for other reasons, cannot leave for the summer holiday, which is now in progress. Previously they have camped in the country, and last year Dover was chosen for its site.

The bulk of the School furniture and fittings arrived on Wednesday and yesterday. Now that the buildings are practically completed, and the grounds are assuming an orderly aspect; it is possible to judge of their beauty.

The dining hall, panelled in oak and artistically fitted with the same wood as the chapel, which has a gallery of the same material, are the most handsome of the many buildings, while the swimming bath and gymnasium are said to be the finest in the County.

The new Commandant of the School, Colonel Morris, took over the command today, and is shortly expected at the School. The officers already in residence include Major Dyke, the Rev. G. H. Andrews (Chaplain), Sergt- Major Fear, and Bandmaster O'Donnell.

The other officers, masters, and staff, some of whom have arrived, include Major Dyke (Adjutant), the Rev. G. H. Andrews. M.A. (Chaplain), Headmaster Howell. Sergt. Major Fear, Mr. Marchant (Instructor of Gymnastics), Mr. Hammond (Master Cook), Mr. Killack (Master Shoemaker), Quartermaster-sergeants Hester, Cathcart, Lee, and Birch. Colour-sergeants Stevens, Wiles, Kenyon, Thompson, Hewitt, Smith, and, Williams.

The School staffs also includes about thirty students, who are training as Army Schoolmasters, and those already in residence under Army Schoolmaster Hussey are Messrs. Prior, Spencer, Homersley, Hussey, Heggie and Hale. The remainder will join at the end of the holidays on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The majority of the old administrative staff has arrived, and these will be supplemented by newly engaged laundry and other maids, Mrs. Franklin is the matron, and others of this staff include Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Coville, and Mrs. Rose. Mrs. McKim, Mrs. Greaves, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Franklin. Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Cranmer.

The School has a fine brass band, and drum and fife and bugle bands, a number of the boys being good musicians. The lads practice with two breech loading field guns as well as with rifles. Their smart military appearance was generally commented on as they marched through the town yesterday. The School possesses a Post Office. And this was opened yesterday, the sub postmistress being Mrs. Stevens.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1909.

#### **SERVICE OF DEDICATION, 1909.**

Bishop Taylor-Smith, Chaplain-General to the forces, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1909, dedicated the new chapel at the Duke of York's School, "to the glory of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and for the temporal and eternal welfare of all who shall assemble and worship in it."

The Chapel, a handsome structure of red brick and stone, stands midway between the Deal and Guston roads, facing the centre of the

crescent of the school buildings. It was designed by Sir Henry Tanner in a conventional style to match the rest of the buildings on the site and has accommodation for over 500 worshippers. The building consists of a nave, which is used by the boys and students, and small transepts, in which the officers and visitors are accommodated. Two flights of stone stairs in small hexagonal towers give access from the entrance lobby to a spacious gallery. Five circular arches spring from octagonal stone pillars on either side of the chapel, which is lighted by three-light windows of semi-opaque glass, and six roof windows.

Throughout the building the brickwork and stone courses with which it alternates have been left plain, the effect being a very tasteful one. The roof is of timber and white plaster, supported by unstained open roof timbers. The interior is very tastefully furnished. Like the gallery, all the fittings are of oak with the exception of the pulpit, which in colour matches the roof beams. The altar, which is approached by steps, is of oak, beautifully carved and stained. The seats are of oak, with open backs, fitted with book racks. The choir stalls are of the same material, and similar in design. The floor is of wood blocks, with mosaic paved aisles. The chapel is lit by ten hanging electroliers of massive hammered iron; and heated by hot water pipes fitted into recesses in the side walls and supplied from the School steam boilers.

There were very few people present at the dedication service besides the School officials and pupils. Among those who attended were the Commandant, Colonel A.H. Morris, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lord George and Lady Hamilton, Major Dyke, M.V.O, (School Adjutant), Major Thomas (late Adjutant), Captain Fitzgerald, R.A.M.C. (School Medical Officer), General Lloyd, and Colonel G.H. Bittleston (commanding the South-Eastern Coast Defences). The Clergy present, besides the Bishop, were the Rev. G.H. Andrews (School Chaplain), the Rev. E.R. Day and the Rev. A.G.M. Wetherall (Chaplain to the Forces at Dover), and the Rev. D.A. Townsend (Vicar of River).

Over 350 of the boys and a number of the students of the School were present, their uniforms lending brilliant colour to the scene. The clergy

were preceded to their places by the School colour-bearers and Sergeant Drummer, the School Chaplain receiving the colours and installing them on either side of the altar. The service opened with the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," which was very heartily sung, the singing being led by the string band of the Royal Garrison Artillery, under Mr P.F. Battishill. After the appointed prayers had been offered, and the Lesson read by the School Commandant, the Bishop, in the following words, dedicated the chapel; "To the Glory of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and for the temporal and eternal welfare of all who shall assemble and worship here, we dedicate this chapel. May it ever be the birthplace of souls and the armoury of saints?"

The Bishop took as his text Mathew xxi. 12: "And Jesus went into the temple of God." He said it was very interesting to notice the different places of worship that are mentioned in the Bible. They read first of all of how God came down to earth and dwelt with our first parents in the Garden of Eden, and as they walked up and down, He talked with them. That was the first Holy Communion, which meant Holy Common Union, betwixt God and His creatures. Then they remembered how sin entered into the world, and God no longer communed with sinful man except He be approached by sacrifice of blood. There must be an acknowledgement of sin. By rejecting Cain's sacrifice, because he brought the fruit of his hands and did not comply with God's Commandment, and accepting Abel's, God showed that He was willing to receive men if only they came to Him in a proper way. Then they would remember how God commanded Moses to build a tabernacle, in a time when everything was taught after the Kindergarten system of teaching. Everything was ceremonial, all the ceremonies having hidden spiritual meaning. Right on from that time God had been teaching His children that He was willing to have their fellowship and their love and sacrifice if only they would approach Him with reverence and in a Godly way.

When Christ was on earth, though He taught that temples of wood, stone, canvas, or any other material were not necessary, and that God could not truly be worshipped in material but in man's heart, He used the

temples of His day, and they believed that He graciously allowed them to use the temples of their day as special meeting places where they might meet Him and praise His Holy Name. When Christ died the holy curtain which screened the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom, and the Holy of Holies lay bare.

After speaking of the various places in the church – the font, the pulpit, and the altar, - and their uses, the preacher said at the dedication of their new and beautiful chapel he wanted to remind them that whenever they entered it they should remember God's presence. Christ found when He entered the temple that people, because of greed, had brought in their oxen – right things in the wrong place – and He took a whip and drove them out. Sometimes, when they came to worship in God's House their thoughts were of football, the gymnasium, or games in the field; all those things were right at the right time, but not in God's House. Sometimes there was whispering and talking. Let those things which Christ drove out of the temple remind them, when they came to the chapel they had dedicated, what a privilege it was that they should have been present at the service. In the days to come, how many soldiers would look back and wish they had been present at the service.

When they came to the chapel, he wanted them to remember that Jesus entered the temple, and He was to be found within those walls if they looked for Him with the eyes of Faith. He thought of what that chapel might be to them, not only in their school days, but in the days to come. He had prayed that it might be the birthplace of souls, as well as the armoury of saints, that many a new life might begin in that place, and that many a one in that chapel might find the spirit of God. Many of them were already on the Lord's side. He prayed that the chapel might be Sunday by Sunday the armoury wherein they buckled on the spiritual armour; and that they might be true soldiers of Jesus Christ and keep up that dedication prayer.

At the request of the Bishop the boys repeated the text, "And Jesus entered the temple of God," three times in order that it might be impressed on their memory. After the School hymn – a very beautiful

composition from the pen of School Chaplain – had been sung, the Bishop pronounced the Benediction, and the service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Dover Express & East Kent News. 24<sup>th</sup> September 1909.

#### **HAPPY DUKIES, 1909.**

The School is now in full swing of work. In the evenings, after lessons are over, the eastern hills ring with the shouts and merry laughter of the boys, who seem to thoroughly enjoy their new home and its surroundings,

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1909.

#### **NEW HEADMASTER APPOINTED, 1909.**

Richard Dark, M.A., of Lincoln College, Oxford, has been appointed headmaster of the Duke of York's School in succession to the Hon. Lieut. J. H. Howell, who is an Army Inspector of Schools, and has held the appointment of Headmaster of the Duke of York's School since January 1908. We believe that it is quite a new departure to appoint a civilian educationist as Headmaster of the Duke of York's School. This appointment must not, of course, be confused with that of the Military Commandant, held by Colonel Morris.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday. 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1909.

#### **CHAPEL ORGAN, 1909.**

Mr. Sidney R. Taylor (son of the Borough Organist), has been appointed organist to the Duke of York's Royal Military School. At present a large American organ is in use in the church, but a good two feet-manual pedal instrument is in course of construction by the eminent firm of builders, Messrs. Hill and Sons, of London.



Dover Express and East Kent News. Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 1910.

#### **TORCHLIGHT TATTOO, 1910.**

A military torchlight tattoo will be given(weather permitting) by the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School in the School Grounds at Guston on Empire Day, the 24<sup>th</sup> May, commencing at 8.45 p.m. Admission to witness the tattoo will be by ticket (free) obtainable from the Adjutant on forwarding a stamped addressed envelope.

All soldiers and sailors in uniform will be admitted without tickets.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1910.

#### **SCHOOLBOY'S FUNERAL, 1910.**

The first funeral from the Duke of York's Royal Military School, since it has been at Dover, took place last Wednesday amid many manifestations of regret in the little red village. Since the removal of the boys from Chelsea, the School has been particularly free from any serious illness, apparently, owing to the clear fresh air and the opportunities the grounds afford for outdoor sports and exercise.

Unfortunately, one of the boys, Douglas Montague Hart, of 'H' Co, had an attack of inflammation of the brain, which proved fatal after a few days' illness. Captain Fitzgerald, the medical officer for the School, with his staff, was hopeful that their attentions would prove successful to a recovery, but the little fellow succumbed to the complaint on the 6th last.

Followed by the whole of the boys, under the command of Colonel Morris, C.M.B., D.S.O., the body was carried by the seniors, in a coffin covered with the Union Jack, from the School to Guston churchyard.

Following the chief mourners, the widowed mother and his brother, who is also a boy in the School, there also attended Major Dyke, M.V.O., Captain Fitzgerald, R.A.M.C., the Rev. G.H. Andrews, C.F., and Mr. Dark, M.A., the Headmaster, with the whole of the schoolmasters and staff. The School Band under Mr. O'Donnell played the music of the Dead March in "Saul", during the progress of the procession to the place of burial, the whole presenting a very impressive and sad spectacle in the quiet and

leafy country lane.

Escorted by the boys of "H" Co., to which the little fellow had belonged, the cortège was met by the Rev. A. Wilton Morrow and the Rev D. A. Townsend. The followers having formed in regular ranks around the grave, the Rev. D. A. Townsend, read part of the service devoted to the occasion, being followed by the Rev. G.H. Andrews, the boys afterwards singing a special hymn, when the Rev. A. W. Morrow feelingly committed the body to its last resting place.

There were many floral tributes laid by the graveside, the wording of one being a fine expression of the feeling which obtains amongst "the sons of the brave" the inscription stating that the wreath was deposited "In memory of a little comrade, from the officers of the School." Some beautiful wreaths, anchors and chaplets were also deposited by the Masters, students, monitors, boys, and the hospital staff, the mother, from boys of "H" and "F" Companies, and also from members of the Sergeants' mess and female staff.

The coffin bore a tablet inscribed "Douglas Montague Hart, died June 6, aged 11 years."

The funeral arrangements were conducted by Mr. Norris, of Guston.

Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1910.

#### **GRAND DAY ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1910.**

On Wednesday 6th, the annual inspection of the Duke of York's Military School was made by Brigadier-General F. S. Inglefield, C.B., D.S.O., commanding the troops at Dover. The General arrived at about 10.30 a.m.; the whole of the boys being formed up on the main parade ground under the command of Colonel Morris. The parade was also attended by Major Dyke, M.V.O., Adjutant.

On his arrival the General was received with a general salute, and he immediately inspected the boys. They, in battalion of eight companies then marched past in column, quarter column, and finally advanced in line, the band meanwhile playing appropriate marches.

At the conclusion of the inspection the General addressed the boys and expressed his pleasure at the way in which they had carried out their marching and drill. Their marching had been perfect and reflected the greatest credit on all concerned in their instruction.

The General saw the boys at musketry drill, and visited the woodwork shop, the band room, etc., and then saw the boys intended for the Artillery, at gun drill. This the boys were very smart at, and the General expressed great gratification at the way they had been drilled. He then went to the company houses, and saw the kits laid out, and afterwards saw the boys at work in the tailors' shops. He witnessed gymnastic exercises and swimming by the students, and also the boys in similar occupation. The Hospital did not escape attention, and after this the General saw the boys at dinner.

An interview with the headmaster and other masters took place, and the General accompanied the Rev. S. F. Andrews, C.F., to the School church, The School assembly hall, the Students' quarters, and Sergeants' mess was also included in his visit to the several institutions.

The boys evidently missed the visitors that usually attended on "Grand days," more especially as regards last year when the last inspection took place at Chelsea. This was made by the late King, accompanied by Queen Alexandria and the present King and Queen. Owing to the inclement weather, and the inspection being on the Dover Trades Holiday, when so many people leave the town, there were practically no visitors to witness the proceedings on Wednesday.

Records of boys' performances at Olympia in Torchlight tattoo have preceded them to Dover, and no doubt the military torchlight tattoo to be given by the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School in the School grounds at Guston on Monday, the 19th July, commencing at 8.45 p.m., will be visited by a large number of townsfolk.

Admission will be by ticket, obtainable from the adjutant on forwarding a stamped addressed envelope. All soldiers and sailors in uniform will be admitted without tickets.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1910.

### **VISIT TO BOURNEMOUTH, 1910.**

In connection with the centenary festival of Bournemouth, a party of 60 boys, under Q.M.S. Lee and Lance-Sergeant Marchant, left Dover on Friday last. In their new uniforms and peak caps, the boys presented a smart appearance as they marched through the town to the station.

On arrival at Bournemouth they were billeted at St. Peter's National School, under the care of the Headmaster, Mr. Barker, who, with his wife and daughters, entertained the boys right royally, and the lads state that they lived like fighting cocks during their stay in town.

On Friday evening 15 of the older boys were entertained by Mr. George, Chairman of the young, England Society, to a supper at the Princess Hotel, Boscombe, a very happy evening being spent.

On Saturday, the boys joined in the gigantic march and display by boys from all parts of the country and attracted considerable attention from the fact that the "Dukies" were the only body who were not led by their instructors or masters.

During the afternoon the boys gave a gymnastic display in the park, their performance gaining loud applause, more especially from the grandstand, and Q.M.S. Lee was most heartily congratulated by the Committee on the able and highly finished way in which the exercises were carried out. On Sunday the boys attended church and visited the beautiful grounds and scenery about Bournemouth.

Before leaving on Monday the boys were addressed by Mr. Barker, who said that he felt he could not let them leave without expressing the great pleasure it had been to him to have the boys under his roof. In all his long experience he had never seen a body of boys conduct themselves in such an orderly and well-behaved manner. The few requests he had called upon the boys to perform had been carried out in a most honourable and respectful way. Q.M.S. Lee should be proud to have command of such smart young fellows and trusted that they would endeavour to retain and always display. Both, for their own and others benefit, the good manners

and discipline that they had in Bournemouth.

Mr. George also complimented Q.M.S. Lee on the behaviour of the boys, remarking that he considered they had given a very practical illustration of how a boy could be a gentleman.

#### **TUG-OF-WAR.**

In preparing for the finals of the several events to take part in the annual sports to be held on the 20th inst., the teams from the eight companies have been pulling against each other for some days past, with the following results:

"C" Company beat "F" Company by two pulls to nil;

"E" Company beat "B" Company by two pulls to nil;

"G" Company beat "H" Company by two pulls to nil;

"D" Company beat "A" Company by two pulls to nil.

In the semi-finals it was "D" Company v "E" Company, and it was only after a very determined effort by "D" Company that they were able to claim the victory by two pulls to one.

The pull between "G" and "C" Companies provided some exciting moments, on one occasion, the boys of the winning side being pulled over the line, there being only three inches between them and defeat, but the capital way in which they answered to the call of the coach enabled them to recover the ground lost, and a fine struggle ended by "G" Company winning by two to one.

The finals will probably be the event of the sports, as the teams of "C" and "D" Companies appear to be very evenly matched, while the boys themselves are all going in to win.

As usual, Colonel Morris acted as referee, Sergt. Major Fear as judge, and Q.M.S. Lee as M.C.

Dover and East Kent News, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 1910.

#### **ANNUAL SPORTS DAY, 1910.**

The Annual Athletic Sports Day of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Guston, Dover, will be held in the school grounds on Wednesday, 20th July, commencing 2.45. Admission free. There will be an "old boys" race (200 yards handicap) at 5.15 p.m. open to all old boys of the school.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1910.

#### **CRICKET AT THE DUKIES, 1910.**

One of the yearly events which is always looked forward to by both staff and boys, is the visit of Mr. "Plum" Warner's team to the Duke of York's School. For a great number of years past the popular captain of the Middlesex eleven has taken a day off from County cricket to enable him to bring a "Warner's team" to the "Dukies" home in Chelsea. Consisting of both professionals and gentlemen amateurs, and always containing at least one deadly bowler, his eleven have always provided rare sport to himself and the home team.

The Chelsea ground was far from being an ideal pitch, for there was always a difficulty in being able to select a pitch that was considered good enough for such a notable player to feel at home on. Special rules were always made as regards "boundaries," for it was no uncommon occurrence for the ball to travel outside the School grounds altogether, and on one occasion, to drop into the front room, via the window, of one of the houses facing the School. The grounds, also, are studded with some fine old elms, and these often stopped some fine hits, but the rules were that it was the player's fault if he could not place his ball to escape striking wood, and if he could get a run while the fielders were gathering the ball, he could have it, but he had to run it.

Probably no one on the ground enjoyed the games more than Mr. Warner himself, and the greatest interest prevailed when he went in to take his "whack." A "Dukie" boy is every inch a cricketer himself, and to see such an exponent of the game at work before them was to make for

cheering that is seldom any cricketers' lot to hear, while the man who "got Mr. Warner out" was the hero of the day.

It was feared that on leaving Chelsea the fixture would lapse, but by good fortune Mr. Warner holds a commission in the 4th Royal West Kent Regiment and during the recent mobilization his regiment was camped at Dover on the ground adjoining the School. Mr. Warner took the opportunity offered, and a most enjoyable match was the result. Both teams were somewhat stronger than usual, and some good cricket was witnessed.

For the home team Student Hamilton made the highest score of the day, making 54 before being bowled; and the next highest score was 28 by Lieut. Smithers, for the visitors.

The "Dukies" won the toss and went in first, compiling a total of 137? (138). Tea was then served, after which Mr. Warner's team took the field, but were only able to knock up 67, Q. M. SW. Lee, taking 4 wickets for 16 runs and Monitor Brent, 3 wickets for 3 runs. Here is the full score: -

#### DUKE OF YORK'S STAFF.

|                 |           |                 |            |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| Mr, Leaver      | C Cheal,  | B Warner,       | 9          |
| Std Hamilton    |           | B Mills,        | 54         |
| Q.M.S. Lee      | C Mills,  | B Watney,       | 10         |
| S/Sgt. Marchant | Run out,  |                 | 13         |
| Mr. White       | C Mills,  | B Warner,       | 11         |
| Mr. Brent       | C Watney, | B Stone Street, | 10         |
| Mr. Smith       |           | B Stone Street, | 3          |
| Mr. Spencer     | C and     | B Stone Street, | 14         |
| S/Sgt Thompson  | C and     | B Warner,       | 2          |
| Mon. Slancy     | Not out,  |                 | 2          |
| Mon. Costello   | Run out,  |                 | 0          |
| Extras          |           |                 | 10         |
| TOTAL           |           |                 | 137? (138) |

#### Mr. P.F. WARNER'S TEAM.

|                   |             |             |    |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----|
| Maj. Watney.      | C Leaver,   | B Lee,      | 1  |
| Mr. Watney.       | C Skinner.  | B Lee,      | 1  |
| Lt. Smithers      | lbw         | B Marchant, | 20 |
| Capt. Cheal       |             | B Marchant, | 18 |
| Mr. Warner        | C Marchant, | B Lee,      | 13 |
| Capt. Lamange     |             | B Brent,    | 8  |
| Mr. Smithers      | C Hamilton, | B Lee,      | 0  |
| Capt. Hastings    | Run out     |             | 1  |
| S.M. Redmond      | Not out     |             | 3  |
| C/Sgt. Mills      |             | B Brent,    | 1  |
| Sgt. Stone Street | `           | B Brent,    | 0  |
| Extras            |             |             | 1  |
| TOTAL             |             |             | 67 |

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1910.

#### SUMMER HOLIDAY, 1910.

The summer vacation ends tomorrow, and schoolwork will be resumed on Monday. With the exception of about 100 boys, who have enjoyed their holiday at the school, the students and boys have been "on furlough" at their own homes.

Complete arrangements are being made to ensure a successful return to school, Sergt.-Instructor Marchant meeting the boys at the several London termini, and dispatching them in batches to Dover, where they are met by other members of the staff at both the Priory and other stations.

The general appearance of the boys as they pass through the town gives one the impression that the break from schoolwork and change of air, have certainly not affected their usual smart and soldierly appearance.

Several new boys have joined to fill the vacancies caused by boys

leaving to join the Army, and the few returning to civil life.

Opportunities have been taken of the absence of the boys to lay out three more football grounds, the School now being in possession of pitches to allow six matches being played at the time. Q.M.S. Lee is in charge of the ground, and will be pleased to arrange home and some matches for teams of boys under the age of 14 years; also for boys over 14 and up to 16 years of age. The Students, we believe, have already arranged their fixtures except for a few dates. Some capital football was witnessed last season, and with the increased facilities for play, this year it is hoped that the efforts of the Commandant to foster open air sports will result in a good winter season.

The School has its own League, formed up of eight companies, and there is keen rivalry for the possession of the shield presented to the School in Chelsea.

Mr. Hodgson, of the Queen's Hall, again kindly invited the boys to the matinee last Saturday, when two hours of very fine animated photographs was much enjoyed.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 1910.

#### **SCHOOL BOY'S FUNERAL, 1910.**

The funeral of one of the boys of the Duke of York's School took place at Guston Churchyard on Tuesday, when the whole of the boys who could, followed to the graveside their young comrade, a twelve year old boy named William Smith, who died at Shorncliffe Military Hospital from appendicitis.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J.H. Taylor, C.F., Chaplain to the School.

The School band headed the cortège, and the coffin was carried on a gun carriage in charge of a detachment of the A.S.C.

The wreaths sent included the following: Duke of York's Military School, "Sons of the brave" to one of our number; from the officers, in memory of a little comrade: With deepest sympathy, from the Student R.M.S.;

With deepest sympathy, from the Masters; "D" Company, In loving memory of our little chum; As a token of sincere regret, from the Students R.M.S.; With deepest sympathy, from the members of the Staff Recreation Room, Duke of York's Royal Military School: In loving memory, from the Female staff R.M.S.: In affectionate remembrance, from the Monitors Duke of York's Royal Military School.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1910.

#### **THE CROSS-CHANNEL FLIGHT, 1910.**

GRAHAME-WHITE'S AND LORAINE'S MACHINES READY.

There are now three canvas hangers erected at Swingate Downs, and yesterday Messrs, Harbrow, the owners of the shed used by Rolls, brought the shutters used for closing the shed, to the ground, as well as a quantity of materials for repairing it, so that it is apparent that this shed, now housing the wrecked biplane of Colmore, will be used by an entrant for the competition.

In one of the canvas hangers is the Howard Wright biplane of Robert Loraine.

This was all ready for a trial flight on Tuesday, but the windy weather has since prevented it. On Tuesday, Mr. Loraine and Mr. Howard Wright actually staked out a two and a half miles course before the wind got up.

Mr. Loraine is stopping at the Cliff Hotel, St. Margarets, with Mr. Howard Wright.

The biplane that Mr. Loraine is going to fly is of the Farman type. It has a 60-h.p. E.N.V. engine, and its trials have been satisfactory.

On Wednesday, Mr. Loraine, being unable to fly on account of the wind, occupied the afternoon in swimming at the Duke of York's School swimming baths with all his clothes on, in anticipation of any mishap that he might meet with. He easily was able to keep himself afloat for half an hour heavily clothed.

Mr. Grahame - White, who only arrived in England on Monday morning,

is going to fly a Bristol biplane. The machine arrived at Dover on Saturday and was taken to the hanger on Swingate Downs on Sunday morning, and has since been erected. Like Mr. Loraine's machine, it is entirely new. The framework is of spruce instead of mahogany, as in the case of the Howard-Wright. It is of the Farman type, but it has a special tail. This is of the box type, and there are three rudders. The main planes have also, a novelty in the form of extra extension. These are on the ends of the upper planes and are supported by struts. These extensions are a great aid in obtaining heights, and in sustaining extra weight, which in this case will be of petrol.

The erection of the machines was completed yesterday, and both Mr. G. Wright and Mr. Loraine will be flying as soon as it is calm enough. The Bristol Machine will, in the first instance, be tried by a French flyer, Mr. Tetard, in the service of the Bristol Aeroplane Company, and as soon as he passes the machine it will be handed over to Mr. White.

It is anticipated that both will have very large petrol tanks - Mr. Loraine's, 40 gallons, and Mr. White's, 30, and there will be sufficient to take them as far as Paris, so that, given favourable conditions, a big flight is probable. Mr. Perrin and Mr. Duckham are to be on constant duty at Dover, as starters for the Royal Aero Club. It is not quite clear yet who will occupy the other two hangers.

Mr. Gresham, a pupil of Mr. Grahame White, is said to be going to use the other canvas hanger, and it is rumoured that Mr. Cecil Grace is using Mr. Roll's shed. Mr. Grahame White, who only arrived in England on Monday evening, is going to fly a Colmore biplane. The machine arrived on Saturday.

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Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1911.

### DEATH OF G.W.T. LEE, 1911.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Guston Churchyard, amid general signs of deep sympathy for the parents in their loss, of Gerald William Thomas Lee, the little son of Sergt. - Major and Mrs. Lee, of the Duke of York's School Staff, aged 9 years and 10 months, who died on Friday last, after a short illness from valvular disease of the heart. The first part of the service was held at the School Church by the Rev. J. Andrews, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces.

The chief mourners present were:

Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Lee (father and mother), Miss Lee (sister), and Mrs. Ready.

At the church there were also present:

The Commandant (Colonel Morris), Major Dyke, (adjutant), and Mr. Dark (bandmaster), etc.

After the service the cortège left for Guston Churchyard, where the deceased was interred in the portion of the ground set apart for the school. The route from the School Church to the School Gate was lined by a number of boys of the School. The Rev. J. Andrews walked in front of the hearse, at the sides of which walked several of the band boys, whilst a number of other schoolboys followed. At the committal service, which was also conducted by the Rev. J. Andrews, the Rev. P. Hammond, of Guston, was present in robes.

Amongst others who attended were:

Messrs. Ready, Salter, O'Donnell, Q.M.S. Hester, Mrs. Salter, Mrs. Cathcart, Mrs. Haster, and Mrs. Costelloe.

The Response and Lord's Prayer were impressively chanted by the boys. The inscription upon the coffin was: "For ever with the Lord—George William Thomas Lee, died June 9th, 1911, aged 9 years and 10 months."

Buried with the coffin was the following beautiful tribute "With heart-broken sorrow, from Mum, Dada, and the chickoes." Others were also sent from Mr., Mrs., and Miss L. Ready, with loving sympathy; from the Officers of the Duke of York's Royal Military School; from the Masters; from the Children of the Staff; from the Wives and Mothers of the Staff; from the Students; from the Female Staff; from the Rev. J. Andrews; from Members of the Staff Reading Room; (artificial) from the Students; from all the Norris's Boys; from Walter, Jack, and Tom Costelloe; Alfred, Eddie, Will, and Babs; from Mr. and Mrs. Baker; from A. Mackay; from Mrs. Hood and Bernie; from Bernie McGuire and Walter Twist; from Arthur Kenyon; from H. Smith; from Ralph Norris; from Dorothy Chaffey, Duke of York's School; from Raymond Hawes; from Mrs. H. C. Bloyce; from Mr. and Mrs. Culmer and family; from Iris and Victor Williams; from Willie Leaver, from Alf, Miles and Ted; from Harry Longden.

Mr. Norris was the undertaker.

Dover Express and East Kent News. Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1911.

#### **DUKE OF YORK'S ANNUAL SPORTS, 1911.**

The annual Athletic Sports of the Duke of York's Royal Military School will be held on School Ground at Guston, Dover, on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, commencing at 3 p.m. There will be a half-mile race, open to non-commissioned officers and men of the Dover Garrison and Royal Marine Depot, Deal; prizes 20s., 10s., 5s.

Entries to be made to the Adjutant, Duke of York's School, Dover, not later than the first post on Thursday next, the 13<sup>th</sup> instant. Admission free.

Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1911.

#### **TORCHLIGHT TATTOO, 1911.**

A military torchlight tattoo will be given (weather permitting) by the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, in the School Grounds at Guston, on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1911, commencing at 8.45 p.m. Admission free.

Dover Express and East Kent News. Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1913.

#### **SIR EDWARD WARD'S VISIT, 1913.**

On Tuesday morning, Colonel Sir Edward Ward, the Permanent Under Secretary of State for War, visited the Duke of York's Royal Military School. The boys were inspected at drill, and subsequently he visited the whole of the buildings.

Dover Express and East Kent News. Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 1913.

#### **ATTEMPTED BREAK IN AT DYRMS POST OFFICE, 1913.**

During Saturday evening or early on Sunday morning an attempt was made to break into the Post Office at the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Guston.

Attempts were made on both the window and the door. It will be remembered that about twelve months ago this Post Office was broken into and about £5 was stolen. Since that robbery the bars were put to the windows. The matter is in the hands of the police.

Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1914.

#### **TENDERS TO SUPPLY, 1914.**

The Secretary of State for War is prepared to receive TENDERS for the Supply of—

1. BREAD and FLOUR.
2. MEAT.
3. MILK.\*
4. BACON, BUTTER and CHEESE.
5. FRUIT and VEGETABLES.
6. POTATOES.
7. GROCERIES.
8. FISH.

For the use of the Duke of York's, Royal Military School at Guston, during a period of Six Months, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1914.

\* As regards Milk, an alternative price is required for supply during a period of One Year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1914.

Applicants for Forms of Tender and Conditions of Contract and any enquiries as to the method of delivery, approximate quantities, etc., should be made at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Guston near Dover, by letter, or in person, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock, and no Tender will be entertained unless made upon the official Form.

The Tenders are also to be delivered at the War Office, Whitehall S.W., by 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1914.

War Office, Whitehall, S.W.

February 1914.

Arbroath Herald, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1914.

#### **DUKIES' "LIFE IN THE BRITISH ARMY", 1914.**

Military Scenes at Palace Theatre.

Arbroathians have this week been given a glimpse into the inner life of the soldier. At all times the army and navy have a warm corner in the heart of a Britisher, who follows its career with pride.

The wonderful picture shown at the Palace Theatre this week not only entertains, but it instructs, and many a father and mother, brother or sister, who have relatives in the service of the King cannot fail to be attracted to the James Street Hall.

While the soldier has his everyday life to attend to in the way of preparation for active service, he has also a little time to devote to pleasure and pastime, and all these various incidents find a place in the picture. The series of pictures embraces some of the best photographic studies of Mr Allred West, the famous cinema artist, and these are well and clearly thrown on the Palace screen.

The opening of the picture shows scenes at the Duke of York's Royal

Military School, Chelsea. The inspection of the boys by the Duke of Connaught is an inspiring scene, the precise way in which the young lads go through their work winning admiration. The drill, contests, and gymnasium displays are interesting, and the feather weight boxing championship creates much amusement by the manner in which the youngsters stand up to each other. The old Chelsea pensioner inspects a little party of boys, and the youthful soldiers gather round him and listen with peculiar interest to the tale he exploits of bygone battles and how fields were won.

The late King Edward is shown in an excellent scene inspecting the old boys on Empire Day, 1909, and the first part finishes with the battery firing a royal salute.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1914.

#### **FUNERAL OF SCHOOLBOY, 1914.**

Impressive scenes were, witnessed at Guston on Monday evening, when the funeral of Sergt. Monitor, Percy Victor Barnett, whose death occurred on Saturday, July 11th, took place with military honours at Guston Churchyard, the Rev, R.C.L. William, Chaplain of the Duke of York's School officiating. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack, was borne to the graveside on an A.S.C. gun carriage, the band, under Bandmaster Cole, playing appropriate music on the way to the churchyard. The Commandant, Colonel Nugent, and officers attended, with the whole of the boys, numbering over 500. The deceased's mother and sister from Portsmouth were the only family mourners.

At the conclusion of the service the "Last Post" was sounded by the buglers. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes including several from the Duke of York's School, where the deceased, who was the captain of the boy's cricket eleven, was a general favourite.



The Courier. Friday. 14<sup>th</sup> August 1914.

#### **BILLETED AT TONBRIDGE WELLS SCHOOL, 1914.**

Tonbridge residents have recently been enjoying the unusual spectacle of a number of uniformed lads walking about the grounds of the historic School. The explanation of the phenomenon is that a large number of boys from the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, have been housed at the School, and will remain there until further orders.

They arrived last Sunday morning soon after 9 o'clock, having, we understand, been turned out of their Dover premises at 12 hours' notice to make room for the military. There were over 500 boys at the Dover School, which had recently been provided with new buildings.

The greater number of the boys are now at Tunbridge, and they are under the command of Major J.S. Dyke, M.V.O.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1914.

#### **TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION, 1914.**

The Duke of York's Royal Military School is temporarily at Hutton, near Brentwood.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1915.

#### **EX COMMANDANT KILLED, 1915.**

We regret to announce that Brigadier-General George Colborne Nugent, M.V.O., who, before the War was Commandant of the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Dover, was killed in France on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The eldest son of Sir Edmond Nugent Bart., of West Harling Hall, Norfolk, Brigadier-General C. G Nugent was born on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1864, and was educated at Eton and Sandhurst. He Joined the Grenadier Guards in 1882 and received his Majority in the Irish Guards on their formation in 1900. In 1908 he was appointed to the command of a battalion, and from 1909 to 1913 was in command of the regiment and regimental district.

He served in the South African War as A.D.C. to Sir Henry Colville, and

took part in the advance on Kimberly, including the actions at Belmont, Enslin, Modder River, and Magersfontein, and in the actions at Poplar Grove and Dreifontein. He was twice mentioned in dispatches. Colonel Nugent, who had held a number of Staff appointments, became Commandant of the Duke of York's Royal Military School in July 1913, and held that post until August last, when he was given the command of the 5th London Brigade. He left England to join the Expeditionary Force on March 9th. He married in 1841, Isabel, daughter of General Sir Edward Gascoigne Bulwer, and leaves two sons, Lieut. Guy Nugent, Adjutant, 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guard, and Lieut. Terence Nugent, of the Irish Guards.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 1915.

#### **YOUNG SOLDIER'S THEFT FROM COMRADES, 1915.**

At the East Kent Quarter Sessions on Tuesday, the only Dover case was the following: —

Frank Henry Berkeley, 17, a young soldier, pleaded guilty to stealing at the Duke of York's School, between the 7th and 8th of August, one purse of the value of 6d, and 3s.6d, in money, the property of Sidney Farbath, also, at the same time, with stealing a wrist strap and watch, valued at 25s, the property of William Parkhill.

Mr. Fletcher, who prosecuted, said the stolen things belonged to comrades who were sleeping in the same room as the prisoner. The prisoner's character was not a good one, and that was the real reason he had been sent to that Court for trial.

A police inspector said prisoner had had a bad record. Charged at Chatham in 1910 with, stealing a bicycle he was sent to the Kings north Industrial School, but his character while at the school was not a good one.

The cases before the Court were only two of many others of thefts from comrades in barracks.

Prisoner handed in a statement in which he pleaded for a chance to be allowed to soldier on.

The Bench decided to send prisoner to three months hard labour.

Aberdeen Daily Journal, Monday 27th March 1916.

#### **MILITARY STUDENTS EXAMINATIONS, 1916.**

Competitive examinations to fill about 25 studentships for the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Hutton Brentwood, the Royal Hibernian Military School, Dublin, and the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, will be held during the four days June 20th – 23rd. Candidates must be between 16 and 19 years of age on May 31st next.

Applications should be addressed to the A.A.G. (AG.4b), c/o Director of Personal Services, War Office

The Essex County Chronicle, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1916.

#### **DUKIES' SHOEMAKER WINS APPEAL, 1916.**

Christopher Geo. Whipps, master shoemaker at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Hutton, appealed on the grounds that he was indispensable. Major Dyke, commandant at the school, said appellant was doing valuable work at the school, and he was only passed for home service. The War Office had recommended the appeal.

Capt. Howard; "As I also represent the War Office, I cannot very well oppose."

(Laughter.)

Conditional exemption was granted.

Essex Newsman, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1918.

#### **TROOPING THE COLOURS AT HUTTON, 1918.**

The ceremony of trooping the Colours was admirably carried out on Monday, the King's birthday, at Hutton Buraes, by the well-trained lads of the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

The salute was taken by Lt.-Gen. G.H. Moncrieff, V.D., who was congratulated by the Commandant, Col. Dyke, the school staff, and the boys. Music was given by the school band.

The Essex County Chronicle. Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 1918.

#### **DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT HUTTON, 1918.**

On Monday H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught visited the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Hutton, inspected the boys, subsequently distributing the prizes. After the inspection, the

Duke, addressing the boys, said he was very pleased to come to the school again after ten years, and was very pleased to see how very smartly they turned out, and how very good the drill was.

He was glad that the instructors were so well supported and delighted to hear that the conduct of the school had been exceptionally good. They were all sons of soldiers who had been accustomed to maintain the discipline and integrity of their regiments, and he hoped that when they went to the Army they would remember that they were English boys and had a proud heritage.

It should be stated that the Duke of Connaught is President of the School, which contains about 500 boys, and about 88 percent go into the Army. Since the outbreak of the war 97 boys have gained commissions for service in the field, and many have gained service decorations.

The Yorkshire Post. Wednesday. 19<sup>th</sup> March 1919.

#### **MEMORIAL TO THE OLD BOYS, 1919.**

Sir.- It has been decided, with the approval of the Army Council, to open a fund for the purpose of providing a suitable memorial to the old boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, who have given their lives for their country during the great war.

The School was founded at Chelsea in 1801, for the care of the fatherless children of Britain's soldiers, and at present upwards of 500 boys, known as the 'sons of the Brave.' are trained and educated at the school. In view of the inestimable services rendered by our soldiers to the Empire, it is felt that a general appeal for funds will be readily responded to as a tribute of the country's undying gratitude to our heroic dead who have fallen in the war.

The memorial proposed is intended not only to perpetuate the memories of the old boys of the school, who have so heroically given their lives in our county's cause, but to benefit also the orphan sons of soldiers present and future, educated at the school. It is hoped to raise at least J8,000, and to build a library and reading-room at Guston, in which tablets will be placed recording the names of those who have given their lives for their country, and also those who have brought distinction to the school during the great war. Memorial tablets will also be placed in the school Chapel at Guston.

In the event of contributions exceeding the sum named, the surplus will be devoted to an endowment fund for the library, or to pay any other object directly affecting the interests of the boys.

A brief record, so far as can yet be ascertained, of the casualties to, and awards by, old boys of the school during the war, is as under: -

Killed in action, or died of wounds, etc.,187:

Commissioned for services in the field, etc.,117:

Awarded the Military Cross, 20:

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, 21:

Awarded the Military Medal, 26:

Awarded the Military Medal with bar added, 2:

Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal,16:

Awarded foreign orders and decorations, 14;

Mentioned in despatches, 62.

- Yours, etc.

C.S.Woolcombe (Lt.-General), Chairman.

Hutton, near Brentwood. March 15. 1919.

Subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Treasurer, the joint secretaries, or by Messrs. Cox and Co, 16, Charing Cross, London, S.W.1.

Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1919.

## **CORRESPONDENCE, 1919.**

(To the Editor of the Dover Express).

### **THE DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL BAND.**

Dear Sir, In your issue of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst., on Page 7, under the heading "Successful Band Concert Season," it states in the last paragraph as follows: -

"Dr. Ord thought it was a pity that they could not get Duke of York's boys to play; but it was stated they had no bandmaster at present." My attention has been called by many people to this statement since it appeared, and, as I was appointed bandmaster to the Duke of York's School by the War Office on March 1<sup>st</sup>.1914, I have naturally been under the impression that I was the bandmaster, but if it is as you state you might kindly keep the matter quiet, otherwise the War Office will stop my pay.

Yours very truly,

J.W. Cole.

Bandmaster.

Duke of York's Royal Military School.

[The statement was made by a member of the Band Committee, and, as a result, the Duke of York's School band was not invited to perform. - Ed., D.E.]

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday. 16<sup>th</sup> April 1920.

## **TROOPING THE COLOURS. 1920.**

On Sunday the boys of the Duke of York's School carried out the ceremony of trooping the colours in the presence of a large assembly. The ceremony was carried out on the playing fields, the boys being in charge of Sergt.-Major Frazer. (See photo on next page.)

The colours were borne by Sergt- Monitor Good.

The salute was taken by the Commandant, Colonel H.C. de la M. Hill,



C.B., C.M.G., who was accompanied by Major G.G. Thomas, D.S.G., (Adjutant and Secretary), Major D.E. Priestly, C.M.G., R.A.M., Captain B. Dryer, L.A.S. (Headmaster), and the Rev. E.G. Semple. G. F.

The marching and steadiness of the boys was remarkable.

After the ceremony a special service was held in the School Chapel.

Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1921.

#### **DUKE OF YORK'S VISIT, 1921.**

The Duke of York is to inspect the Duke of York's Royal Military School on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11.45 a.m. There will be a ceremonial parade and the public will be admitted. It is the first visit of the Duke to the School that bears the name of one of his ancestors.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1921.

#### **SWIMMING BATH FATALITY, 1921.**

ADJOURNED INQUEST OBTAINS NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

The adjourned inquest on the little boy, Lawrence Barsby, who was drowned in the Swimming Bath of the Duke of York's School on Monday last week, was held in the Assembly Hall of the School by the East Kent Coroner, Mr Rutly Mowll, on Tuesday evening.

The Coroner said that this was adjourned to find out about the swimming bath not being locked. They had C.S.M. Wragg, who said he was in charge of one set of keys and that he locked up the bath at 1.10 and visited it at 2 o'clock to make up the attendance book and that the door was then still locked up. The deceased was found in the bath at 2.50 and was last seen alive at 2.15.

Quartermaster Sergeant Arthur Denton said that on Monday. the 13th

inst., C.S.M. Wall came to his office about 2.50 p.m. and asked him to come to the bath as Richardson's boy was in the water. He went with Wall, and on opening the door of the bath, he saw the deceased boy lying at the bottom. Wall dived in and fetched the body to the surface. They started artificial respiration and witness went to telephone to the hospital. As the School Medical Officer was not in, he telephoned to Dr. Molesworth, at St. Margarets. The Sergeant-Major of the Hospital came down. The artificial respiration was continued and although witness had had no instruction init he had seen the boys trained in it.

There were four or five of the swimming rods in the water. They were usually left on the side of the bath. He thought that the children might have been playing with them. He did not think the deceased could have slid down the chute as it had to have a continual flow of water to make it possible to slide down and that was turned off. He also thought that the boy could not have got onto the chute. The coroner said that was a theory, but hardly the impression of himself and the jury when they visited the bath.

Witness said he had a key of the bath and gymnasium, which were kept in a key case in his office. He had not been to the Bath that day and the keys were in the key case that day. He could not see the bath from his office. The coroner said the bath was a dangerous place with boys about. Witness said he did not know about that. If one of the boys of the School were found in there they would be punished. They were always kept locked.

The Coroner: That is because they might be dangerous with so many boys about.

Witness: There are so many places in the School like that.

The Coroner asked if the door was closed when they went to it. Was there a key in it?

Witness said there was a spring to the door. He could not say if there was a key, and he did not think he would have noticed it in the hurry.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that it would not have surprised

him to find the key in the door as he had the charwoman in to clean the bath up, and when they went to get hot water they had left the key in the lock.

C.S.M. Harrick said he left the bath at the same time as C.S.M. Wragg. H saw him turn the water off on the chute and then lock the door, taking the key with him. That was the only door that was open. All the others were locked. He had a key of his own, but he did not go to the bath till after the accident. He had no idea how the door came to be unlocked.

Alfred Lancaster Woods, of 49, Balfour Rd, Dover, engineer attendant, said that the key of the bath was on the keyboard in the engine room. He went to the bath at 3 p.m., after the accident.

The key was on the board at 1.20 and remained there till 3. o'clock, when he took it off. The man he relieved at 1.20 did not go out of the engine room whilst he was on duty. He had no idea who had left the door open.

The Coroner:

"Somebody did it no doubt in mistake, but it would be a help if someone would admit it and clear it up. It would relieve others of their responsibility."

Samuel William John Kirkham, resident engineer at the Duke of York's R.M. School, said he left the School for Deal by the 10.45 bus and did not return till after the accident. The boy was on the mat outside the bath when he got there. His key was in his pocket.

Thomas Scott, acting for the Clerk of the Works, at 9, Templar St, Dover, said he had a key which was in the key case in the inner office on the 13th inst. After the accident he was asked for his key and produced it from the key case. It had not been borrowed that day and he had no workmen in there that day. It was very improbable that anyone would be under the impression they had locked the door and not done so as it was not a catch lock, and the key had to be turned to lock it.

Major D.C. Thomas, D.S.O., Adjutant of the School, said that he had a key. He had not used it for seven or eight months and kept it in a drawer.

He looked for it on the night of the accident and found it where he expected to find it.

The Coroner:

"The Jury and I appreciate that the boy was not one of the boys of the School, but we had it at the first hearing that it was the duty of any person who had the keys to see that the Swimming Bath was locked when they left - That is so? I might say I have tried very many times to show the baths to people, but have not been able to get in because I had not the key on me, and Sergt-Major Wragg was away from his office, which is close to the bath door."

"Is the rule strictly observed? - Very strictly observed. This is the only occasion since I have been at the School that I have known it to have been open when it ought to have been closed."

The Coroner:

"Because it is dangerous? -Not only dangerous, but to keep the boys out as they would be mischievous and throw the things about. We also try to keep out people because dirty boots soil the water."

The Coroner said that he thought the authorities might consider if there were not too many keys. The more there were the more likely the place was to be left unlocked. He looked on the bath as a very dangerous place for little boys.

Major Thomas said that he thought that it was safer to have the keys, than to have one master key.

The Coroner said it was a matter for the authorities, but that little boys did not have an opportunity of getting in there, except under proper supervision.

Major Thomas: "They do not."

The Coroner: "They did on this occasion."

Major Thomas said the Baths were out of bounds to the boys of the School.

Mr Pickett said that he took it that the discipline of the School was such

that the boys would not dream of going there during prohibited hours.

Major Thomas: "They would be punished if found there."

In reply to Mr Pickett, witness said that he could not say that if they went there they would be sure to be seen. There were no restrictions on the resident's children. Their parents were responsible for their going and coming.

Dr. Molesworth, of St. Margaret's said that he was called to the School at 3.10 p.m. and got there at 3.30. They were applying artificial respiration, when he arrived, in the correct way. He found the boy was dead, but they went on for a little longer with the artificial respiration. The cause of death was drowning. There were no injuries. He believed that the deceased was dead before he was got out of the water.

C.S.M. Wall said that his little boy told him that there was no key in the door, they turned the handle. He still said that the deceased went down the chute and that he only used the swimming rod to try and get him out.

The Coroner said that it was a very simple case so far as the jury's verdict was concerned, as the boy died by misadventure, and there was no one criminally responsible for his death. It was very difficult to keep children out of danger, and fire and water had a peculiar fascination for them, and every Coroner had, from time to time, to take inquests on little children who had met their death by being attracted by fire or water. The Swimming Bath there must be a dangerous place for little children unless a competent person was present. The authorities had made strict rule which was a very wise one and if that rule had been maintained this accident would never have happened, but, unfortunately, someone, by mistake, failed to lock up the door, with the result that these little children, aged 4, contrived to get into the Swimming Bath, and one of them met his death. He hoped that the inquest would emphasise the necessity for the rule being strictly maintained. He was very much impressed by the evidence of Major Thomas, who said that he had never found a case of the door being left unlocked and that he had recently been unable to gain access to the Baths himself, because the rule was carefully maintained. That was very satisfactory, and he hoped that the rule would be observed

very carefully in future.

As was to be expected, when the unfortunate occurrence became known, everyone did everything possible to rescue the child, C.S.M. Wall dived in and fetched the boy out and everything possible was done to restore life.

The Jury returned a verdict of accidentally drowned.

### **THE FUNERAL.**

The funeral of Lawrence Barsby took place on Thursday last week, at Guston Churchyard. The mourners present were Mr. Barsby (father), C.S.M. and Mrs. Richardson (uncle and aunt), Lily Richardson (cousin), Mrs. Wall and Frankie (great friend and play-mate); the coffin was borne by four Dukies in Full Dress Uniform, led by the School Chaplain, to the Guston Gate of the School and to the grave. A touching and spontaneous tribute of affection was paid by the Dukies who lined up in front of their Company houses and saluted in absolute silence while the procession passed.

Beautiful wreaths were sent by Mother, Father and George; Uncle and Aunt; Cousins Lily and Aileen; Mr. and Mrs. Wall; Frankie; the Female Staff; the Hospital Staff; members of Staff Recreation Room; Mr. and Mrs. Wier; Mrs. Dryer; Mrs. Priestly and Miss Maxwell; Mrs. Reed; Mrs. Ford; and also from the residents of the Duke of York's School.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1921.

### **TROOPING OF THE COLOURS, 1921.**

On Sunday week, September 11<sup>th</sup>, the boys of Duke of York's Royal Military School will troop the Colours. The Mayor and Corporation of Dover have been specially invited to be present, and will attend church parade, with the officers and boys of the School, in the School Chapel directly after the ceremony is over. The ceremony will commence at 10.45 a.m. on the green in front of the School Chapel, and the public are invited to be present.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 1921.

### **"ALI-BABA" AT THE DUKIES, 1921.**

Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the rehearsal of "Ali Baba" or the "Forty Thieves," which is the pantomime being produced by the Amusement Committee of the Duke of York's Royal Military School this year, were able to form a very clear idea of the success which is certain when the production is given at the Town Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday next. Every Christmas a similar entertainment is given, but this year's is practically the first occasion that the general public will have the opportunity of seeing it.

Some splendid scenery has been specially prepared and painted by the staff, so that it can be put on the Town Hall stage without the slightest danger of the organ being damaged. As regards orchestral music, songs, choruses, and acting, the pantomime is splendidly produced. The costumes are brilliant, and we have not the least doubt that the popular verdict next week will be favourable in the highest degree.

Dover Express & East Kent News, 28<sup>th</sup> Friday April 1922.

### **ARMY ESTIMATES, 1922.**

The Army Estimates show that the cost of the Duke of York's R.M. School for the coming year is estimated at £65,100, against £68,200 in the past year. The cost will be £127 12s 11d, per boy per annum, there being 510 boys in the School. It is explained that the decrease in the estimated cost for 1922-23 is mainly due to a fall in the wages of civilian subordinates, and in the cost of provisions and clothing.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1922.

### **OFF TO SANDHURST, 1922.**

Thirteen students of the Duke of York's Royal Military School have this year obtained their 'A' certificate for admission into Sandhurst.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1922.

### **FUNERAL OF MASTER TAILOR, 1922.**

We regret to record the death of Sergeant Master-Tailor David Saunders, aged 53, of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Guston, who passed away on Tuesday, in the hospital at the Duke of York's School. Previous to coming to the School, Sergeant Saunders was in the Royal Irish Rifles and the Queen's Own Regiment. He served for a time in India, returned in 1902, and was then appointed Master-Tailor at the Brockhurst Disembarkation Depot. He was pensioned from that position and appointed Sergeant Master-Tailor at the Duke of York's School, where he had been for 14 years up to the time of his death. The funeral took place with full military honours on Thursday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Rev. F. G. Semple, the Chaplain, in the Chapel at the School, and the interment taking place at the Duke of York's portion of Guston Churchyard. The firing party was composed of Students. The mourners present were: -

Mrs. D. Saunders (widow): Mrs. Noyce (sister-in-law): the Misses Mary, Edith, Dora and Ruth Saunders (daughters): Master David Saunders (son): Mr. and Mrs. Hole and Mrs. Garvin (friends).

Floral tributes were sent from his sorrowing wife and family: the Officers, Duke of York's R.M. School: Staff, Duke of York's R.M. School: Students, Duke of York's R.M. School: Boys, Duke of York's R.M. School: Office of Works, Engineering Staff: Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Ellen (Guston).

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1922.

### **UNVEILING OF WAR MEMORIAL, 1922.**

#### **THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S VISIT.**

The following is the programme for the unveiling of the War Memorial at the Duke of York's Royal Military School by Field-Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., etc., etc., on Tuesday, next, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1922: -

1.20 p.m.-Reception of H.R.H. on arrival.

1.55 p.m.-Memorial Service in School Chapel and Dedication of alabaster tablets by the Chaplain General, the Right Rev. Bishop J. Taylor Smith, C.B.,

2.40 p.m.-Unveiling of War Memorial Cross by His Royal Highness.

Dedication- by the Chaplain General.

3. 5 p.m. - Inspection of School buildings.

3.25 p.m. Gymnastic display.

Entry to the grounds of the School on that day is by ticket only, which can be had on application to the Adjutant, Duke of York's Royal Military School, Guston. All spare seats in the School Chapel have been allotted to Old Boys and relatives of the fallen, and it is regretted that no more tickets are available for this portion of the ceremonies.

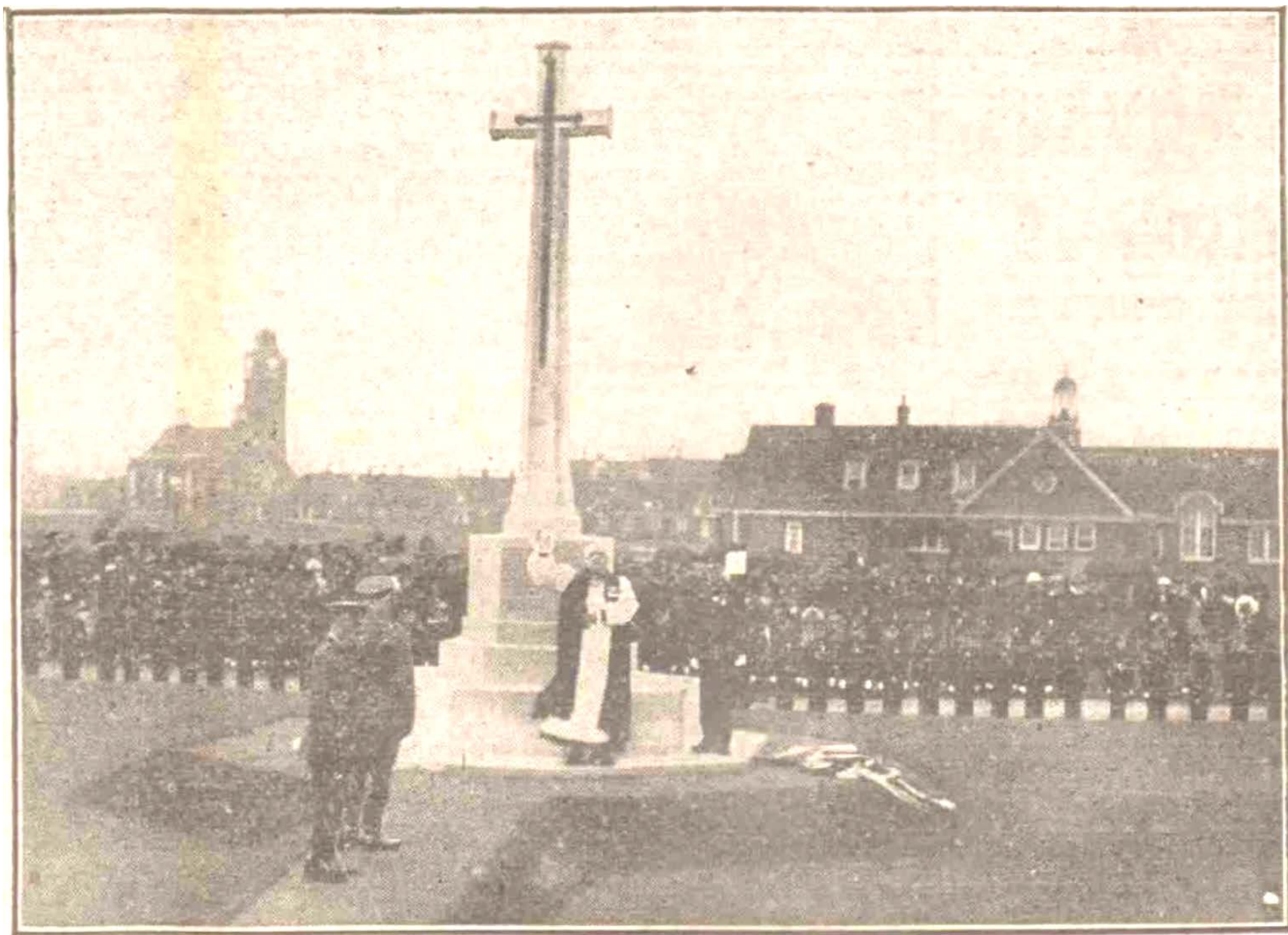
Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1922.

### **OLD BOYS AT DEDICATION, 1922.**

The Old Boys present included the following: -Major Lickman, Captain Burrows, Lieut. Burrows, Captain Stanton, Flying Officer Gardner. Captain Cathcart, R.Q.M.S. Booker, S.M. Horton. Mr. Markham, Sergt. Matthews, Sergt. Dudley, Q. M. S. Vokins, Mr. T. R. Palethorp, D.C.M. Mr. Tolfree, Mr. Huggins, Mr. Samson, Mr. Bird-Howard, Q.M.S. Atkins, Mr. Lunam, Mr. Bowden, Q.M.S. Heaysman, Corpl. Calver, Corpl. Case, Bandmaster Doloughan, Sergt. Earle, Sergt. Gillett, W.O.1, McCarthy, W.O.I. Smith, Bdr. Connolly, Bandmaster McDonald, Bandmaster Cole, W.O. Lee, W.O. Waterson, W.O. Smales, W.O. Meehan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. A. Brent, Mr. Lurham, Lieut. Elmslie, W.O. Rowe, Mr. Dartnell, Mr. J. Hunt, Sergt. Earle, Mr. Flynn. Mr. Dimond, Mr. McDonald, M.C., Mr. Hodgson, Lieut. Hewitt, Mr. F. Hyatt, Mr. F. Dicken, Mr. Lewis Rudd, Bandsmen Burns, Stevans, Fisher, Bill, Harden, Coble, Boys Poole, Halford. Hills, Woodford, Ford, Coppin, Russell, Murray, Hillock, Edgar, Hubert Tatton, Evans, Hayter, Gilbert and Plunkett.

(See the photo on the next page.)





Unveiling of the War Memorial, 1922

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 30th June 1922.

# **ROLL OF HONOUR, WW1. (1914-1918), 1922.**

The following is a list of the names of those who fell in the Great War, which are inscribed on the tablets:

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| R.H. Guards:         | H. Scott;   |
| Queen's Bays:        | G. Webb, E.R. Bates;  |
| The Carabineers:     | L.O.S.S. Senior;  |
| Scots Greys:         | P.W A. Haviland;  |
| 3rd Hussars:         | E Elliott, T. J. Fuller;  |
| 5th Lancers:         | T. Maxted;  |
| 9th Lancers:         | S E. Bennett;   |
| 12th Lancers:        | S.H. Allen;   |
| 13th Hussars:        | D.Titman, F. M. Wren;   |
| 15th Hussars:        | A. G. Cheshire;   |
| 16th Lancers:        | A J. Luton, G. H. Hargrove;   |
| 17th Lancers:        | R. E. Sladon;   |
| 19th Hussars:        | H. W. Kenny;  |
| King Edward's Horse: | W. Kennedy;   |
| Berkshire Yeomanry:  | J. V. Nicholson;  |
| R.H.A.:              | C. S. Sinclair, T. E. Cherry;   |
| R.F.A.:              | T. James, R. T. Patterson, L. Cross,<br>D. Hurley, W. M. Collins;   |
| R.G.A.               | A Belcher, W. J.B. Ragin,A.W. Lawrie,<br>C. Corbin, A.J. Crane, C. H. Pollard,<br>R. Gwyther, A. W. Ganley, T. M. Bryan,<br>G. E. Funnell, R.B.P, Johnson, M.C.,<br>W. A. McKenzie, R, Beeston; |
| R. Artillery:        | E. Rust, H.G. Smith, C. White;  |

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| R. Engineers:                     | A. W. Porter, A. Rees, J. Catkey,<br>L. A. Howell, R. J. Davies, W.J.Curtiss, M.M.,<br>A. W. Romaine; |
| Coldstream Guards:                | H.E. Elwick;  |
| Scots Guards:                     | T. Drake;   |
| Irish Guards:                     | P. Pitman;  |
| The Queen's Regiment:             | J.D. Late, J. W. Pope, A. V. Hungerford,<br>F.R. Routley, A, Carter, C. Cockraine;                    |
| Bufs:                             | H. J. Seymour, H, R, Somers, W, L Donelan,<br>G T. Wilson;  |
| Northumberland Fusiliers:         | R. W. Winter, W. M. Routledge;  |
| Royal Warwick Regiment:           | G.T. Maycock;   |
| Royal Fusiliers:                  | T. Angel, S. D. W, Cooper, H. King,<br>G. S. Matthews, A, E, Norrington,<br>L.G. Gaven, G. Langdon;   |
| King's Liverpool Regiment:        | H.Kenny, S.J. Yates, F.Wilson;  |
| Norfolk Regiment:                 | J. Brighty;   |
| Lincoln Regiment:                 | W, H. P. Tooney, K. A. White, W. P. Clarkin,<br>H.L.W. Freeman, S. Strohm;                            |
| Devonshire Regiment:              | W. T. Carr, J. H. Ellis, N. J.Bateus;   |
| Suffolk Regiment:                 | L. E. Hill, F. E. C. Hill, W. L. Hardy;   |
| Somerset L.I.:                    | J. Spiers;  |
| West Yorkshire:                   | J. Barclay, H. Booth, C. Pye;   |
| East, Yorkshire Regiment:         | J. W. Kaveny, J. E. Wood, D.C.M.;   |
| Bedfordshire and Herts. Regiment; | G. Carter, W. B. Dicks  |
| Leicestershire Regiment:          | R. F. Ferguson, W. E. Daymond, J. W. Talo;  |
| Green Howards;                    | J P. Page;  |
| Lancashire Fusiliers:             | W. Muddle, G. E. Simpson,   |

E. R. Humphrey;  
 R. Scots Fusiliers: S. Walker;  
 R. Welsh Fusiliers: G. Booth, J. A. Collins;  
 S Wales Borderers: F.W, H. Blane, A. J. Humphries;  
 Cameronians: W. F. Frost;  
 Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers: J. Melville;  
 Gloucestershire Regiment: S. Merriott, A.F. Merriott, T. G. Golding,  
 B.J. Gray, W.E. Fox;  
 Worcestershire Regiment: J. W Forrest, D.C.M.;  
 East Lancs: S. Brightmore;  
 East Surrey: A. Donnelly, A, A. Taylor;  
 Duke of Cornwall's L.I: S.G.Sanders, C. G. Pearce, W. Fitzgerald;  
 Duke of Wellington's Regiment: E. Church;  
 Sussex Regiment: A. T.Clear, S.G. Merriott;  
 Hampshire Regiment: J. W. Lewis, F. Booker, W. B. Latham;  
 South Staffordshire Regiment: H. B. Edney;  
 Dorset Regiment: J. W. Cross, E. W. Cathcart, W. R. James,  
 F. T. Hariett, E. G. Massie, A. Moffatt;  
 Prince of Wales Volunteers: C, Blundell, H.Gregson;  
 Welsh Regiment: H.E.J. Hayes, S.F. Peoples, G. E. Johnson,  
 E. J. Andrews, C.L. Palmer;  
 Black Watch: J.G.Joseph, C. Meldum, S. H. Bishop;  
 Oxford and Bucks L.I: J.J. Pegram, W.H. Smith;  
 Essex Regiment: J. Sougum, E.P. Fig;  
 Sherwood Forresters: C. D, Randall, H. Meynor, T.Ennis;  
 Loyal Regiment: G. Darey;  
 Northampton Regiment: G. A. Hayman, S.W. Lennon;  
 Royal Berkshire Regiment: W. Brindall, B.Knight, F. H. Way,

W. Ryan;  
 Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment: L. G. Falkner, L.J.H. Falkner;  
 Middlesex Regiment: T. A.J. Green, W. T. Vansé, D.C.M.,  
 S.W. Hallet, E. J. Bromwich;  
 K.R.R.Corps: H.H. Adshead, H.F. Cartey, G. A. Hooker,  
 W.R. King, A, V. Somerset;  
 Wiltshire Regiment: W. P, McCarragher, W. J. Lewis,  
 A. Babbington;  
 Manchester Regiment: R. G.Smith;  
 N. Stafford Regiment: A. J. Rutledge;  
 York and Lancs: H.S.Booth;  
 Durham L.I.: R. Scott, R. Douglas, L. Monger;  
 H.L.I: J.B.Ryan, W. Anderson, J. Findlay;  
 Seaforth Highlanders: F.M. Husher, W. H. Barrett,  
 W. Chilton, M.M., J.A.Hume, R.F.Williams,  
 A V, Harber;  
 Gordon Highlanders: R.W. Elder, P. Hyde, W Milne;  
 Cameron Highlanders: W. G. Taylor, W. A. Rowe, W.G.Prosser;  
 Royal Ulster Rifles: H. G. Rawlinson, W.A.B. Clark;  
 Royal Irish Fusiliers: H. Hardwick;  
 Connaught Rangers: F. Corry;  
 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders: A. G. Rattray, H.T. Burnett.  
 C. W, Thomas, J.Chilton, T. R. R. Cotcherz,  
 F. R. Walker, M.C, W. Chudley,  
 A.H. Robertson, V. H. Waterford,  
 G.A. Axon;  
 Leister Regiment: H.A. Miller;  
 Royal Munster Fusiliers: G, E. Roberts;

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|------------------------------|---|
| Rifle Brigade                | A. G. Kelly;  |
| Corps of Army Schoolmasters: | L.J. Rickwood;  |
| R.A.M.C.:                    | F. J. A. Crowe, J.C, Vigers;                                |
| R.A O C.:                    | A. Grieve, H. Horner, J. Eldridge;                          |
| R.A.S.C.:                    | A,B. Smith, H.H.J. Sainty,<br>G. W. Wheelhouse, E, C. Mars; |
| M.G.C.:                      | C.N. Mathieson, A.E. Anderson;                              |
| R.F.C.:                      | W.J. Burtenshaw;  |
| Australian L. Horse.:        | T.A. Hall;  |
| Australian L. Inf.:          | T. Tookey;  |
| Canadians H.G.:              | H.G. Andrews.   |

The Evening Telegraph, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1922.

#### **R.H.M. SCHOOL, 1922.**

To the Editor of the Telegraph and Post.

Sir, —With reference to the paragraph in the “Telegraph and Post” regarding the Royal Hibernian Military School, Dublin, the school dates from 1769, whereas the Duke of York's Royal Military School was opened by the Duke of York in the early part of the last century. Therefore, it is impossible that the former could be modelled on the latter. The reverse is more probable. The friendly rivalry which exists between the schools makes such a mistake required correction.

The school is not being amalgamated<sup>15</sup> with the D.Y.R.M.S., but is to continue a separate existence at Shorncliffe, where barracks have been taken over for it.

I am, &c.,

M. J. M<sup>c</sup>Gregor (Ex-student, R.H.M.S.),  
49 Market St Andrews.

<sup>15</sup> The R.H.M. School did in fact merge with the D.Y.R.M. School, in June,1924.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday. 13<sup>th</sup> April 1923.

#### **MEMBERSHIP APPEAL TO OLD BOYS, 1923.**

The Hon. Secretary of the Old Boys' Association, Duke of York's R.M. School, writes, --

I would be most grateful if you would find space in your columns to insert the following appeal to the Old Boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School to join the Old Boys' Association. This Association been in existence for some time, but owing to its activities having been somewhat curtailed during the war period, there is little doubt that there are many Old Boys of the School (particularly those who have left the Army) of whom all trace has been lost. It is hoped that, through your columns, it may be possible to get into touch with some of the latter once more.

It may be of interest to some of your readers to know that the Duke of York's Royal Military School was founded, for the sons of soldiers, at Chelsea, on June 19th, 1801, by His Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York, who was at that time the British Commander-in-Chief.

Following a century of existence as one of the well-known landmarks of Chelsea, the School has every reason to be proud of the records of the former scholars. They have been represented in every war in which the British Army has fought since 1801, and memorials exist to the Old Boys of the School who gave their lives for King and Country in the following campaigns:-Peninsular, Afghan (1839), Crimea, Indian Mutiny, South Africa, Afghan (1878), Boer (1881), Chitral, Khartoum, South Africa (1899), and the Great War 1914-18.

No less than 300 Old Boys have in the past gained commissions from the ranks, 175 of whom did so during the Great War.

During the late War, moreover, many honours were gained, and amongst others were the following: -

Victoria Cross, 1; Distinguished Service Order,1; Military Cross, 31; Distinguished Flying Cross, 1; Officer of the British Empire, 7; Member of

the British Empire, 15; Distinguished Conduct Medal, 33; Military Medals, 40; Meritorious Service Medal, 36; Foreign decorations, 22; Mentioned in dispatches, 110; and promotions on the field, 13. 250 Old Boys gave their lives in the Great War.

Recent returns of old "Dukies" serving in the Army gave the following numbers, -

Officers, 175; Warrant Officers, 172; Non-Commissioned Officers, 433; men and boys, 661.

Love of, and loyalty to, the School of scholars to King and Country, gratitude to staff, good fellowship amongst old "Dukies" and a desire, when possible, to give a helping hand to old comrades, are characteristics of the Old Boys' Association.

In order to increase the sphere of linking up the past with the present, all former "Dukie" boys, who have not yet joined the Association, are earnestly requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Old Boys' Association, Duke Of York's Royal Military School, Dover.

The Yorkshire Post, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1923.

### **THE DUKE'S WEDDING PRESENTS, 1923.**

In connection with their forthcoming marriage, the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon received further deputations at Buckingham Palace, yesterday. A deputation from the Royal Academy of Arts, headed by the President, Sir Aston Webb, presented to the Duke of York a claret jug, beautifully hand wrought in silver by Mr Omar Ramsden. The design is antique, and the silver jug has a clear glass lining.

On behalf of the City of Westminster, the Mayor and others presented an address to the Duke and his fiancée, and also a silver Etruscan vase, dated 1805. Another deputation was from the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Dover, headed by Lieut-Colonel A.C. Johnston, the Commandant, who asked the Duke's acceptance of an old porcelain plate, engraved with the Royal Arms, originally the property of the Duke of York who founded the school.

The Duke of York, who is patron of the London Insurance Offices Football Association, witnessed the final tie in the Association's Charity Cup contest at New Cross, yesterday. The members of the Council took the opportunity to present to him a wedding gift of two old oak and cane footstools.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1923.

### **DUKIES VISIT TO THE SOMME, 1923.**

Major Simpson, O.B.E., A.E .C., accompanied by W.O Instructor Knott, took charge of a party of ten boys from the Duke of York's Royal Military School who went to France on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., at the invitation of the British League of Help. At Folkstone they joined parties of boys from towns which have adopted French villages in devastated areas and went to Boulogne. On arrival at Boulogne, they were greeted by the municipal authorities, and proceeded by special train to Paris.

On Sunday a wreath was laid on the grave of the French Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe. The boys of the Duke of York's School performed the ceremonial part of this function with the greatest precision and solemnity. At 7.15a.m. on Monday the boys left Paris in charabancs for the devastated areas, passing through Soissons, Noyon and Royo to Amiens, where they arrived at 8.30 p.m., and were accommodated in schools.

Tuesday was devoted to a tour of the district north-east of Amiens. The Mayor and school children of Miranmont greeted the boys at the station and conducted them through the ruined village to the British corner of the cemetery, where the boys deposited a wreath. The school was next visited. The building was an old Army hut, and as a result of the discomfort experienced during the first winter, tarred paper had been nailed over the numerous holes.

Lunch was then served in a hut which had been an Army theatre at Gommecourt.

The Mayor, addressing the boys, spoke of the hardships suffered by the

people on their return after the war, and of the efforts they had made to drain the land, which had been flooded; to fill in the shell holes, and commence cultivation. He said how grateful they were to the British nation for the assistance it had given them, and how they hoped that the friendship cemented by the war would never be broken.

Major Simpson replied, and gave a donation to the funds of the village. The Mayor then led the boys along the old British lines to Beaucourt, showing the difficulties to be overcome before the land could be cleared. Scrambling through the interminable shell holes and entering dug outs, the boys visited the memorial to the Naval Division on the hill near Beaucourt. Under the ruins of an old country house, a machine gun emplacement was shown, and at 6.30 p.m. the boys returned by train through Albert to Amiens.

At 8.30 p.m. W.O. Instructor Knott was presented to the Prefect of Amiens, and, with the remainder of the groups who had been visiting the villages, the boys were entertained to dinner at the Town Hall. In a speech, the Prefect of Amiens reminded the boys that the people had returned, after the war, to find no houses, no furniture-only heaps of ruins-no fields, only a wilderness of barbed wire, holes and debris, no cattle, no implements, and they

had lost hope. The British towns that had adopted French villages had given a great deal of help, but what was more important, the kindly interest they had displayed had given them hope. They had rebuilt some villages, cleared some fields, but could do no more on account of lack of money.

The Prefect hoped that as the fathers of the boys had helped France to the extent of giving their lives, so, when the time came, the boys themselves would do what they could to help France.

This concluded the visit, and on Wednesday the boys returned to England.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1923.

#### **FUNERAL OF CAPT. W. H. JUPP, 1923.**

The death occurred, at the age of 78 years, on Sunday, at 179, Folkestone Rd., of Captain William Henry Jupp, a well-known Dover resident, who, on his retirement from the Army, became Inspector of Army Schools.

A correspondent writes -

"The passing of Captain W. H. Jupp, late Inspector of Army Schools, will come as a great loss to many of the residents of Dover. His kindly smile and overflowing sympathy caused him to be beloved by all with whom he came in contact. His influence, however, extended far beyond Dover, as his educational duties took him into many places at home and abroad, but wherever he went he left a record of duty well and efficiently done, in a manner that endeared his name and made lifelong friends.

From all quarters have come expressions of deep sympathy with Mrs. Jupp in her great loss, and a realisation of the sorrow that has come to so wide a circle of devoted friends."

The funeral took place at St. James's Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. O. F. R. Strickland.

Those following included the following officers: -

Major A. Leamy, O.B.E., Major W. W. Barron,

Major B. Dryer, Major V. Fairfield, Major T. Exton, Major A. Morrison, Captain, T. H. Dymnocke and Captain T.J. Drayson; Lieut. A. C. Chamley, M.C., and Lieut. H.J. Francis, representing the Army Educational Corps; and two sergeants (with wreath from the Commandant, staff and boys), representing the Duke of York's R.M. School.

Floral tributes were sent from Major and Mrs. Barron; Col. and Mrs. T. Monroe; Aley, Bessie, Emmie, and Billy; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Broome (Hove); Ada and Sarah (Stanmore); Mr. Donthell; Capt. Jorram; Mrs. Butler and family; Lieut. and Mrs. Gribble; Miss A. Bates; Mr. and Mrs. Boyden; Major and Mrs. Leamy; Major and Mrs. Dryer and family; Major and Mrs. Fairfield; Mr. and Mrs. A. West; Capt. and Mrs. Drayson and family; Mr.

and Mrs. Poole; Miss Poole; Miss Vaslet; Mr. and Mrs. Dixon; Mr. and Mrs. B.J. McCartney; Mrs. Lester; Mr. and Mrs. C. Hopper; Mr. and Mrs. Fallon; Mr. W. Hughes;

Mr. A. Lester (Canterbury); Major and Mrs. Exton; Miss Edith Mary Wigley; Willie Stuart and Major Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hookway; and the Commandant, staff and boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E.J. Goodbun, 27, Clarendon Rd.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1923.

#### **DUKIES IN THE LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION, 1923.**

The Duke of York's Royal Military School is taking part in the Lord Mayor's procession in London today. They represent the Army of the future. The Colour Party, the band, and 50 of the boys, in review order, will represent the School.

Lieut.-Colonel Thomas will be in command.

On Wednesday, November 21st, the Greenwich Royal Naval School will send a party to the Duke of York's School at Dover to visit the School and play a football match. The Greenwich boys will arrive at the Marine Station at 11.30 a.m. and will be played to the School by the band of the Duke of York's R.M. School.

The Duke of York's School pantomime takes place at the Town Hall on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be "Dick Whittington and His Cat Up To Date," and part of the proceeds will be given to the Dover Hospital.

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Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 1924.

#### **R.S.M. RETIRES + XMAS PARTY, 1924.**

R.S.M. Garvin, of the Duke of York's R.M. School, having retired on reaching the age limit, has gone to reside at Colchester; and R.S.M. J. Barwick, M.C., of the 1<sup>st</sup> Scots Guards, stationed at the Tower of London, has been appointed in his place.

On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the annual breaking-up party was combined with the treat given by Major Astor, M.P. After a performance of the pantomime, "Dick Whittington," each boy received a splendid present, as usual, and was presented with a parcel of fruit and sweets on leaving.

Those boys who remained at the School during the holidays had a pleasant afternoon on Saturday last, when they sat down to tea with the children of the staff in the dining hall.

After tea there was a Christmas tree, and a splendid entertainment of conjuring and shadowgraphy was afterwards given by Mr. Ray Lawes, of Dover.

Games and dances were kept up until 9 o'clock.

The annual New Year's Social, which is confined entirely to the staff and the residents in the School, was held on Monday, New Year's Eve, when there were about 200 present. The first portion of the evening was devoted to a whist drive for the adults, whilst the children played games. The prize winners at the whist drive were: -

Ladies - 1st. Miss. Bignall, and 2nd. Mrs. Wragg.

Gentlemen - 1st. Prefect Pike.

Dancing and games followed until 12 o'clock, when the whole party joined together in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The M.C. was C.S.M. Bignall, whilst the arrangements were in the hands of a small committee consisting of C.S.M. Mills, C.S.M. Gee, C.S.M.



Richardson, and C.S.M. Bignall.

The arrangements for refreshments were in the hands of the housekeeper, Mrs. French.

The boys return to School on the 7th January.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 9th May 1924.

#### **NEW ARRIVALS, 1924.**

The following boys, having been selected by his Majesty's Commissioners of the Duke of York's Royal Military School for entrance, have passed the Entrance Examination and have been admitted.

The name of the father's regiment in each case is given in brackets: —

Parker, R. G., Hayden, S.A., Watt, J.S. and Cairns, G. W. (R.A.); Blount, W.H., (7th D. G.); Pegg, W. H. (11th Hussars); Crumpler, D.E. and Chuter, G.C.E. (R.E.); Wilmore, H.H. (Scotts G.); Benn, J.T., and Walters, J.J. (R. Fusiliers); Amey, W.C., and Shord, A.L.(Wilts Reg.); Cox, J.M. (Devon Regt.); Newman, W.A. (Manchr. Regt.); Mould, A. (Border Regt.); Nightingale, G.S. (Sherwood Foresters); Jarvis, J.A. (Gloucestershire Regt.); Darley, R.J.C. (Queen's Own); Harvey, J.C. (43rd L.I.); Blanchard, A.J. (Durham L.I.); Hawkins, E.N. (Essex Regt.); Kingsland J.W. (York and Lancaster Regt.); Pearce, E.J.C. (60th Rifles); Swain, C. (Rifle Bde.); Mills, B. (10th London Regt.); Parrett, A.A.T., and Thatcher, A.H.(R.A.S.C.).

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1924.

#### **R.H.M. SCHOOL TRANSFER TO DOVER, 1924.**

It has been decided to amalgamate-the Royal Hibernian Military School with the Duke of York's Royal Military School, to transfer the boys, who number some 250, from the temporary premises they occupy at the Cavalry Barracks at Shorncliffe to the Duke of York's School at the end of June. To provide for the extra boys at the Duke of York's School, additional rooms and temporary housing accommodation is to be built on the Deal side of the Duke of York's School, and work has started by Messrs. F. and

H. F. Higgs, builders and contractors, of Brixton. The work now in hand will cost about £16.000. The Royal Hibernian Military School was transferred from its old quarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin, when Southern Ireland became a Free State in 1922 and has occupied the Somerset Cavalry Barracks at Shorncliffe since then.

Dover Express & East Kent News Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1924

#### **THE NEW KING AT DOVER, 1924.**

Our new King visited the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, on Thursday, July 9, 1924, to present the new King's Colour to the School. Seated on his right was Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Johnston, then Commandant of the School, with General Sir Francis Lloyd, beside the latter. On the Duke's left was General, Sir George Milne, G.O.C., Eastern Command, with the Chaplain-General Bishop J. Taylor-Smith). In the back row were the School Chaplain (the Rev. E. G. Semple), the Medical Officer, the Adjutant (Lieut.-Colonel C. Thomas, the Chief Instructor, and the Duke's Equerry (Lieut. Colin Buist, R N).





Dover Express & East Kent News Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1924.

#### **THE DUKE PRESENTS NEW COLOURS, 1924.**

H.R.H. the Duke of York will, on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> next week, come to Dover to present the new Colours to the Duke of York's Royal Military School. The Royal party will reach the School at 11.30 a.m. and will proceed at once to carry out the ceremony, which will take place on the parade ground in front of the Chapel.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1924.

#### **THE ROYAL WARRANT, 1924.**

A Royal Warrant issued on Monday makes fresh provision for the government and management of the Duke of York's Royal Military School. Field-Marshal the Duke of Connaught will continue to be President, and the administration will be vested in a Board of Commissioners, who shall be responsible to the Army Council for all matters connected with the School. This Board has been constituted as follows:—The Paymaster-General (Chairman); the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for War; the Judge-Advocate-General; the Chaplain-General; a Director of Finance; the Director of Staff Duties; the Director of Movements and Quartering; the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command; together with four Commissioners specially appointed, viz:—Lieutenant-General General Sir E.R.Elles, General the Right Hon. Sir N.G.Lyttelton, Lieutenant-General Sir H.E. Belfield, and Lieutenant-General Sir F. Lloyd. In the selection of boys for admission to the School, preference in general will be given to:— (1) Orphans;(2) those whose fathers have been killed in action or have died while in the service;(3) those whose fathers have died after leaving the service;(4) those who lost their mothers, and whose fathers are absent on duty abroad;(5) those who have lost their mothers, but whose fathers are not absent on duty abroad; (6) those whose fathers are ordered on service abroad, or whose parents have other children to maintain; (7) those with both parents living, but who do not fulfil the conditions laid down for the 6th class.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1924.

#### **THE R.H.M.S. COLOURS, 1924.**

THE R.H.M. SCHOOL TO 'LAY-UP' THE COLOURS IN WINDSOR CASTLE TO-DAY.

The King has been pleased to take charge of the School Colours of the Royal Hibernian Military School, which will be deposited in Windsor Castle today. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1853, the school received its first Colours from the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII. Fifty years later, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1903, King Edward presented new Colours to the school, and these Colours were carried on parade for the last time on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1924. The school at Shorncliffe has been closed down, and the boys have been transferred to the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Dover. 1,250 served in the Great War, 80 were killed or died of their wounds.

54 were wounded, one was awarded the V.C., a great number received decorations and medals for bravery in the field, and 51 were promoted to commissioned rank.

The Hibernian Society in Dublin was founded in 1769 for maintaining, educating and putting to trades the orphan children and other children of soldiers in Ireland. In 1806 the school was taken over by the War Office, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland becoming President and the Commander of the Forces in Ireland, Vice-President. It became known as the Royal Hibernian Military School and was granted a charter by Queen Victoria in 1871.

In its own Dublin home, the school was one of the sights of the old capital. It was a perfectly organised, self-contained unit, with its own farm, laundry, workshops, swimming bath, churches, hospital, Post Office Savings Bank, and telephone system. Its band always enjoyed a high reputation.

Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1924.

#### **SCHOOL CHAPLAIN LEAVES, 1924.**

The Rev. E. G. Semple, Chaplain to the Duke of York's Royal Military

School, has been appointed to the Malaya Command, Singapore, and will probably be attached to the Royal Sussex Regiment there. He sails for Singapore on the SS "Derbyshire" on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and will be relieved by the Rev. H.F.S. Collier, B.A., C.F., of Dover Castle, on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **RHMS JOINS DYRMS. 1924.**

About 200 boys of the Royal Hibernian School, who have completed their holidays, came to the Duke of York's Royal Military School on Friday last. The "Dukies" return from their holidays to-day (Friday).

The Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1925.

#### **FATAL CLIFF FALL, 1925.**

##### **DEATH OF J.H.J. BOWMAN.**

On Thursday afternoon, at 4.30, one of the boys of the Duke of York's School, James Herbert John Bowman, aged 12 years, of "G" Company, was killed by falling over the cliff at Fan Hole. The boy belongs to Hounslow; his father was in the Royal West Kent Regiment and was killed in the war.

##### **THE INQUEST.**

The Borough Coroner (Mr. E. T. Lambert) held an inquest on the body at the Town Hall on Friday afternoon. Lieut.-Colonel Thomas, Adjutant of the Duke of York's School, identified the body. The deceased was admitted to the School last October, and he was twelve years of age this month. His home address was 142, Standard Rd., Hounslow, and his father, who was deceased, was a soldier of the Royal West Kent Regiment. His name was Corpl. John Bowman.

Witness last saw the deceased alive just after two o'clock the previous afternoon going out with other boys. His Company were having a holiday. He was reported to have fallen over the cliff, to witness, at five o'clock on Thursday evening. While assistance was being obtained, witness received information that a body was being conveyed on a stretcher to the Dockyard. Accompanied by Major Roberts, the Medical Officer of the

School, they

proceeded by car to the Dockyard, and there identified the body.

Boy Richard Banks, of the Duke of York's School, said he knew the deceased boy.

He went out with him at 2 o'clock on Thursday with other boys. They went straight across the Downs, passed on the left of the Aerodrome, until they came to the cliff. The deceased noticed a seagull's nest about 20ft. down the cliff and started to climb down towards it. This was at about 2.20. When he was about 2yds. from the nest, witness asked Debney, one of the other boys, the time, and when he looked round again, he could not see the deceased. The cliff was not "too" steep just there. Witness did not know how the deceased fell, and he had not seemed to be in any difficulty. He could have got to the nest, but it was a bit dangerous. After they had gone to the old Coastguard Station and made enquiries at a house, they tried to get down the path by the house, but they could not get the whole way down because of barbed wire. They met a man who tried, but he could not get past it. They saw a man on the beach, and shouted to him, but he could not see anyone.

He went towards the Dockyard to tell the police. The lady at the house said she would telephone to the School and the Dockyard, and shortly afterwards they noticed some men on the beach and watched them search for the deceased until they found him. They saw them put him on a stretcher and carry him to the Dockyard. The deceased was a strong and active boy. Witness saw no marks on the cliff as if the deceased foot had slipped.

Boy Robert Debney of the Duke of York's School said he had heard the evidence given by the previous witness. He was with the previous witness the whole time and saw deceased start to climb down the cliff. Witness considered it fairly safe-it looked all right from where they were. When the deceased got near the nest witness got his watch out, as the others had asked him the time. When he looked up the deceased had disappeared.

It was about 2.30. He, with the others, tried to find where deceased was, and saw the men find him. Witness did not notice any marks as if deceased's foot had slipped,

Albert Sharp, a cook of the S.S. "Langdon," said he was on the beach between 4.30 and 5 o'clock about a quarter of a mile to the east of the Eastern Arm. He was getting some winkles and he heard the boys calling to him from the top of the cliff. They asked him if he had seen a boy, and he began to see if he could see anyone. He told the boys to report to the School and he would inform the police at the Dockyard. He did so, and the beach was searched by men from the "Langdon." Witness found the body after about ten minutes searching. It was lying across the rocks, jammed between three rocks. The face, left wrist, and left leg were injured. The cliff was very high at this point. Deceased was quite dead when he found him.

Police-Sergt, Booth said that at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, in response to a telephone message from the Dockyard at East Cliff, in company with a constable, he took the ambulance and went to the beach at Langdon Gap, where they met the last witness, who was carrying the body on an improvised stretcher. Witness examined the body and found extensive injuries both to the head and body. They conveyed the body to the mortuary, where it was examined by the medical officer of the Duke of York's School. The cliff at that was between 130 and 200 feet high.

Major Frederick Roberts, medical officer of the Duke of York's School, said that at about 5.40 p.m. he was informed of the occurrence. He went to the Dockyard and examined the body. He found life extinct. The body was examined at the Mortuary, and he found a lacerated wound 2 1/2 inches long above the right eye. The skull was fractured in this region. The left collar bone was broken and the seventh rib on the left side fractured. The bones of the right leg were fractured above the ankle joint, and there were bruises and abrasions all over the left side. Death was due to shock and concussion and was instantaneous.

The Coroner returned a verdict of death from misadventure.

The funeral took place at Hounslow on Monday, the previous

arrangements that the burial should take place at Guston being altered at the request of the boy's mother. The body remained in the military chapel at the Duke of York's School during Saturday and Sunday and was taken to Hounslow by motor hearse.

The arrangements locally were carried out by Messrs. Venner and Son, of High St., Dover.

Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1925.

#### **TORCHLIGHT TATTOO, 1925.**

The torchlight tattoo which is to take place at the College Grounds on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, promises to be a very attractive affair. The battalions of the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade are all assisting, and also the Duke of York's Royal Military School. There are to be massed bands, drums and bugles, descriptive music, dancing and singing, and the programme is to last three hours.

The proceeds are to be for military charities. These are badly in need of funds, as lately they have suffered a severe drain.

#### **CHANGE OF C.O, 1925.**

Another change that has been made during the year is the command of the Duke of York's Royal Military School. Lieut.-Colonel Poyntz, D.S.O., replacing Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Johnston, D.S.O.,

Dover Express & East Kent News. 12<sup>th</sup> March 1926.

#### **FUNERAL OF MRS. S. KIRKHAM, 1926.**

The death occurred on March 1st, at the Duke of York's R.M. School, of Mrs. Florence Selina Kirkham, wife of Mr. S. Kirkham (Resident Engineer at the Duke of York's R.M. School), at the age of 44 years.

The funeral took place on Friday last 5<sup>th</sup> March, at St. James' Cemetery, the Rev. H.F.S. Collier, Chaplain to the Forces, officiating.

The mourners present: -

Mr. Kirkham (husband), Miss Kirkham (daughter), Mr. G. Beets (brother), Mrs. N. Rugg, Mrs. L. Gibson and Miss C. Beets (sisters), Miss N. Kirkham (sister-in-law), and Mr. D. Parker. Also present were W.O.1. J. Conway. Mrs. Poyntz, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Thomas, Major and Mrs. Roberts; Major Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham, C.S.M. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. Cole (Bandmaster), Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mr. and Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Hole, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Wragg, Mrs. Connors, and many other friends. C.S.M. Grainger, Reeves, Connors, Rayson and Humphreys, and C.S.M.I. Dent, acted as bearers.

Floral tributes were sent from Daddy and children; Nellie, Celia, Lily and Amy; George, Doreas and children; Nellie; Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Poyntz; Matt and Winnie; Mr. and Mrs. Conway, Margaret and Granny; Major and Mrs. Roberts; Ollie and Daisy;

Lieutenant- Colonel and Mrs. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Ready (Margate); Mrs. Kenyon and daughter; Wal, Ern and Tim, (Dartford); few friends at the D.C.S.; H.M. Office of Works' office staff; Mr. and Mrs. Sears; Aunt Emmie and Aunt Susie; Mr. Mrs. and Miss Middlecote; Mr. and Mrs. Bowden and family; Mr. and Mrs. Purchase; Mr. and Mrs. Denton and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Taylor; Aunt Alice, Uncle Edward and Reg; masters and mistresses Duke of York's School; Mr. and Miss Rugg, (Nonington); Georgie Mackey; Mrs Wragg and May: wives warrant officers and staff, Duke of York's School; the Rev. G. Keable; the Rev. H. F.S. Collier and Mrs. Collier; Mr. and Mrs. W. Kemp; Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew and Joan; Mr. and Mrs. Harper and family; pioneers' staff of the Duke of York's School; boys of the Duke of York's School; Works Department, Duke of York's School; engineering staff, Duke of York's School; Lizzie and Harry (Duke of York's School); little Florence; members of Staff Recreation Room, Duke of York's School; and Fanny, Dave and Grace.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Venner and Son, 39, High St., Dover.

Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1926.

### **SCHOOL MARATHON-HOCKEY AWARDS, 1926.**

The annual marathon of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, takes to-day (Friday), starting at 2.30 from the School. The course is via, Guston Bridge (near Fort Burgoyne), the junction of the Deal and Guston Roads and the junction of the Deal and Broadlees Roads.

### **HOCKEY.**

The Captain of the School team has awarded Hockey "blues" to the following, for the season 1925-26: -

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| School Prefect G. Harvey         | (Wolseley);    |
| Junior School Prefect P. Hillock | (Marlborough); |
| School Prefect J. H. Rymer       | (Wolseley);    |
| Junior School Prefect Shnable    | (Wellington).  |

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1926.

### **GRAND DAY, 1926.**

#### **LORD AMPHILL VISITS DUKIES. INSPECTION AND PRIZE GIVING.**

On Wednesday morning Colonel Lord Amptill presented the prizes at the Duke of York's School. Prior to the presentation the Colours were trooped on the parade ground, which ceremony was performed in the presence of Lord Amptill, who received the general salute on arriving at the parade ground, and then inspected the ranks. The ceremony itself was carried out perfectly, despite the strong wind that was blowing. Subsequently the boys and numerous visitors assembled in the School Hall for the presentation of the prizes won during the past year.

The Commandant (Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Poyntz, D.S.O.) presided, and others on the platform were Colonel Lord Amptill, Lieut.- Colonel Thomas, Major Simpson, Major Roberts, and the Rev. H. F.S. Collier. The proceedings opened with the singing by the boys of "Comrades in Arms."

The Commandant first of all thanked Colonel Lord Amphill for coming down for the grand day, and for presenting the prizes. Seeing him, brought back many happy memories because they had spent many happy times before the war together, when Lord Amphill was his commanding officer. He was, therefore, very pleased he came down there that day to take the parade.

Giving a general review of the School work, Colonel Poyntz said that very good progress had been made by the School. Major Simpson had re-organised the upper School so that the boys got a secondary education equal to that of any boy in civil life. Two boys had got special certificates. Four, first class certificates, and sixteen, second class certificates. That was very good indeed, and many more were sitting in the future.

Two of their head boys, Head Prefect Philipotts and Prefect Winterton, had gone up for the Sandhurst examination, and he hoped to see from the results in the papers in a few days that both had passed.

They had started the Junior School and it had been a great success. As he had told them before, when the small boys came there it was a great ordeal to go into houses, where boys had been for three or four years, so they had started a junior school for all boys under 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, who lived together, played their games together and were much more happy.

As regards games, the School had done very well at football and hockey. They had not done very well at cricket and hoped to do better next year, but the under 14 team had done very well and won most of their matches, and he congratulated them.

As regards sports, he wished to thank the Chaplain and the Committee for organising their sports. They were a tremendous success.

He congratulated Head Prefect Phillipotts on winning the Old Boys' "Victor Ludorum" Cup. (Applause.)

He congratulated Prefect Botham on winning the "Oldfield" Cup and Boy Swann on winning the "Michell" Cup. He congratulated Marlborough House on winning the Boxing Cup. They had a jolly good team. He had to congratulate Wolseley House on winning three cups, but the other houses

must next year see that that did not happen again. Prefect Daniels had won the Duke of York's medal, presented by the H.R.H. Duke of York, and a message had been received from the Duke congratulating him. The winners of the School bronze medals were Prefect Hillock and Prefect Scarlott.

As regards swimming, the School had not been able to have the swimming baths this year as the miners would not allow them any coal. They had won for life saving three medals, sixteen medallions and forty-five efficiency certificates. In athletics, the School beat Kent College in the annual fixture, and an individual contest had just been arranged with the Queen Victoria School, the sister school to theirs. The contest was to take place on the first fine day and the results would be posted to each other.

The School also entered for the Miniature Rifle Imperial Challenge Shield, which was entered for by schools all over the Empire. That would be shot off very shortly, and he hoped the team would do well. They were very glad to see so many of the Old Boys at the sports.

As regards boys left behind during the holidays, he was arranging for them to go to camp for a fortnight and he was pleased to be able to tell them that the Old Boys had very generously subscribed £20 towards entertaining these boys while they went to camp.

As regards the tattoo and special gymnastic squad, he congratulated the boys who took part in it, and it was great credit to Sergt-Major Wragg. Next year they hoped to be able to give a tattoo in France. They had received an invitation and the Chief Instructor was making all arrangements. (Applause.)

As regard the staff, he was sorry to say they had already lost two, Cook and Daish, and they were going to lose Conway and Lee. He took that opportunity of thanking them for all they had done since they had been here, and he knew they, all appreciated it, and wished them the best of luck in the future. (Applause.)

As regards general conduct of the boys at the School, he congratulated them very heartily on the way in which they behaved. Since he had been

there it had been exemplary and there had been nothing that would in any way bring disgrace to any of their fathers or mothers.

The presentation of the prizes then took place as follows:-

Form Upper V1, Science, C.S.P. Phillpotts; English, S.P. Daniels; History and Geography, S.P. Daniels.

Form Lower V1, Science, H.P. Martin; English, S.P. Shnable; Map Reading, H.P. Martin; History and Geography, H.P. Martin.

Form V, Science, Swann; English, Sergt. Rider; Map Reading, Sergt. Rider; History and Geography, Toothill.

Form 1V, Science, Cpl. Gardner; English, Cooper; Map Reading, Mitchell; History and Geography, Cluley; Mathematics, - Set "A." S.P. Daniels; Set "B." S.P. Rogers; Set "C." Sergt. Smith; Set "D." Behan.

French, Set "A." S.P.H. New; Set "B." S.P. Halford; Set "C." S.P. Shnable; Set "D." C. Marsh; Set "E." Sergt. Keeling.

Upper School, - Drawing Prize, Toothill.

111a. - 1st Form, Cpl. Gilbert. 2nd Form, Cpl. Townsend; French, Cpl. Townsend; Woodwork, Cpl. Gilbert; Gardening, Cpl. Townsend; Drawing, Mahoney.

11b. - 1st Form, Westall; 2nd Form, Smitten;  
Woodwork, L.C. Mather; Gardening, L.C. Nodwell;  
Drawing, L.C. Leicester.

111c. - 1st Form, Walsh; 2nd Form, Singleton;  
Woodwork, Powell; Gardening, McQuade;  
Drawing, Cpl. Pittman.

11a. - 1st Form, Hart. 2nd Form, Paterson;  
French, Hart; Drawing, Jarvis.

11b. - 1st Form, L.C. McCormack; 2nd Form, Walton;  
3rd Form, L.C. Wilson. Drawing, Andrews.

11c. - 1st Form, Neal; 2nd Form, Parker;

3rd Form, L.C. Hayley; Drawing, Willmore;

1a. - 1st Form, Harvey; 2nd Form, Potter; 3rd Form, Flynn; Drawing, Hawkins.

1b. - 1st Form, Gough; 2nd Form, Keeling; 3rd Form, Pester; Drawing, Faulkner.

1c. - 1st Form, Newman; 2nd Form, Lungley; 3rd Form, Taylor; Drawing, Keens.

Junior School.-

Class 1V. 1st Form, Jarrett; 2nd Form, Wightman;

Class 111. 1st Form, McCabe; 2nd Form, Watson;

Class 11. 1st Form, Symonds; 2nd Form, Thornton;

Class 1. 1st Form, Stacy; 2nd Form, Serrett;

Choir Prizes:- 1st Prize, Gibson; 2nd Prize, Charter;

3rd Prize, Sergt. D'Arcy; 4th Prize, L.C. Kille;

5th Prize, L.C. Burke; 6th Prize, L.C. Holland;

7th Prize, White; 8th Prize, Lennon.

Special Reading Prize: - S.P. Daniels.

Mr. Henry Dickens Prizes (open to Clive House only).

1st, Lush; 2nd, Wynne.

2nd Class Certificate Examination (top boy).-Father O'Grady's Prize:  
L/Cpl. Horsefield.

Trades. -

Shoemakers: 1st, Lush; 2nd, McLellan; 3rd, Cook.

Gunnery: 1st, Sergt. Bashford; 2nd, S.P. Morris.

Signalling: 1st, Sergt. Stevens; 2nd, L.C. Bowyer; 3rd,  
Cpl. Pearl; 4th, Sergt. Rider.

Knotting: 1st, L.C. Cocksedge; 2nd, Walsh.

Gymnastics: 1st, S.P. Daniels; 2nd, Sergt. Stevens;

3rd, Meehan; 4th, L.C. Blackburn.  
 Band: 1st, S.P. Carter; 2nd, Pft. H. New; 3rd, Sergt. Conroy; 4th, H.P. Keen; 5th, S.P. Botham; 6th, L.C. Draper; 7th, H.P. Scarlett; 8th, Cpl. Crotty; 9th, House; 10th, H.P. Balmer.  
 Drums: Flute- 1st, Swanson; 2nd, Sergt. Watterton; 3rd, Maycock.

Drum: 1st, L.C. Wilson; 2nd, L.C. Tucker; 3rd, (tie). Cpl. Bush and L.C. Nodwell.

Bugle: 1st, L.C. Burke; 2nd, Haynes; 3rd, Sergt. D'Arcy.

Tailors: 1st, Gallagher; 2nd, L.C. Colgan; 3rd, Lockwood.

Menders: 1st, Waller; 2nd, Cornish;

3rd, L.C. Handley; 4th, L.C. Lewis; 5th, Cpl. Woods; 6th, L.C. McQuade;

7th, L.C. Rymer; 8th, Crumpler; 9th, Brinkley; 10th, L.C. Viggars.

Section Drill: 1st, C/Cpl. Kille; 2nd, Cpl. Woods; 3rd, Cpl. Bousfield.

Platoon Drill: 1st, S.P. Winterton; 2nd, S.P. Shnable; 3rd, S.P. Rogers.

Musketry: 1st, and 2nd, (tie), H.P. Halford and Sergt. Robards;

3rd, H.P. McLeod; 4th, S.P. Harvey;

5th, Sergt. Stears; 6th, S.P. K. New;

7th, Sergt. Insole; 8th, Jenkins;

9th, Sergt. Thomas.

Commandant's Prizes for Cricket: Bat, C.S.P. Phillpotts;

Ball, H.P. Sevenoaks.

"Duke of York's" Medal (presented by H.R.H. the Duke of York to the best all round boy). School Prefect Daniels.

Bronze Medallist (for all round efficiency). School Prefect Hillock and House Prefect Scarlett.

Col. Lord Ampthill said that he came there without any authority from the War Office or Government, to say to them just those things that a man

in the street would say if he had been so fortunate as to have had the opportunity.

He was glad to be there to see the work that his old brother officer, Colonel Poyntz, was engaged on, and also, as an ordinary Englishman, to see something of a fine national institution. (Applause.)

What he had seen had convinced him that the School was going from strength to strength and remained worthy of its great-hearted founder, who was a very great man, and not only an Army reformer, but a social reformer in the true sense.

He had every reason to hope that the present generation of "Dukies" would turn as well as any of their predecessors. That was saying a great deal, but the boys now had vastly greater opportunities. From the moment he entered their gates he saw that they were animated by the same splendid spirit which had always characterised the "Dukies." (Applause.)

He could see that, above all, when he saw their bearing on parade, their steadiness and smartness, and the precision with which they went through the trooping of the Colour. One could always judge a regiment or body of troops by that. Let them never despise or think little of the importance of drill. A regiment smart in drill will always be valiant and hardy in warfare. Discipline was, however, not only for soldiers and sailors, and there was no greater mistake than to run away with that idea. Some of them might not be going into the Services. They had a free choice, and they would find that discipline was required in all things in which men act together for the common good, which was the whole object of life. There was no better discipline than that which came from military training. In addition to military training, they had there all the great advantages of a public school. In everything that counted they were being given as good an opportunity in life as those boys who were born to rank and fortune, and went to the great public schools like Eton and Harrow,

Winchester or Rugby. They got that advantage in the same way as those other boys did simply because they were sons of their fathers. Let them remember that and be worthy of their fathers and live up to their

great title "Sons of the Brave." (Applause.)

It was a noble inheritance, of which they should be just as proud as if they were a duke's or an earl's son. They also enjoyed the tradition of a school more than a hundred years old, that feeling of esprit de corps, which brought the Old Boys down there whenever they had the opportunity and kept them interested, as long as they had life, in the welfare of the School. So they were given a chance to make a fair start in life. Nature did not give them all an equal opportunity, as some were strong and some weak, but all desired that every boy and girl should be given, as far as possible, an equal opportunity in the race of life. To those who chose a soldier's life, even if disarmament came and they had no chance of seeing any fighting for years to come, let them not think that they will be wasting their time. A soldier was just as useful to his country and fellow creatures in times of peace as in times of war.

The British soldier was their greatest empire builder. By his good conduct, his chivalry, his kindness of heart, he proved to the people all over the world whom, under the blessings of Providence, we had to govern and protect, because they were weaker than we, that Englishmen are people to be trusted, and that Englishmen only wish for the good of mankind. (Applause.)

The boys sang the School song, and after three cheers, given on the call of the Head Prefect, for Lord Amptill, the proceedings closed with "The King."

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1927.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONERS, 1927.**

The Board of Commissioners responsible for the administration of the Duke of York's Royal Military School has been reconstituted as follows:—

The Paymaster General (Chairman); the Permanent Under-secretary of State for War; the Judge-Advocate-General; the Chaplain-General; a Director of Finance; the Director of Military Training; the Director of Movements and Quartering;

and the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command; together with the following four Commissioners, specially appointed: -

Lieut.-General E.R.Elles, General Sir N.G.Lyttleton, Lieut-General Sir H.E. Belfield, and Major-General Lord Loch.

Dover & East Kent News. 30<sup>th</sup> September 1927.

#### **HOUSE MATRON'S FUNERAL, 1927.**

MISS M. E. COLWILL.

The funeral took place in Guston Churchyard on Wednesday, September 28th, of Miss Mary Elizabeth Colwill, Matron of Roberts House, Duke of York's School, who died on September 23rd, aged 56 years.

The following acted as bearers: -

Company Sergeant-Majors Gee, Rayson, Burgess, Prescott, M.C., Arbuckle, Reeves, D.S.M., and Miller.

The mourners present were: -

Mrs. Hole (sister). Mr. H. Hole, Miss. Hole, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hole, Mrs. Bergess, Mrs. Cranmer and Mrs. Botting, Lieut.-Col. Poyntz, D.S.O. and Mrs. Poyntz; Lieut.-Col. Thomas, D.S.O., O.B.E. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Rudd (representing the Old Boys' Association), the boys of Roberts House and a number of the staff attended the service in the School Chapel, which was conducted by the School Chaplain, the Rev. H.F.S. Collier, B.A., C.F., who gave an address on the life and work of Miss Colwill in the School, in which she had worked faithfully for 26 years.

Floral tributes sent from Lieut.- Colonel Poyntz and Mrs. Poyntz; Lieutenant - Colonel Thomas and Mrs. Thomas; Officers, Duke of York's School; Alice, Harry and Elsie; Louie and Eva; Kate, Emily, Arthur and children; Florrie, George and Evie; Mrs. Hole, Alice, Annie and Jim; Lollie and Emma; Mrs. Walters; Fanny, and George (East Landon); Mr. and Mrs. Denton and family; C.S.M. and Mrs. Burgess; Mr. and Mrs. Middlecote; Miss. Middlecote; and Mrs. Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Saunders; Mrs. Wells; Miss. Futchter; Mr. and Mrs. Lee; Mrs. Friend; Mrs. Kenyon and family; Mr.



Kirkham and family; Prefects and boys of Roberts House; Prefects and boys of the Duke of York's School; Mrs. Cullen and the Matrons; the Cleaning Staff; the Laundry Staff; the Hospital Staff; the Engineering Staff; the Building Staff; Staff Recreation Room; The Pioneers; and Mr. and Mrs. Rudd; O.B.A.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Venner and Son, 39, High St, Dover.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday. 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1927.

### **ILL BOY'S EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE, 1927.**

On Monday there was a rumour spread very generally in the town that one of the Duke of York's R.M. School boys, who was in the hospital had in his delirium made his way out of hospital and had been found dead in the fields near Guston.

The story was not true in that respect, but enquiries show that a boy named Brown, who was ill with chickenpox, did during the bitterly cold weather of Saturday-Sunday, wander in his sleep from the School clothed only in his nightshirt.

When his absence was discovered search parties looked for him, and he was found unconscious and delirious in the fields near the School. He was at once taken to the hospital, and it is reported that, despite the exposure he was subjected to, he is making good progress.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1928.

### **CHAPLAIN RETURNS, 1928.**

Many people will be pleased to hear of the return to the Dover Garrison of the Rev. E.G. Semple, M.A., who, before he went to Singapore about four years ago, was Chaplain to the Duke of York's Royal Military School, and a very popular Padre with the boys, and all who came into contact with him. Mr. Semple has been appointed one of the Chaplains to the forces at Dover, in succession to the Rev. D.M. Murray, M.C., who goes

to Tidworth, and he took over duty on Wednesday.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1928.

### **BOXING FINALS, 1928.**

LIEU-COL. J.W.H.T. DOUGLAS TO REFEREE.

The Duke of York's Royal Military School boxing finals will take place at the School on Thursday next at 2.30 p.m. The referee will be Lieut.-Colonel J.W.H.T. Douglas. the well-known England cricketer, and boxer.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1928.

### **AT OLYMPIA, 1928.**

About two hundred boys of the Duke of York's School will give a gymnastics display and the "Toy Soldiers" at the Navy and Army tournament at Olympia. They will leave Dover on 24th May and return on 10th June.

The Western Morning News and Mercury, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1928.

### **THE FAINTING DRUMMER, 1928.**

The parade of the toy soldiers was the feature which most appealed to the Queen when she accompanied the King to Olympia yesterday for the opening of the Royal Tournament. She smiled continually while the boys from the Duke of York's Royal Military School, in their quaint red coats and high black headgear, marched and drilled with the jerky movements of wooden toy soldiers.

An incident while the crowd was watching the inspection passed almost unnoticed. The drummer in the Marine Band, apparently overcome by the heat, fainted and collapsed. Quickly a drummer picked up his drum and took his place while the fainting man was carried out on a stretcher. The King and Queen stayed until the end of the performance.

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Dover Express & East Kent news, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1928.

**"TOY SOLDIERS." DISPLAY AT OLYMPIA, 1928.**

The "toy soldier" drill by the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Olympia is described in the London Press as one of the most attractive items of a splendid display. "The Times" says "The company does its drill with a superb representation of the jerky movements characteristic of clockwork playthings, and with a precision and accuracy that veterans in the audience loudly applaud. It is a fine piece of work and a fine piece of pantomime. And when a giant's offspring—as it seems—playing with the soldiers, suddenly levels the entire company at a stroke, the perfect illusion is achieved for an instant—but only for an instant. The 'toy soldiers' come to life, take up their arms and march away to the music of 'Sons of the Brave,' Which no doubt they are."

The Western Morning News/ Mercury, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1928.

**"TOY" SOLDIERS AT OLYMPIA, 1928.**

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles E. Madden occupied the Royal box at Olympia yesterday, and was particularly impressed by the display of toy soldiers given by the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School. After the display he sent for Sergt. Watts, the leader of the toy soldiers, and congratulated him, and, through him, the boys taking part on their splendid performance.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday. 12<sup>th</sup> April 1929.

**GARDENER FOUND DEAD AT FOOT OF CLIFF, 1929.**

On Wednesday, Mr. Arthur Tuson, who lives at 1, Brickfield Cottages, Guston, and is a gardener at the Duke of York's School, was missed during the day, and a piece of paper was found with the words "Good-bye all."

Later his cap was found on the cliff near the Old Coastguard Cottages, Cornhill, and a search was made at the foot of the cliff, and eventually his body was found by Mr. Atkins, of St. Margaret's. As it was impossible to

get it up the cliffs that night, it was placed on a ledge, and on Thursday morning the police succeeded in getting the body up the cliff by Langdon Stairs, and it was taken to the "Swingate" Inn.

The inquest has not yet been fixed, and it may not be held until Saturday.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1930.

### **DUKIES GRAND DAY, 1930.**

#### **SUCSESSES IN THE PAST YEAR.**

Wednesday was "Grand Day." at the Duke at York's Royal Military School, and in spite of a cold wind which always seem to be fiercer at Guston, there was a good attendance.

The Trooping of the Colour, before General Sir Edward S. Bulfin, K.C.B., C.V.O., L.L.D., was a brilliant spectacle and during

the distribution of prizes, he commented on the smart appearance of the boys and the accuracy of their movements.

The School Assembly Hall was filled for the distribution of prizes, some of which, the second and lower prizes were presented by Mrs. Poyntz, on Saturday.

The programme opened with a song by the boys of the Lower School, entitled "Song of the Music Makers."

The rendering of the School song "Play up Dukies" was a very spirited one. Lt. Col. H. S. Poyntz, the Commandant of the School, thanked General Bulfin and Lady Wake, for coming there, and commenting on the work of the School during the last year, said that great progress had been made and he congratulated Major Dawson, the Chief Instructor, and the educational Staff on the splendid results they had obtained. (Applause.)

One great thing was the average age in one or two of the Lower Forms, had been reduced by one year, during the past two years.

In the Army certificates, they had been very successful indeed, and obtained one special through Sgt. Mallinder, who distinguished himself in

mathematics. Twelve or thirteen boys gained First Class Certificates, and 65 out of 75, second class.

He thought that result spoke for itself and did the Educational Staff great credit. Of 28 boys going into the Army, 24 had gained Second Class Certificates. There were now three of their boys at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and E. G. Martin had passed out, while H. G. Couroy and A. K. Woods had completed their first term. The reports showed that they were a real credit to the Dukies. (Applause.)

The Champion Company for the past year was Kitchener, with Clive second and Wolseley third, and he congratulated them. With regard to Military Training, they had had examinations in Gunnery, Signalling, and Shooting. Eighteen boys passed with an average of 88 per cent, and L/C. Milborough was first with 99 per cent. (Applause.)

In the Signallers, 26 boys averaged 83 1/2 Per cent, and Sgt. Mullin gained 96 per cent. He congratulated CS.M. Gee and Finn on getting such splendid results. The School again entered for the King's Empire Trophy, which was competed for by boys all over the World. Last year they gained 61 per cent., but this year they gained 65 per cent. (Applause.)

In this, the best section Wolfe House, obtained 73.

In Life Saving they had also done well, 60 boys being entered, 19 gaining the bronze medal, and 41, certificates of proficiency. He congratulated C.S.M. Wragg and Goodwin on the fine results.

All their games had been played in a splendid spirit, and the cricket team had very much improved during the latter part of the term. He had been at the School five years and he was delighted to say that the conduct of the School was again exemplary.

Last term 121 boys left, and of this number, 103 went into the Army. (Applause.)

Of 31 leaving this term, 28 were going into the Army, and he wished them the best of luck. He was sure they would do justice to the School as the others had done. (Applause.)

General Sir Edward S. Bulfin said it was a great pleasure to come down

to inspect the School, which was an admirable conducted and organized Institution. He congratulated them, Col. Poyntz, the Officers, N.C.O.s and Instructors, on the admirable parade which he had seen that morning. The boys were steady in the ranks, the bearing was good, and the various movements were accurately carried out. The band also played its part well. It showed how much pain and trouble they had been to, to produce a parade such as that and it was a pleasure to come among them. He added "I do not think there is much wrong with The Duke of York's School."

Lady Wake, who was accompanied by Brigadier Sir Hereward Wake, then presented the prizes to the winners of which the following is a list:

#### School Houses-

Marlborough (M.); Wolfe (Wf.); Clive (C.) Wellington (Wn.); Wolseley (Wy.); Roberts (R.); Kitchener (K.); Haig (H.).

The silver medal presented by the Duke of York for the best all-rounder in the School, was awarded to Chief School Prefect S. Holmes (K.), and bronze medals to School Prefect J. H. D'Arcy (Wy.), and Prefect A. E. Cocksedge (K.).

Form V1. - Reading, 1st, C.S. Pft. Holmes (K.), and Pft. W. E. Kille (Wf.) (tie);

English, 1st, C.S. Pft. S. Holmes and Pft. A. E. Cocksedge (K.) (tie);

French, 1st, Pft. A.E. Cocksedge (K.);

Mathematics, 1st, Pft. A. E. Cocksedge (K.);

Science, 1st, Pft. A.E. Cocksedge (K.);

History, 1st, Pft. B.C. Morrison (Wy.);

Essay, 1st, Pft. H.C. Cooper (H.).

Form V. - Progress, 1st, Sgt. S.M. Barker (R.);

Mathematics, 1st, Cpl. J.B. Halpin (Wn.);

Science, 1st, C/Cpl. H.J. Sallis (K.);

French, 1st. S. Pft. W. Duckworth (R.);

English, 1st, C/Cpl. H.J. Sallis (K.);  
 Geography, and Map Reading, 1st, Sgt. F. Skinner (Wy.);  
 History, 1st, C/Cpl. H.J. Sallis (K.);  
 Art, 1st. Cpl. J. B. Halpin (Wy.);  
 Form 1V. - Progress, 1st, L/Cpl. H.L. Burge (R.);  
 Mathematics, 1st, L/-Cpl. R. L. Swann (M.);  
 English, 1st, C/Cpl. C. W. Weeck (Wf.);  
 Form 111a, - Form Prize, 1st, M. Apps (K.).  
 Form 111b, - Form Prize, 1st, S. Maynard (Wf.).  
 Form 11a, - Form Prize, 1st, R. Grantham (M.).  
 Form 11b, - Form Prize, 1st, E.J. Moore (R.).  
 Form 11c, - Form Prize, 1st, L/Cpl. R. Ions (Wf).  
 Form 1a, - Form Prize, 1st, R.A. Ball (R.).  
 Form 1b, - Form Prize, 1st, T. Davies (C.).  
 Form 1c, - Form Prize, 1st, W. H.N. Maycock (C.).  
 Junior School. - Class 111. 1st, J. Thompson (H.).

Class 11. 1st. A. P. Conolly (H.).

Class 1., 1st, E. V. Whitney (H.).

#### Prize List of Choir, Trades, etc.—

Choir, 1st, A. Hughes (K.).

Gunnery, 1st, L/CPL. Milborrow (M).

Tailoring, 1st, W. Walden (Wn.).

Knotting, 1st. J. Lawrence (K.).

Musketry, 1st, S. Pft. J. H. Darcy (Wy.), and  
 H. Pft. E. Parfitt (Wf.). tie).

Darning, 1st, J. Doyle (C.).

Shoemaking, 1st, W.N. Burrridge (Wn.).

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| Flute,   | 1st, Cpl. F. Janeek (Wy.).       |
| Bugle,   | 1st, Cpl. F. Janeek (Wy.).       |
| Drum,  | 1 <sup>st</sup> , T. Evans (Wy). |
| Band,  | 1st, S. Pft. C.V. Walsh (Wn.).   |
| Signalling,  | 1st, Sgt. D.A. Mullen (C.).      |
| Gymnastics,  | 1st, Sgt. W. Dudley (H.).        |
| Section Drill,   | 1st, Cpl. Callow (C.).           |
| Gardening (Best Plot),   | 1st, P. Danagher (C.).           |
| Cricket Bat, 1st. X1.  | 1st, Pft. R. H. Briggs (Wy.).    |
| Cricket Bat, 3rd X1,   | 1st, L/Cpl. Lungley (C.).        |
| Cricket Bat, Best All round Cricketer, 3rd X1 (Prize presented by Mrs. Heale). 1st, G. O. Dudley (M.). |                                  |

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| Cricket Ball, 1st, X1, | 1st, Pft. E. V. Thurgar (R.). |
| Cricket Ball, 3rd XI., | 1st. Cpl. French (K.).        |

Junior School Inter-Dormitory Challenge Shield—  
No. 1 Dormitory.

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| Silver Bugle (1930),   | 1st, Cpl. F. Janeek (Wy.). |
| Ninnes Cup (Musketry), | 1st, Wellington House.     |

Chief School Prefect S. Holmes, then called for three cheers for Lady Wake and General Bulfin, and they were lustily given.  
The School breaks up until the 11th. September.



General Sir Edward S. Bulfin inspecting the Duke of York's Royal Military School, at their Grand Day, on Wednesday. 30<sup>th</sup> July 1930.

(Photo by Dover Express & East Kent News.)



Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1930.

### **CHRISTMAS AT THE DUKIES, 1930.**

The Duke of York's School boys go on leave on Saturday until January 9<sup>th</sup>. Each of the eight Houses has had a tea, followed by a dance or cinema entertainment. About 30 boys remain behind at the School and their Christmas will include cinema shows; dances and sketches by the staff.

The Prefects' dance is being held to-night (Friday) in the Assembly Hall.

The Swimming Shield has been won by Wolseley House with 181 pts; Kitchener being second with 154 pts, Marlborough won the intersection Boxing Competition with 23pts, Wolseley being second with 22 pts. The Semple Cup goes to Wolseley.

On Wednesday and Thursday "Aladdin" was presented and proved a success. The parts were all taken well, especially those of the Grand Vizier, (Pft. Charter), the Emperor of China, (Pft. Beeston). The Duke of York's School Band, conducted by Mr. Cole, played selections between the acts,

Programme: -

The Grand Vizier, Pft. G. Charter; the Widow Twankee, (Aladdin's mother), Pft. W. E. Kille, Wishee Washee, (her lady of all work), Boy Bertholomew, 1st Policeman, Pft. H. Bloomer, 2nd Policeman, Pft. J. Bloomer, Aladdin a poor boy becomes rich), Cpl. Hughes; 1st Girl, Lce.-Cpl. Snewin; 2nd girl, Boy Priest; Abanazar, (a wicked Magician), Pft. J. Benn; Wi Un Hung, (Emperor of China). Pft. J. Beeston; Princess Badroulbador (his daughter), Sgt. Traher, Slave of the Ring. Boy T. Barr; Slave of the Lamp, C.S. Pft. S. Holmes; Chee-Kee and So-Shi, (Attendants on the Princess), Lce, Corpl. Follett. and Lce.-Corpl. Tracey, Citizens. Mandarins, Slaves. etc., Pft. B. Mills, W. Duckworth. H Davenport. Sgt Grevitt. Boys Weall, Mason. Burgess, Bird, F. Simpson, L. Simpson, Stokes and Thorn; Laundry Girls, Court Ladies, etc. Boys Snewin. Priest, Traher. Grundy, Mitchell and Snelling. String Orchestra: Leader, Mr. F. Cole; violins, Mr. F. Cole, Mr. T. Berwick and Cpl. Taylor; bass, C.S.M. Rayson; piano, Mr. S. Taylor, Dances and costumes under the supervision of Mrs. T.W. Heale. assisted by Miss Barker and Mrs. Justice; properties and effect, Sgt.-Instr.

Simms; scene shifters, Pfts. D'Arcy and Ryan; electrician and stage carpenter, Mr. Couch.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 1930.

### **PRESENTATION AT THE DUKIES, 1930.**

An interesting event took place at the Duke of York's R.M. School on Tuesday morning, when the Superintendent of Works, Mr. P. Scott, H. M. Office of Works, was the recipient of a handsome oak clock with a suitably engraved plate, from the members Of the Building and Engineering Staffs, on the occasion of his transference on promotion to the Birmingham district.

The presentation was made by Mr. C. E. Rose, H.M. Officer of Works Surveyor, and Mr. Scott, who has been at the School since it was opened, responded.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1931

### **TROOPING THE COLOUR, 1931.**

On Sunday week, July 12<sup>th</sup>, a standard will be dedicated and presented to the Dover branch of the British Legion. The ceremony will take place in the grounds of the Duke of York's School. The members will form up at 1015 am, and be inspected by Brigadier Sir Hereward Wake, Bart. After the dedication, the Colour will be presented by Lady Wake.

The public are to be admitted to witness the ceremony, which will include Trooping the Colour.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1931.

### **LEGION AND DUKIES' JOINT PARADE, 1931.**

The presentation and dedication of the British Legion (Dover Branch) Standard, is to take place at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, on Sunday. The programme is as follows: -

10.15 a.m.—Inspection and trooping of the colour by the Duke of York's Royal Military School. Members of the British Legion to be drawn up in two ranks immediately in rear of the "Saluting Base", (School flagpole).

11 a.m.—Inspection of British Legion by Brigadier Sir Hereward Wake, Bart., M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commanding 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade and Dover Garrison. Duke of York's Royal Military School will form up in "three sides of a hollow square," facing flagpole.

11.15 a.m.—Presentation of Standard by Lady Wake to the British Legion (Dover Branch).

11.30 a.m.—British Legion march to Church, headed by the band and drums of the Duke of York's Royal Military School playing a combined march. Band and drums and School Choir will follow British Legion into Church. Members of the public present may go into the Church for the dedication and service. Dedication of Standard by the Rev. T.W. Heale, M.A. C.F.

12.15 p.m.—After service in Church the British Legion will form up outside and, preceded

by band and drums of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, will march to the

School War Memorial Cross, where a wreath will be placed by old boy of the Duke of

York's Royal Military School. The parade will then be dismissed.

Lincolnshire Echo, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1931.

### **THE £10,000 MILITARY TATTOO, 1931.**

Over 2,000 performers will take part at Belle Vue, Manchester, at the end of the month in the largest military tattoo that has ever been staged outside Tidworth. Over £10,000 is being spent on the production of an elaborate spectacular programme which is to include the more famous items of the Tidworth tattoo and the Royal tournament at Olympia. Cavalry events are to be given by the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Inniskilling

Dragoon Guards and the 7<sup>th</sup> Queen's Own Hussars, and there will be a wooden soldier display by the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover.

The massed bands and drums of various regular battalions of famous Lancashire regiments will take part in a military display, including the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers, the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Prince of Wales's Volunteers, the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Manchester Regiment and the 2<sup>nd</sup> East Lancashires.

Members of the British Legion will present a pageant of history written and Produced by the organising secretary of the tattoo, Major F.S. Eastwood, who organised the Programmes at Tidworth for four years.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1931.

### **DUKIES' ARMISTICE RE-UNION, 1931.**

The Duke of York's School will hold their Armistice Old Boys' Re-Union this weekend. On Saturday the annual footballs match, 1st V1. v. Old Boys will take place. On Saturday evening, there will be a dance in the Recreation Room, and on Sunday the annual Armistice Day service will be held. The annual meeting of the Association will be held at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, at 6.30 pm, on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> November, there will be the annual Greenwich match at the School.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1932.

### **FUNERAL OF R.C.P. EVANS, 1932.**

The death occurred at the Shorncliffe Military Hospital, of Ronald Cecil Percy Evans, of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, on 14<sup>th</sup> May, aged 15 years and 8 months. Death was due to heart disease following pneumonia. He had had a long illness and had been retained in the in the School nine months over his time, owing to the fact that his parents are resident in India.

The funeral took place on Tuesday.

A service was held in the School Chapel at 2 p.m., the officiating clergyman being the Rev. L. Jefferd, officiating Wesleyan Chaplain to the School, assisted by the Rev. T.W. Heale, M.A., C.F. The body was interred at Guston Cemetery. The Band and Drums, his comrades in Roberts House; Officers; Staff and Old Boys forming a procession from the School to the cemetery.

Wreaths were sent by: - Percy: Granddad, Grandma and sister Freda: Comrades of Roberts House: Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and Ivy; Matron of Roberts House; Wellington House: Wolfe House; Clive House; "Sister", Officers of the School; Female Staff; Prefects; R. Brown; Mrs. Poyntz; Masters; Major and Mrs. Stevenson; members of the Staff Recreation Room; Mr. and Mrs. Harper; Old Boys at Re-union.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1932.

#### **INSPECTION OF DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL, 1932.**

Major- General Sir Arthur L. Lyndon-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Colonel to the Buffs, who some time ago was appointed Special Commissioner to the Duke of York's R.M. School, will make his first inspection of the School on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dover Express & East Kent news, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1932.

#### **OLD BOYS' VISIT, 1932.**

The Duke of York's Royal Military School held their Armistice Re-Union last weekend. On Saturday afternoon the annual football match "Old Boys v. School" was played and an exciting game resulted in a narrow victory for the School team by 6-5. The Old Boys had much the better of the exchanges during the first half and were leading by 3-0 at half-time. After the interval, however, the School played up and scored six goals in quick succession.

On Saturday evening a very successful dance was held in the School Assembly Hall, nearly 300 being present. Mr. Farent carried out the duties of M.C.

The Armistice Remembrance Service was held on Sunday morning. The Old Boys and School paraded on the Square for the "March Past." A service in the School Chapel followed this, and the Rev. T. W. Heale preached an appropriate and inspiring sermon. After the service a wreath was laid on the School Memorial by Mr. Jamieson (Chairman of the Old Boys' Association).

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1932.

#### **DEATH OF DUKIES' MASTER COOK, 1932.**

On Thursday last week the Duke of York's School lost an old and valued friend in the sudden death of Mr. George William Palmer, who for the past 22 years has been in the employ of the School as master cook. Mr. Palmer, who was 64 years of age, had been troubled during recent years with a weak heart, and so an inquest was unnecessary. Mr. Palmer had had an eventful career.

In his early years he was employed in racing stables at Lincoln, his home, where he had the honour of being associated with the training of "Buchanan." a winner of the Lincolnshire Handicap. An accident which affected his leg forced him to leave this life, and he became groom to Lieut- General Sir W. L. Gubbins, K.C.B., M.V.O., M.B. He left the employ of Sir W. L. Gubbins during the South African War, and became a master cook in the R.A.M.C. On his retirement from the R.A.M.C. in 1910 he became master cook at the Duke of York's School.

During the Great War, Mr. Palmer was lent by the School to the Medical Authorities, and he was organiser of cooking arrangements in the Dover area. He was recalled by the School In 1919. Lieut.-General Sir Francis Lloyd, during a visit to the School, remarked to Mr. Palmer: "I have only seen one cookhouse like this in the whole of my career, and that was at the Connaught Hospital, Aldershot." "I remember your visit, sir," replied Mr. Palmer; "I was master cook there!" Mr. Palmer was actively connected with several Masonic Lodges, including the Dover Jubilee Lodge (No. 2195), a member of the Dover branch of the British Legion,



and a member of the "Dukies' Old Boys' Association".

The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Guston. the first part of the service being held in the Duke of York's R.M. School Church, the Rev. T W. Heale. M.A., officiating. The service was choral and there was a large gathering of friends and Staff Present at the church. The cortège proceeded to the cemetery headed by the Band of the Duke of York's School. The gun-carriage supplied by the Highland Light infantry, and the flowers were carried by boys of the Duke of York's School. The bearers were six Sergeant-Majors. The "Last Post" was sounded by buglers of the Duke of York's School. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. S. Poyntz, officers and Staff were present.

The mourners present were: -

Mrs. Palmer (widow), Miss M. Palmer and Miss F. Palmer- (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. Heyman, (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. Williams, Mrs. White and Mrs. Hewitt (sisters in law), Captain and Mrs. Wickersham, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, and Mr. and Mrs. Keeler.

Floral tributes were sent as follows: —

In loving memory of my dear Husband: Darling Daddy, from his Girls and Leslie: George and Dad; Bill and Lily; Charlie and Lizzie: Carrie and Ena; Jennie and family; Susie, Bill and Mi111ic: Mr. and Mrs. Tyler. Kathleen and Harold; Annie and family (Sandwich), Captain and Mrs Wickersham; Charlie and family: Mr. and Mrs, Packe and Alec; Mr. and Mrs. Page. Tony and Molly; Mr. and Mrs John Wilson: Ivor, Margaret and Tim: All Ranks, Duke of York's R.M. School: No. 10 Company, R.A.M.C.; Old Boys' Association, Duke of York's, R.M. School: Officers and Brethren, Military Jubilee Lodge, 2195; Mrs. Kenyon and family (Kingston): Mr. and Mrs. Denton and family: Mrs Walters: Boys of Wolseley House: Boys of Wellington House: Boys of Marlborough House: Boys of Clive House: Boys of Junior School; The Masters, Duke of York's R.M. School: The Prefects, Duke of York's R.M. School: All Wives of the Staff: H.M.O.W's Office and Building Staff: Women Staff: Members of the Staff Recreation Club: Pioneers and friends: Gardening Staff: Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Poyntz: Lt.-Col. Mrs. Stevenson, R.A.M.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Gee and family: R.Q.M. Sgt. and

Mrs. Prescott and family: Mr. and Mrs. Harper and family: Mr. and Mrs Taylor: Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham and family: Mr. and Mrs. Couch and family: Mr. and Mrs. Wragg and family: Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle and family: Mr. and Mrs. Potter: Mr. and Mrs. Richand, Will Cathcart: Mr. G. Hayhoe.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Venner and son, 39, High Street, Dover.

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Dover Express & East News. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1933.

### **A CHRISTMAS TREATS AT THE DUKIES, 1933.**

The children of the Staff of the Duke of York's Royal Military School had their annual Christmas treat on December 30<sup>th</sup> Friday last, at the School. The proceedings commenced with a sumptuous tea in the Dining Hall and this was followed by games and dancing. At the conclusion of a very happy party, "Father Christmas" (Sgt. Instructor Simmonds), distributed presents from a huge Christmas Tree. Later in the evening the School Staff held a very successful whist drive and dance. Mr. Granger carrying out the duties of M.C.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1933.

### **FEES FOR ADMISSION, 1933.**

Army orders for December 31st stated that the warrant of 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1927, referring to the Duke of York's Royal Military School has been amended.

The names of General Sir Edward S. Bulfin, General Sir Robert D. Whighan and Major-General Sir A. L. Lynden-Bell as Commissioners have been substituted for Lieut-General Sir E.R. Ellis, General Sir N.G. Lyttleton and Lieut.-General Sir H.E Belfield.

A new paragraph has been added, as follows: -

11a. A limited number of boys may be admitted to the School on the payment of fees under the conditions laid down in Standing Orders drawn up by the Commissioners and approved by Our Army Council.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1933.

### **NEW MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE DUKIES, 1933,**

Major J. E. Brooks, M.B., R.A.M.C., who recently arrived from India to succeed Lieut.-Colonel A. L. Stevenson as Medical Officer of the Duke of

York's School, commenced duties on Wednesday.

The monthly Inspection of the Duke of York's School was made on Thursday by General Sir Robert D. Wigham, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O. Colonel-In-Chief, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Marlborough House, the successful House in the Champion House competition, was entertained to a tea and dance on Wednesday, by Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Poyntz, the School Commandant.

The School boxing finals will be held in the School Gymnasium on Monday.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1933.

### **DANCES AT THE DUKIES, 1933.**

On their return from the Easter vacation, the Duke of York's School held dances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last. The first dance was organised by the Prefects, and was an undoubted success, there being about two hundred present. The Staff organised the dance on Friday evening, and again there was a large crowd present. Mr. R. P. Farrant capably carrying out the duties of M.C. On Saturday night the dance was organised by Wolfe House.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1933.

### **DUKIES' SPORTS DAY, 1933.**

The annual athletic sports of the boys of the Duke of York's R.M. School were held in the School grounds on Whit-Monday afternoon.

There was an attractive programme of events, and keen competition was witnessed by a large crowd.

The "Bruce-Gardyne" Cup, presented to the House scoring the most points in the inter- House team and relay events was won by Clive House (72 points), with Wolfe House only 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> points behind. Marlborough House (Holders of the cup) gained 41<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> points, and Wellington House had one point less. No School records were broken, but Prefect A. Scott, of

Clive House, won every open event and gained the "Oldfield" cup and "Victor Ludorum" Cup for the best all round athlete. The "Michell" Cup awarded to the boy who scores the points in the "under 15 years of age" individual events, went to Boy Sgt. Lucas (Roberts House), who gained 12

points out of a possible 15. In the tug-of-war final, Wolseley House won two out of three pulls against Clive House.



The Annual Sports of the Duke of York's R.M. School was held on Whit-Monday. The picture shows a scene in one of the popular events – the Obstacle Race

The full results of the events, several of which took place during the previous week, were:-

#### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

|   |                    |                       |
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| Long Jump (over 14).                      | 1, Pft. A. Scott;  | 2, Pft. Barker.       |
| Long Jump (under 15).                     | 1, Sgt. Lucas;     | 2, Sgt. Kingdon.      |
| High Jump (over 14).                      | 1, Pft. A. Scott;  | 2, Pft. Whitnell.     |
| High Jump (under 15).                     | 1, Sgt. Lowden;    | 2, Lce. Cpl. Tinsley. |
| 100 yards (over 14).                      | 1, Pft. A. Scott;  | 2, Pft. Barker.       |
| 100 yards (under 15).                     | 1, Sgt. Lucas;     | 2, Sgt. Barker.       |
| 100 yards (under 13).                     | 1, Boy Shervell;   | 2, Boy Chester.       |
| 100 yard. (under 12).                     | 1, Boy Payne;      | 2, Boy Elkins.        |
| 220 yards (over 14).                      | 1, Pft. A. Scott;  | 2, Pft. Barker;       |
|   | 3, Pft. Milner.    |                       |
| 440 yards (under 15).                     | 1, Sgt. Lucas;     | 2, Sgt. Lowden        |
| 220 yards (Under 15).                     | 1, Sgt. Lucas;     | 2, Sgt. Kingdon.      |
| 440 yards.                                | 1, Pft. A. Scott;  | 2, Pft. Milner.       |
| 880 yards.                                | 1, Pft. A. Scott;  | 2, Pft. Milner.       |
| One Mile.                                 | 1, Pft. A. Scott;  | 2, Pft. Milner.       |
| 100 yards Handicap (Old Boys over 35).    | 1, Mr. Davis;      | 2, Mr. Friend.        |
| 220 yards Handicap (Old Boys under 35).   | 1, Mr. Berry;      | 2, Mr. Goodge.        |
| 100 yards Handicap (sons of Staff).       | 1, Mackay;         | 2, J. Rayson.         |
| 100 yards Handicap (daughters of Staff) - | 1, Olive Oakley;   | 2, Ena Gillett.       |
| Obstacle Race.                            | 1, Boy Barr;       | 2, Boy Cole.          |
| Sack Race.                                | 1, Boy Simpson;    | 2, Boy Wofsey.        |
| Band Race.                                | 1, Pft. Collins;   | 2, Pft. Whitey;       |
|   | 3, L/c. Cpl. Ball. |                       |

#### TEAM EVENTS.

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| 100 yards. (over 14).                                     | 1, Clive House. (30 secs.).                  |
| 100 yards. (under 14).                                    | 1, Marlborough House (373/5ths secs.).       |
| 100 yards. (under 13).                                    | 1, Wolseley House. (402/5ths secs. )         |
| 220 yards. (over 14).                                     | 1, Clive House.                              |
| 220 yards. (12 1/2 to 14).                                | 1, Marlborough House.                        |
| House Relay. " B."  | 1, Marlborough House. (2 mins, 12 1/5 secs). |
| House Relay, "A."   | 1, Clive House. (2 mins. 38 secs).           |
| Long Jump. (over 14)                                      | 1, Clive House.                              |
| Long Jump. (under 15).                                    | 1, Kitchener House.                          |
| Long Jump. (under 13).                                    | 1, Wolfe House.                              |
| High Jump. (Over 14).                                     | 1, Clive House.                              |
| High Jump. (Under 15).                                    | 1, Wolfe House.                              |
| High Jump (under 13).                                     | 1, Roberts House.                            |
| Wellington House tied, a special prize going to Boy Cook. |  |

#### DUKIES' CHAPLAIN LEAVES, 1933.

The Rev. T. W. Heale, Chaplain to the Duke of York's R.M. School, is leaving at the end of the month, and will take up duties at Sandhurst at the beginning of next term. His four years' appointment terminated last Christmas, but the period was extended. The Rev. T. W. Heale's successor will be the Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, of Plymouth.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1933.

#### DUKIES' GRAND DAY, 1933.

The Grand Day of the Duke of York's School was held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, when the Inspecting General Officer was Lieut.-General H.H.S. Knox. C.B., D.S.O.

The day opened with the picturesque and impressive Trooping of the

Colour, and it was a fine spectacle to see the sun gleaming on the band instruments and the Precision with which the movements were carried out.

After the march past, the General inspected the school officers, the Old Boys and ex-students and the sons of men who had served in the Northamptonshire Regiment. The prize-giving took place in the School Hall.

The Commandant thanked Lieut.-General and Mrs. Knox for coming down. General Knox was an old friend of the School, and when he was the Director of Military training, he used to do anything for the School that he was asked, and he had always been an admirer of the boys. (Applause.)

The School had had a very successful year, both regards education and training. During the year as regards education, they had gained four special certificates, 12 first class Certificates, five boys getting distinction and 58 second class certificates, which was extraordinarily good. Seven boys sat for the Certificate A," and five of them passed. He congratulated Major Wood, the headmaster, and the educational staff on the success of the past year and thanked them very much. (Applause.)

One of the Boys, A.K. Cocksedge, was second in the Royal Military College (Sandhurst.) entrance examination and passed out 17th. That boy would be going into the Indian Army. It spoke volumes for the training for a boy of that school to pass second into Sandhurst. As regards the military training, they had been very successful at musketry and entered for the King's Trophy, which was fired for by boys all over the Empire. The School got 186 points, which was one more point than the previous year. He congratulated Pft. Barr who obtained 98 per cent in the competition and also the second boy, L/C. Priest. The Garrison very kindly lent them Lieut. Hastie, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, to conduct the signalling examination, and the signalling class obtained 90 per cent marks, Pft. Broom obtained 95 per cent, marks. Officers of the Garrison conducted the gunnery examination, and the boys did exceptionally well, obtaining 94.8 marks. Sergt. Dunkelt was first and Pft. Scott second. As regards games, the 1st XI. had done very well, and for that he congratulated Pft,

Davenport. He also congratulated Pft. Whitnell, who had finished the season with an average of 30 runs, which was the highest since he (the Commandant) had been at the School, (Applause.)

As usual, the conduct had been exemplary, and the school had received a word of praise from everyone as regards this.

He congratulated Pft. Davenport, who was leaving at the end of the term, on the way he had carried out the duties of Head Boy and wished him the best of luck. (Applause.)

Sergt, Richards, one of the instructors, was leaving the School. Sergt. Richards had been a splendid example of what an instructor should be. (Applause.)

They had a new Chaplain and they hoped he would have a happy time at the school. (Applause.)

The Head Boy for the School had been selected as the winner of the King's Silver Medal, Pft Barker. The Bronze Medals had been awarded to Pfts. White and Burr. (Applause.)

General Knox said that it gave Mrs. Knox and him the greatest pleasure to come down to the School, and he could not imagine a happier day to see the boys than on their Grand Day. The Boys acquitted themselves like men at the parade; it was excellent. The Band and Drums were excellent, and the Guard would have done credit to a Battalion of the Guards. Four of the Old Boys had received commissions during the year. Squadron Leader Gardener, of the R.A.F., had been decorated with the D.S.O., Major Nye, now Lieut.-Colonel, had been attached to the Staff College as an instructor, and another Old Boy had been granted a scholarship at the Royal Medical College of Science. Two Old Boys, Peters, of the Irish Guards, and Brennan, of the Nottingham Police had won their weights in the Amateur Championships. (Applause.)

Continuing, General Knox said that the boys were growing up, and they would, or their parents would, be wondering what was going to happen to them. They had practically everything ahead of them with a good schooling to back them up. They had to choose their profession, and they

would know that he would advise them like their fathers would advise them to join the Army. They could not all be soldiers, but whatever profession they went into, they would want to make a success of it. What was success? Who were the sort of people who were successful? They were the people who were honest and straight. They should not worry about making a lot of money so long as they were honest and straight. Concluding, General Knox congratulated Col. Poyntz on the boys.

The boys sang the Grand March from "Le Prophet." and the School Song, "Play up Dukies," being conducted by W.O. Instr. Farrant. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Knox.

#### THE PRIZE LIST.

Forty-nine prizes and gardening prizes were distributed on Tuesday 26th July, to winners of 2nd and lower prizes: -

Form VI. - Special Reading: 1, S. Pft. P. Walsh; 2, S. Pft. S. Burr. English (A): S. Pft. S. Barker, French: C.S. Pft H. Davenport. French: 2nd, Pfts. V. French. Mathematics: S, Pft. J. Halpin. Science: S. Pft. J. Halpin. History: S. Pft. S. Barker. English (B): S. Pft. S. Barker. Progress: S. Pft. P. Walsh. Art: S. Pft. J. Halpin.

Form V.—Progress: H. Pft. R. Grantham. Mathematics: H. Pft. W. Groom. Science: H. Pft, R. Grantham. French: Sgt. G. kingdon. English: H. Pft. R. Grantham. Geography and Map Reading: J.S. Pft. H. Traher. History, J.S. Pft. A. Scott. Art: J.S. Pft H. Traher.

Form 1V.—Progress: Boy W, Thackrah. Mathematics: Boy J. Thompson. English: Corpl. A. Gardiner.

Form Prizes-111a. L/C.C. Bertram. 111b. Boy S. Gillingham, Progress: Boy Cartwright. 11a. L/c. F. Hills. 11b. C/Cpl. G. Chapman. 11c. Boy F, Hall.

1a. Boy L. Tye. 1b. Cpl. J. J. E. Cutts. 1c. Boy H. Doughty.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Class 11: Boy C. Kent,

Class 1. Boy F. Stone.

CHOIR, TRADES, Etc.

Choir—Chaplain-General's Medal: Cpl. G.Traher.

Gunnery: 1, Sgt. Dunkeld; 2, H.P. Scott. Tailoring: Boy Prendergast. Knotting: Boy Wingate. Musketry, Silver Medal: S. Pft. S. Burr. Darning, Boy Thackrah. Shoemaking: Boy Dartnell.

Flute: Boy Kehoe. Bugle: Sgt. V. Gosling. Drums: Sgt. Lowden. Band: S. Pft. P. Walsh. Signalling: H. Pft. W. Groom. Gymnastics-Silver Medal: Pft J. White. Section Drill: Cpl. Gosling. Gardening. 1 Boy H. Astill; 2, CPI. Bennett. Cricket bat 1st X1: S. Pft. Whitmell. cricket ball 1st XI: H. Pft Scott. Cricket bat 3rd X1: Boy T. Barr, Cricket ball 3rd XI: Boy Warwick. Special Cricket Prize (presented by Mrs. S. Hinchcliffe). Boy Simpson. Silver Bugle 1933: Sgt. Gosling,

Junior School Inter-Dormitory Challenge Cup: No. 1 Dormitory,

Ninnes Cup (Musketry, 1933), Wellington House. Duke of York's Silver Medal: Pft. Barker. 1st Good Conduct Bronze Medal; Pft. White. 2nd Good Conduct Bronze Medal: Pft. Burr. Distinguished 1st Class Certificate, March 1933. —Mathematics, J. S. Pft. French. Map Reading: S. Pft. P. Walsh.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1933.

#### **DUKIES AT CANTERBURY, 1933.**

About 250 boys from the Duke of York's School, Dover, provided a capital display at Canterbury on Thursday last week, in aid of the Old Contemptibles Association Benevolent Fund. A large attendance loudly applauded the item, "The Toy Soldiers"

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1933.

#### **"CINDERELLA" AT THE DUKIES, 1933.**

The Duke of York's School pantomime "Cinderella" was given at the School during the week and on Wednesday evening to friends of the School. (See photo on next page.)





The picture shows "Cinderella" (J.J. Grundy) with the "Prince Imperial" (J.H. Arbuckle) and others of the cast.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1934.

#### **ARMY ESTIMATES FOR THE DUKIES, 1934.**

In this year's Army Estimates, £16,250 is provided for the Duke of York's School against £11,000 in 1933. The total annual cost of the School is given as £41,200, made up of the above £16,250 plus £4,970 for allowances, rations issued from Army stocks, clothing, etc., and £19,980 for maintenance and repairs to the school buildings, fuel, light, furniture, etc.

It is stated that the rental value of the School and the Treasury contribution in lieu of rates may be approximately assessed at £13,000. The number of boys provided for in this year's estimates is 384, and 24 fee-paying boys under the scheme introduced last year, by the Army Council, to admit up to 48 such boys.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1934.

#### **NEW SCHOOL COLOUR, 1934.**

A new School Colour is to be presented to the Duke of York's Royal Military School on June 20<sup>th</sup>, by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command. The right to carry the Colour was granted to the School by George IV., in 1825, when he presented the School with those which were carried at the head of the School for over 72 years, and which now hang in the School Chapel.

On behalf of the late Queen Victoria, the new Colour was presented to the School in 1897 by the King and Queen, then Duke and Duchess of York. A new King's Colour was presented to the School in 1924 by H.R.H. the Duke of York. and the old Colour is laid up in the School Chapel.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1934.

#### **THE KING'S BIRTHDAY, 1934.**

Brigadier C. A. Howard, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the Garrison, has issued a Special Order in connection with the parade to be held on the Sea Front on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon, in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King. The parade, which will follow closely on the lines of last year, will be inspected by General Sir Cyril J. Deverell, K.C.B., K.B.E., A.D.C., Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Command. The following troops and others will take part in the parade: - Detachment Royal Navy: 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Brigade Headquarters): 1<sup>st</sup> Bat. The Royal Scots: 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat. The Dorsetshire Regiment: 1<sup>st</sup> Bat. The Highland Light Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat. The Seaforth Highlanders; No. 2 Army Cooperation Squadron, Royal Air Force: 233<sup>rd</sup> (Kent) Field Battery, R.A. (T.); 168<sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery, RA. (T.); Cinque Ports (Fortress) R.E. (T.); Duke of York's R.M. School Battalion; Dover College Officers' Training Corps; 1<sup>st</sup> Cadet Company, Cinque Ports (F), R.E., Dover County School: Dover Corps, St. John Ambulance Brigade: Dover branch, British Legion; and detachments of the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Gordon Boys.

At 11.56 a.m. the G.O.C. and the Brigadier will arrive at the saluting

point, in front of the Monument. The bugles will sound a fanfare, and the Union Jack will be hoisted at the saluting point. The parade will "Present arms" and the Massed bands will play the General Salute. At 12 noon the Royal Salute will take place. The Union Jack will be lowered and the Royal Standard, furled, run up at the masthead. The parade will "Present arms," the Royal Standard will be "broken" at the masthead, and the bands will play the National Anthem. directly the bands have finished, two flights of No. 2 Army Co-operation Squadron will fly past the saluting base. The parade will fire a feu-de-Joie, and three rounds of seven guns will be fired from the Castle by the 168<sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery, RA. (T.). after the customary cheers for the King, the G.O.C. will inspect the parade, and the troops will afterwards march past the saluting point.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1934.

#### **DUKIES' OLD BOYS' VISIT, 1934.**

The Annual Re-union of the Old Boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School was held at the School from Friday till Monday. One hundred and six Old Boys, who left the School between the years 1875 to 1934, accepted the kind invitation of the Commandant. All officers of the Association, including their Chairman, Mr. J. A. Friend, were present.

The Commandant of the School, Lieut. - Colonel H. S. Poyntz, O.S.O., gave the Old Boys a most hearty reception and the programme of entertainment was excellent.

Old Boys began arriving about 3 p.m. on Friday. They had travelled from as far as Manchester, Exeter, Parkhurst and Belfast. The programme began by an excellent dance in the School's Assembly Hall. The Hall had been beautifully decorated by Messrs.' Meacher and Justice and looked splendid when the 300 people took the floor. The Band was supplied by Mr. S. R. Taylor.

The MC. Was Mr. S. G. Meacher. Whilst the dance was in progress a whist drive was arranged for the older members. Ten tables were arranged, and Mr. R. Rowe was the M.C.



On Saturday, beginning at 11 30 Am., the annual cricket matches look place. Two sides were arranged: Old Boys over 18 played the School 1st XI and the Old Boys under 18, the School 2nd XI. The scores were:

#### SCHOOL 1st X1.

|           |         |   |              |      |
|-----------|---------|---|--------------|------|
| Whitmell. | c       | b | Ridge        | 106. |
| French.   | c       | b | Mallinder    | 4.   |
| Grantham. | st      | b | Morrison.    | 68.  |
| A. Scott. | b       |   | Ridge.       | 2.   |
| Pedrick.  | b       |   | Morrison.    | 4.   |
| J. White. | c       | b | Ridge.       | 5.   |
| Barker.   | b       |   | Morrison.    | 0.   |
| Traher.   | b       |   | Ridge.       | 4.   |
| Burp.     | c       | b | Morrison.    | 5.   |
| Dunkeld.  | Not out |   |              | 16.  |
| Bullious. |         |   | Did not bat. |      |
| Extras.   |         |   |              | 20.  |
| Total.    |         |   |              | 234. |

#### OLD BOYS.

|             |   |   |           |     |
|-------------|---|---|-----------|-----|
| C.V. Walsh. | c | b | Whitmell. | 4.  |
| Ridge.      | c | b | Whitmell. | 28. |
| Mallinder.  | c | b | Whitmell. | 0.  |
| Morrison.   | c | b | Scott.    | 6.  |
| Nixon.      | c | b | Whitmell. | 33. |
| Ryan.       | b |   | Scott.    | 0.  |
| Thurgar.    | b |   | Whitmell. | 0.  |
| H. Smith.   | c | b | Pedrick.  | 38. |

|           |   |   |           |      |
|-----------|---|---|-----------|------|
| Westgate. | c | b | Whitmell. | 0.   |
| Weston.   | c | b | Whitmell. | 4.   |
| McCarthy  |   |   | Not out.  | 2.   |
| Extras.   |   |   |           | 15.  |
| Total.    |   |   |           | 130. |

Whitmell batted extremely well for the School 1st XI, also Grantham. Whitmell also bowled well, taking 7 wickets for 29 runs. At the cricket match the Commandant entertained the School Staff and Old Boys to tea.

The School 2nd XI, won against the other O.B. team by 103 runs.

At 8.15 an entertainment was held In the Gymnasium. A very successful performance of "The Crooked Billett," a play in three acts, by Dick Titheradge, was given by the Staff of the D.Y.R.M.S., in the School Theatre on Saturday for the entertainment of the boys and their guests, the Old Boys. No better play could have been chosen for the delight of boys—young and old. A murder in the first two minutes - mysterious disappearances - a band of desperate criminals, and, their ultimate defeat at the hands of Scotland Yard and the Secret Service.

What more could be asked? There was not a dull moment, and it was good to hear the boys cheer when the hero (W.O. Inst. J.K. Miller, rescued tile victims, and hiss when the villain (Capt. G. W. S. Brown) scored his short-lived triumphs. Better still, the storm of cheering when, at the final curtain the defeated villain stood with the handcuffs on his wrists. A word of praise for the heroine, Mrs. Wood, playing gallantly with a cold that should have kept her in bed: and Mrs. Brooks. in a neat character sketch. The scenery by W.O. Inst. R. P. Farrant was realistic beyond belief—how does he do it? —sliding panels, doors, cupboards and staircases - all in working order! A thoroughly good show. Let us hope the boys did not have nightmares! After the entertainment, members of the Staff Recreation Room Club entertained the Old Boys in the Club.

On Sunday, the boys of the School Trooped the Colour in honour of' the visit of the Old Boys. The salute was taken by Mr. Friend, Chairman of the

Old Boys' Association. The Parade was perfectly carried out, and great credit is due to the Band and Drums (under Mr. W. J. Clancy), for their excellent music. After the Trooping of the Colour the Old Days attended the Parade Service, conducted by the Rev. Stanley Hinchcliffe BA, CF., and Old Boys read the Lessons.

At 12 noon, all Old Boys present formed up in fours and marched with the boys to the War Memorial Cross, where a short service was held, and wreath was laid on the Memorial Cross by the Chairman of the Old Boys.

During the afternoon the annual shooting match was held, the Old Boys winning the Shield again this year by 3 points. The scores were: —

| Old Boys. |     | Staff.     |     |
|-----------|-----|------------|-----|
| Walsh.    | 48. | Burgess.   | 48. |
| Siddons.  | 47. | Goodwin.   | 47. |
| Lewis.    | 47. | Arbuckle., | 46. |
| Nixon.    | 46. | Roberts... | 46. |
| Lamble.   | 46. | Granger,   | 45. |
| Hyams.    | 45. | Snook.     | 44. |
|           | 279 |            | 276 |

Winners of silver spoons: — Walsh, Siddons, Lewis, Goodwin and Arbuckle.

Winner of wooden spoon: R. Neave.; (score 23).

On Monday, at 10 am, the Old Boys went for a charabanc ride, returning at 1 p.m. Three charabancs were necessary, and after a most enjoyable ride the party called to see one of their old members, Mr. Humphreys, now living at the Cricketers. During the afternoon the annual sports were held, and the Old Boys were the guests of the Staff Club to tea.

Mr. Martin Dell won the Old boys' Race for Old Boys over 35, and Boy Gillingham, 15/19th Hussars, for those under 35. The Old Boys left on

Monday evening, having had a most excellent time, thanks to the School staff and Boys. Mrs Crammer and Mr. Rowe are to be congratulated on the' arrangements made for the Old Boys accommodation and catering.

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### **NEW COLOUR PRESENTED TO THE DUKIES, 1934.**

A very impressive ceremony took place at the Duke of York's School on Wednesday morning, when a new "Colour" was presented to the School by the General officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command, General Sir Cyril J. Deverell, K.C.B., K.B.E. A.D.C. The service was conducted, and the Colour consecrated by the Chaplain General to the Forces, the Rev. E. H. Thorold, C.B.E. M.A., D.D. (Chaplain, Tower of London). After the Consecration of the "colour," Sir Cyril Deverell addressed the boys. He said: — "It is almost exactly 37 years since H.M. The King and Queen Mary, then the Duke and Duchess of York, visited you for the purpose of presenting the Colour which you have now seen on parade for the last time. As a School you have the almost unique distinction of carrying Colours like those borne by Infantry Battalions. You have enjoyed this distinction for over 100 years and the Colour which is now being laid up will go to join the originals presented to you in 1825, and which hang in your School Chapel. No doubt you appreciate the meaning of those Colours.

In the Infantry they originally served to mark the point around which the battalion rallied in battle and for this reason they have always been regarded with great veneration. With the changing times colours are no longer borne in battle, but the traditions remain, and they typify two great loyalties of the soldier—the King's Colour, his! loyalty to his King and country, and the Regimental Colour, his loyalty to the Regiment. On the Regimental Colour is commemorated the battles in which the Battalions have taken part. Your School Colour cannot bear any battle honours. Instead, it bears the inscription "Sons of the Brave." If it could carry the battle honours of your fathers and of all the old boys of this School, it would be safe to say that no battle in the British Army in the last 130 years

would be left out.

Four thousand boys have served under the Colour which has been trooped for the last time to-day. Nearly 3500 of them have joined the regular Army and 1200 are serving in all parts of the Empire at this moment. You can hardly realise what their education at this School must have meant to them, but you will later on.

To those who have joined the Army it has meant an advantage from the outset of their careers. They have joined with one foot already on the ladder of promotion, provided they chose to climb it. To those who have gone to civilian life, the discipline which they have undergone in their school days means equally an event of the greatest advantage to them in later life.

To both, the traditions of the Duke of York's School have been something to live up to. From what I know and have seen of this School

and from your bearing on parade to-day, I commend this new Colour to your care with the certainty that you will be in no way behind the 4000 old boys who served under the Colour now being laid away, and that the Duke of York's School will be worthy in the future, as in the past, of the great name and reputation which it bears."

The ceremony closed with the singing of "Brightly Gleams Our Banner." The March Past and three cheers for Sir Cyril Deverell.

The following Old Boys were introduced to the G.O.C. after the ceremony: Lt.-Col. J. Englesle (Middlesex Regiment), LL-Col. J. McAvoy, M.B.E (Adjutant, Senior Officers' School). Lt. - Col. T. Richards, (Chief recruiting Officer, Liverpool), Major A.N. Dunlow, (Seaforth Highlanders), Mr. Lewis Crudd, (Copyright Office, British Museum), Mr. J. Markham, (Secretary, Old Boys' Association, Manchester), and Mr. J. Friend, (Chairman, Old Boys' Association).

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF HASTINGS**  
ENTERTAINMENTS MANAGER J. NORMAN GRAY

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ALEXANDRA PARK, Wednesday, July 11th, 1934, at 7.30 p.m.

**TOY SOLDIER DISPLAY**  
**GYMNASTIC DISPLAY**  
AND GRAND  
**TORCHLIGHT TATTOO**

By the Boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School  
(By kind permission of Lt.-Col. H. S. POYNTE, D.S.O., and Officers)

Admission to Park ... .. 6d.  
Chairs ... .. 6d. & 3d.

**300 PERFORMERS**

If wet, the Performance will be held on Thursday, July 12th.

TOY SOLDIER DISPLAY, 1934.



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**BRITISH LEGION PARADE AT THE DUKIES, 1934.**

On Sunday, the Dover Branch, held its Annual Parade at the Duke of York's School, when the School Trooped the Colour and a Service was held in the Chapel.

The picture shows the laying of a Wreath, at the School Memorial afterwards, by Mr. W.B. Traynor, V.C., whilst the Legion Standards of the Branches attending, are lowered.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1934.  
**DUKIES' "GRAND DAY", 1934.**

#### THE SCHOOL'S PROGRESS DURING THE YEAR.

The annual prize-giving of the Duke of York's School—called in the School "Grand Day"—was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. The boys were inspected by Major-General H.C. Jackson. C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C., 2nd Division, and the Hon. Mrs. Jackson presented the prizes. Major-General and Mrs. Jackson flew from Aldershot to Dover in an R.A.F. Aeroplane.

Visitors were given a fine display of the efficiency and technique of the boys, who "trooped" the Colour in a way that would have reflected credit on the Guards. They then marched past Major-General Jackson, who took the salute.

The presentation of prizes took place in the Hall and commenced with a choral fantasia from "Tannhauser" by the Upper and Middle Schools conducted by W.O. Instructor Farrant, and the School song.

Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Poyntz, D.S.O., the Commandant of the School, said that he, first of all, wanted to thank Major-General and Mrs. Jackson for doing them the honour of coming there that day—General Jackson to take the salute, and Mrs. Jackson to present the prizes. General Jackson was a very old friend of his; he joined - just before he did - the same Regiment, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. General Jackson took a tremendous interest in them, and he was sure that it must have been a great pleasure to him to see them on parade that day.

He had been up all night on a scheme, and would not have been able to be present, but he got on an Aeroplane, and he and Mrs. Jackson flew to Dover. General Jackson had a very busy time commanding the Second Division at Aldershot, and it was a great honour that he should come there that day. (Applause.)

Reviewing the work of the year. Lieut.-Colonel Poyntz said that he would, first of all, deal with their educational successes. They had been again most successful this year. Ten boys went up for their first-class certificates, and all passed. Seventy-two went for their second-class

certificates, and, out of these sixty-six obtained their certificates. Twenty-six boys sat for the examination of the Army Vocational School, Chepstow, and twenty-one passed. He thought that they could congratulate Major Wood and all the Educational Staff on their success and their unfailing energy. It was a very tiring job, those examinations, and the successes they had obtained, he thought, were splendid. (Applause.)

As regards the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, they already knew that one Old Boy had been selected by his regiment as "A" cadet, Prefect Thomas: he was at present at Sandhurst. During the last few days, he had just heard that two more Old Boys had been selected by their regiments, and would be sent to Sandhurst next term, Prefects Charter and Benn. That just showed the opportunity there was for boys from the School—three boys within the last two years selected by their regiments specially to go to Sandhurst as "A" cadets. It was something to aim at, and it was a tremendous credit to the School. They had sent up eight boys for Certificate "A," the Officers' Training Corps certificate, and all eight, he was glad to say, had passed.

The gunnery class did extraordinarily well this year, the average for the class being 96.5 per cent, out of 100. He wished specially to congratulate Colour-Cpl. Hills, who got 98.5 per cent, and Sergt-Instructor Lewis for his splendid work in getting the gunners along. An officer of the Royal Scots conducted the signalling examination, and the class did splendidly, getting 90.2 per cent out of 100. He wished to congratulate C.S.M. Finn on his hard work during the year and the splendid result of the examination. The next thing was the King's Trophy, a cup fired for by boys throughout the Empire. This year 168 boys fired, and their average was 69.8, which was nearly 11/4 points better than last year. They had four marksmen, and twelve first class shots. To be a marksman one had to score over 90 per cent, and a first class shot over 80, and he congratulated all those boys on their shooting. As regards games, they had had two competitions this year. Against the Naval School at Holbrook, each School won two events, but the Naval School won on points. The other was against Dunblane. They won last year, but the School beat them this year by five events.

(Applause.)

As regards cricket, he congratulated Wellington House on coming out on top this year. He also wanted to congratulate the first eleven on their tremendous improvement. It was really a pleasure to see, and cricket was going along splendidly now. They had played 17 matches, won 9, lost 3, and drawn 5. He particularly wanted to draw attention to Prefect Whitnell's performance during the season. He had scored 768 runs, with an average of 47, and had made three centuries. That was a record. Prefect Scott had taken the record number of 49 wickets during the term.

Passing to the Army side, 86 boys left in the last year; 66 had gone to the Army, and 18 to civil life, some of those, of course, being unfit. It was a very good average indeed. He wanted to say just a word about the Military Staff, and to thank Major Jordison and all the Staff for their loyal co-operation and the splendid way they had helped him and carried out everything he wanted.

With regard to the general conduct of the School, he could say no other word for it than that it was exemplary. He thought that the behaviour of the boys in town, in barracks, and everywhere was perfectly splendid, and he congratulated them all and knew that they would keep it up. He wanted to say a word about the Hospital. They had had a lot of illness this year. They had diphtheria very badly at the beginning of the year, and every complaint a boy could get, and he wanted to congratulate Major Brooks, Miss Cairns and Mr. Harpur for all the splendid work they did in looking after the boys. (Applause.)

One thing more he wanted to say, and that was who was going to be head boy next year. The Staff had decided on Prefect A. Scott. (Loud applause.)

He wished to congratulate Prefect Barker on the excellent way he had carried on as head prefect during his term of office. (Applause.)

Major-General Jackson said that, as the Commandant had said, they were old friends. It was 35 years since they had first marched past to the tune with which they had started their parade that day. It was thanks to

that friendship that he had done him the great honour of asking him down to take the salute. He was very grateful to Colonel Poyntz for giving him that opportunity of talking to them, because the Duke of York's School meant a great deal to the Army. Their red coats, blue trousers and little cap were known throughout the country. What did it stand for? It told them first of all, that a boy's father was a soldier and that he was probably going to be a soldier too, because he understood from the Commandant that 83 per cent of them went into the Army. It told them that he had been brought up in the traditions of that great School, with its 130 years of history, and not only the traditions of the School, but all the combined traditions of every unit in the Army. That morning he had walked through their library, and there saw a picture of some gallant deed, presented by every single Regiment in the Army. That gave them a very great start when they Joined the Army, and the Army expected a great deal from a Duke of York's boy. They were rarely, if ever, disappointed. They arrived knowing all about the traditions of the Army, what the Colours meant, and they knew their drill. Many of them had passed their school certificates, and so they started with a very great advantage. In reading their records, the thing that struck him most was the very large number of boys from the School who got their commissions. He understood that something like 300 had got them, and he was glad to see their names commemorated on the tablets there.

It was no exaggeration to say that when they enlisted, they had a Field Marshal's baton in their knapsack. Field Marshal Sir William Robertson, who died not very long ago, was one of the great Field Marshals of the War. He rose from the ranks, and had not the advantage they had, of being at the Duke of York's School. He was glad that so many of them were going into Army. They still wanted the Army. They might hear and read a lot in the papers about disarmament, but they wanted an Army just as much as in the past—not to make war, but to keep the peace. To be unready for war was the most likely way to bring war.

He congratulated them on the way they had carried out their parade that morning. The ceremonial trooping of the Colour was a very old one,

going back to the 18th Century. A good many, even in the Army now, rather scoffed at drill. He did not scoff, because drill was the basis on which their discipline was built, and it was on this that the whole military efficiency depended. He had seen all kinds of drill, good, bad and indifferent. but a parade like the one that morning, when everyone, however small, was doing his very utmost to do the drill perfectly, must be very good. They would be Joining the Army at about the time he was leaving it, and all he could wish was that they would have as happy a time in the Army as he had himself had. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mrs. Jackson presented the prizes to the following: -

Special Reading prizes, -1, C S. Pft. S. M. Barker, 2. H. Pft. T. White.

Form VI.-English "A". CS. Pft. S. M. Barker; English "B," S. Pft. P. Walsh; Progress, J.S. Pft. E. Bullous; French: 1. S. Pft. V. French. 2. H. Pft. R. Grantham; Mathematics: S. Pft. V. French; Science: S. Pft. P. Walsh; History: S. Pft. P. Walsh; Art: H. Pft. T. White.

Form V.—Progress. Cpl. A. R. Ball; Mathematics, Boy R. E. McLean; Science: Cpl A. R. Ball; French: Cpl. A. R. Ball; English: J.S. Pft. H. Pedrick; Geography and Map Reading, L/Cpl. T. A. Lane; History: H. Pft. J. C. Tracey; Art: H. Pft. H. D. Follett

Form IV.—Progress: Cpl. P. Bennett; Mathematics: L/Cpl. H. G. Thomas; English: Cpl. C. T. Bertram.

Form Prizes.—111a, Boy C. Klmberley; 111b, Boy H. Berry; 11a, Boy C. F. Kent; 11b, Boy A. Reid; 11c, Boy R. Whitehouse: 1a, Boy A. Mclean; 1b. Boy J. Mills; 1c. Boy L. Clarke.

Junior School—Class. 1, Boy R. E. Sadler; Class 11, Boy G, C. Dunning;

1st choir (Chaplain General's medal), Cpl. J. Arbuckle; Gunnery: C. Corpl. P. Hills; Tailoring: L/Cpl. H. Thomas: knotting: C. Cpl. J. Kite; Musketry (silver medal): S. Pft. S. Burr: Darning: Boy H. Astill; Shoemaking: L/Cpl. Harding: Flute: Boy D. Kehoe; Bugle: Sergt. V. Gosling; Drums: Cpl. T. Dixon; Band: S. Pft. N. Collins; Signalling: Cpl. Shingler; Gymnastics (silver medal): S. Pft. J. White: Section Drill: C. Cpl. R. A. Smith;

Gardening: Boy H. Astill; Distinguished in Mathematics: S. Pft. French;

Army special certificate March 1934: S. Pft. Whitnell; Cricket Bat 1st XI: Pft. A. Scott; Cricket Ball: 1st XI: (to be announced); Cricket Bat 3rd XI: Boy L. Lines; Cricket Ball 3rd XI: Boy R. Dunne; Special Prize (presented by Mrs. Hinchcliffe), L/Cpl. P. Stocking;

Junior School inter-Challenge Cup, No. 2 Dormitory; silver Bugle, 1934: Sergt, V. Gosling; Ninnies Cup (musketry): Wellington house.

Major-General Jackson pinned the Duke of York's silver medal on the breast of the winner, S. Pft. A. Scott.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1934.

### **SENIOR PREFECT'S SUICIDE, 1934.**

A terrible tragedy occurred at the Duke of York's R.M. School early on Friday morning last, when the Senior Prefect of the School, Stanley Maurice Barker, aged 18 years, shot himself through the head with a .22 rifle.

The inquest was held, with a Jury, at the School on Saturday afternoon, by the East Kent coroner, Mr. Rutley Mowll. Mr. A. L. Ballard was the foreman.

Stanley Barker, of Sutton, Surrey, a stockbroker's clerk, identified the body as that of his son, who would have been 19 years of age in September. He was the head boy of the school, which he entered in 1927. As far as witness knew, his son was always happy at the School, and had written a letter home to that effect only the previous week, remarking that he was very sorry to be leaving. Witness saw him at the latter end of June, when he came home for the day, having been in for the entrance examination for Sandhurst, He was quite cheerful and confident about getting through. The result of the examination was not out yet.

Ronald Grantham, Junior Prefect at the Duke of York's School, said that he saw the deceased at about 9 o'clock on Friday morning, when he came into witness's room. Witness was asleep, but Barker, who was, fully dressed threw a mattress on to his bed and awakened him. Deceased said, "so sorry I did not see you," and then, laughing, "I am in a hell of a hurry."

The previous evening the deceased had been to a dance in the Assembly Hall. The Coroner: "Had you any idea he had anything on his mind?" - "No, sir: he was cheerful. We were going home for the holidays the next day".

Sergt-Major J. Arbuckle, of Wolfe House, said that between five and ten minutes past 6 o'clock the previous morning the deceased's; batman, Boy Cairns, came along to witness and said that something was wrong with Prefect Barker, as he had seen him lying on the floor. Witness at once went along to the deceased's bunk, which he occupied alone, and saw him lying on the floor, partly behind the door. He examined the body closely and found that he was undoubtedly dead, there being a shot through his head. On the floor, witness saw a .22 miniature rifle, and noticed on the chest of drawers, a little box containing two cartridges, some letters and sheets of fool-scrap addressed to the Headmaster. There was blood everywhere, and it was flowing from the deceased's mouth. The rifle came from the Company office and storeroom, and the deceased must have got through the window to get it. The building was about 25 yards from his bunk. No one heard the shot fired.

The Coroner read a letter from the deceased to his father and extracts from thirty pages of closely written foolscap, addressed to the Headmaster. The former, which was dated July 27, read: - "Dear Father, it is no use writing very much as you will already have heard of my death, and my feelings are too deep for words. I am profoundly sorry at disappointing you so tragically, but you see I simply can't go on. It is true what I have written in that statement, although you find it hard to believe it, because I have been, to all outward appearances, quite normal and natural. Give my love to Mother, Cissie and Teddy. I will think of them wherever I go, because you see this is not the end, although I have failed myself and you in this life. Goodbye. - STANLY."

The document addressed to the Headmaster began:-I am taking my life as a result of a strange and, I should imagine, rare state of mind, from which I have suffered during the last 3½ years, and which first showed itself soon after I became a Prefect. Other passages read by the Coroner referred to positive and negative pictures, the positive being pleasant and

the latter unpleasant, and the necessity of picturing the actual scenes described in a book. Underlined were the words: My mind was by no means blank when I was not able to visualise scenes of the book.

The Coroner: "I have read all through this, and there is nothing that really accounts for his death except this sort of mental aberration," He could not picture scenes in his mind. Reading again: "It did not matter how many times I read a chapter, it would not stamp upon my memory. If I learned anything like a parrot, it would stick. That's how I got through my history examination. A few days before I made summaries of different periods and spent hours learning them like a parrot. It was successful, but I was not learning any history. "

Later the deceased wrote: "I became fatalistic in outlook; I was bound to commit suicide. I lost interest in the future . . . I did my work as it came . . . never trained in any game or sport after a time, as I always expected I should go before the event came." Towards the end the letter read: "I had intended to write more, but I haven't time. I am finishing this at 4.30, Friday morning. . . I nearly committed suicide last year and had written a short statement of my distress. I lost it, and feared it would be found, and then, when I found it, I destroyed it. I decided I must go before the end of the term; I wanted to go at a time which would be least inconvenient. I entertained the idea of suicide at the close of 1931; of course it was then very remote, almost fantastic, but vaguely regarded it a possible way out of these strange and disconcerting disarrangements which had developed in' my mind."

The Coroner: "He says he failed miserably in the examination. That is not what he told his people."

(To witness): "Did you see whether his bed had been slept in? "It was quite undisturbed."

The Coroner: "He says that he was taking no interest in sports? - He has been taking an interest in sport, very, from my point of view; he took part in everything, all games. He played a good game of cricket."

The Coroner; "Do you think he was overworked"?



Witness: "I do not think so. He may have had a little extra for his examination some time back, but nothing for the past fortnight-as regards heavy work."

Major W. B. Wood, M.A., A.E.C., Headmaster of the School in reply to the Coroner as to whether he could say anything about the deceased. Said: "I can tell you that I was very fond of him and thought him promising. He was an intelligent boy, but I had always regarded him as being rather reserved. He would not find the work for his examination hard as he was well up to standard."

Major. J. E. Brooks, R.A.M.C., resident Medical Officer at the Duke of York's R.M. School, said that he was called at about 6.15 the previous morning. He examined the deceased, and found a small gunshot wound in the centre of his forehead, but there was no wound of exit. This was the cause of death. He should say the course of the shot was horizontal. The deceased when he saw him, had definitely not been dead more than an hour. His medical sheet showed that he had had minor illnesses, but nothing to account for the tragedy.

P.C. Hopper. K.C.C., of St Margarets, gave evidence of being called to the scene. There was no disorder in the room, and the bed had not been slept in. He examined the rifle and found that it was possible for it to have been discharged by the deceased. And, in his opinion, the deceased was standing at the time.

The Coroner, in summing up, said that the deceased, in his long letter to the Headmaster, explained that he had suicidal impulses. He appeared to be quite normal to everyone, yet there was a mysterious something always haunting him which he could not explain. Like so many cases of this kind. The deceased seemed to have had a very happy time at school-he imagined a Senior Prefect in a School like that would have a life of constant happiness-and he made no complaint at all. "Do you not take the view that for some unexplainable reason this youngster lost his mental balance?"

The Jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind and expressed their sympathy with the boy's father.

The Coroner associated himself with this.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1934.

### **WEDDING OF BANDMASTER'S DAUGHTER, 1934.**

MR. F. C. BROCK AND MISS P. G. CLANCY.

The wedding took place on August 15<sup>th</sup>, at Guston Church, of Miss Phyllis Gladys Clancy, daughter of Mr. W. J. Clancy, (bandmaster of the Duke of York's R.M. School) and the late Mrs. Clancy, to Sergt. Instr. Frederick Cyril Brock, A.E.C. son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Brock, of Liskeard, Cornwall. The Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, B.A., C.F, (Chaplain, D.Y.R.M.S.) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white Crepe suede, trimmed with lace, a veil and orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations.

The bridesmaids were Miss Wendy Price and Miss May Russell, nurses at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone. Miss M. Russell wore grey Georgette with blue shoes and hat, and Miss W. Price wore grey and blue floral Georgette with blue shoes and hat. They carried bouquets of sweet peas and delphiniums.

The best man was Sergt. Instr. A.J. F. Sims, A.E.C. A reception was held at the Duke of York's, School, 80 guests being present.

The honeymoon was spent at Lyndhurst, New Forest, and Bournemouth, the bride going away in a navy blue and white ensemble. The cars were supplied by the Dover Autocar Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brock were the recipients of many presents, including:—Hughie and Dad, silver tea service: Mr. and Mrs. Brock and family, canteen of cutlery; Queenie, bedspread; staff of Recreation Room, D.Y.R.M.S., afternoon tea service of Shelley china; Colonel and Mrs. Poyntz, cut glass Jam dish: Major and Mrs. Wood, two pictures: Major and Mrs. Jordison, condiment set; Miss D. Jordison, vase: Major and Mrs. Brooks, table cloth; Capt. Brown, A.E.C., set of carvers: Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, oil painting: Mr. and Mrs. Rayson, afternoon table cloth: Mr. and Mrs. Rudd, cheque; Prefects. D.Y.R.M.S, silver serviette rings; Mr. and Mrs. T. Miller

and May, fruit spoons: Miss M. Jones, (Wrexham), slipper and fancy table runners: Nurse Rudgard, dressing table runner: Nurse Spon, afternoon table cloth: Mr. and Mrs. G. Hudson, coffee set: Grandma, cheque: Mr. and Mrs. W. Burgess and Ellen, cake stand: Mr. and Mrs. Potter, tablecloth and table napkins: Mr. and Mrs. Rowe, pastry board and rolling pin: Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, cutlery: Mr. and Mrs. Couch and Vera, crystal vase: Mr. and Mrs. Carter, morning tea set: Mrs. Prescott, tea spoons: Eddie, oval mirror and nitreosil dish in stand: Mr. and Mrs. Webb, tea set: Mr. and Mrs. McKay, tumblers: Mr. and Mrs. Harper, morning tea set: Nurses Curtis, Ovenden, Buller and Angem, cushion: Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle, cake basket: Peggy, cutlery; Mabs and Vera, fruit plates: Mr. and Mrs. Snook, Pyrex ware: Mick and Jimmy, table cloth: Mrs. Justice and Iris, sugar bowl: Mr. and Mrs. McBain, crystal cream Jug and sugar bowl: Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, sandwich set: Mr. and Mrs. Finn, cake stand: Jimmy, Simmo and Eric, dining room clock: Mr. and Mrs. Siddons, egg stand: Eric and Ray Siddons, jam dish: Mr. Jack Williams, Pyrex ware: Mr. A. Brunsdon, rose bowl: Russell family, nest of tables: Miss M. Russell, set of vases: Mrs. and Miss Wragg, sugar sifter: Mrs. Gillett, glass Jug and tumblers: Mr. and Mrs. Gee, breadboard and knife: the Rev. R. H. Foster, tea cosy: "Rags," Jam spoons: Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, biscuit barrel: Miss Burgess, tablecloth and napkins: Wendy, Oriental table: 16th Dover Garrison Guides, utter knife and Jam spoons: Miss Cairns, duchesse set:

Telegrams were received from Major and Mrs. Wood, Mr. Roberts, Milly, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Gulliment, Mr. Rhodes, Sutherland and family; Russell family; Mr. Eric Sims.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1934.

#### **FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE, 1934.**

The British Legion Festival of Remembrance, without which Armistice celebrations in Dover would seem incomplete, was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. The first part of the Festival was, as usual, of a religious character, while the second part consisted of a popular programme of items by the Band of the 2nd Battalion, the Dorsetshire

Regiment, community singing and vocal solos by local artistes, prior to the commencement, whilst the audience assembled. The Band of the Duke of York's RM. School, under Bandmaster J. W. Clancy, played a splendid programme of music.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. G. J. Browne, A.K.C., (Hon. C.F.), Rector of St. Andrew's, Buckland, and the Exhortation was given by the Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, C.F.

The lament, "Flowers of the Forest," was piped by Pipe Major R. Ireland, of the Royal Scots, and the "Last Post" and "Reveille" was sounded by buglers of the Duke of York's School.

The Yorkshire Evening Post, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1935.

#### **THE LITTLE DRUM-MAJOR, 1935.**

Princes Elizabeth and Princes Margaret Rose spent an exciting afternoon at the Royal Tournament at Olympia, with their parents, the Duke and Duchess of York. Princes Margaret Rose jumped and down with excitement during a combined horse and motor-cycle display by the Royal Corps of Signals and again when the 9<sup>th</sup> Queens Royal Lancers concluded a musical ride with a charge with levelled lances.

Of special interest to the Princesses was a Band and Drums display by the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, led by a diminutive drum-major, aged 12, wearing a bearskin.

The Duchess afterwards delighted the little drum-major by telling him, "I enjoyed your display very much indeed." The boy informed her that his height was four feet, adding "I am nearly six feet in my bearskin."

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1935.

#### **NEW DEAL GATES FOR THE DUKIES, 1935.**

The Deal Road gateway to the Duke of York's R.M. School has been widened to allow for the large modern transport vehicles, and there has now been erected a handsome gate, which has been made by hand by

Mr. W.T. Hill, of Battersea.

The gate is a massive piece of work, yet light in design. Eight hundredweight of iron has gone to form its bars, curves and tracery, and every bit has been hammered out by hand. The gate is surmounted by a crown, beneath which is the Royal monogram, and these embellishments have been most skilfully wrought and finely finished off.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1935.

#### **CONCERT AT THE DUKIES, 1935.**

A concert given by the Duke of York's Royal Military School, was held in the Assembly Hall on Friday evening, and proved a great success. The School breaks up for the Christmas Holidays on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> and reassembles on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1936. There is to be no pantomime this year.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1936.

#### **NEW HEADMASTER FOR DUKIES, 1936.**

Major R. A. Inglis, D.S.O., from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, who succeeds Major H.H. Joseph, as headmaster of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, commences his duties next week. Major Joseph left Dover for Hong Kong last November. Capt. A. C. Stevenson, from the School of Education, Belgaum, India, has been appointed an officer Instructor at the School.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1936.

#### **DUKIES' C.O. PROMOTED, 1936.**

COL. H. S. POYNTZ.

The following appeared in the "London Gazette" on Friday: —

Promotions made: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1936-To be Bt.-Col., Lt.-Col. H.S. Poyntz, D.S.O., O.B.E., A.E.C. Col. Poyntz is Commandant of the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1936.

#### **C.O. RETIRES FROM THE DUKIES, 1936.**

"The Dragon," the Regimental magazine of The Buffs, for August, contains the following: - We offer our very hearty congratulations to Colonel Poyntz on his double honour of getting the O.B.E., and being promoted Brevet-Colonel. Colonel Poyntz has been a real friend to the Regiment during his appointment as Commandant of the Duke of York's School, and it is very sad to think that he finishes his appointment at the end of the year. He takes with him, on his retirement, the best wishes of the Regiment.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1936.

#### **FUNERAL OF MR. W. H. COUCH, 1936.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Henry Couch, of House No. 35, Duke of York's Royal Military School, Guston, near Dover, which occurred at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, on October 10<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 51 years. Mr. Couch was Resident Engineer at the Duke of York's School, in which capacity he was also responsible for the electrical maintenance, etc., at Walmer and Deal Castle, Dover Castle, and various Coastguard establishments.

He was on the Parish Council of Guston, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover. During the War Mr. Couch was attached to the Telephone Section RE., and later took over electrical maintenance for all Military Camps in Dover and District. He has been connected with the Duke of York's R.M. School for the past 28 years.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Charlton Cemetery, Dover, and the first part of the burial service being held in the School Chapel. Mr. S. R. Taylor, at the organ, played Handel's "Largo" as the cortège left the Chapel. The Rev. S Hinchcliffe officiated both at the Chapel and graveside.

The mourners present were: -

Mrs. Couch (widow), Vera and Fred (daughter and son), Mrs. E. Lawson (sister), Mr. B. Clark and Mr. F. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. P. Uden (Epsom); Mr.

and Mrs. A. Gregory; Miss G. Manser; Mr. P. Hopper (Canterbury); Mrs. Morris; Mr. R.C. J. Goodyer (Coventry). A large number of friends attended the service in the Chapel, including Mr. Buckman (representing H.M. Office of Works).

Those present at the graveside were: –

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey (representing Hospital Workers Committee). Mr. Webber, Mr. G. Godfrey and Mr. C. H. Tyrell, Mr. Justice, Jnr., Mr. Justice, Senr., Mr. Tucker, Mr. Gable and Mr. Finn (representing the Staff of the Duke of York's School), and others.

Floral tributes were from: -

His wife; Vera and Fred; Mother; Fred. Beat and Lucy (Bristol); Marquis and Marchioness of Willingdon; Engineering Staff, H.M. Office of Works, D.Y.R.M.S.; Guston Parish Council; Members of Dover Hospital Workers' Committee; the Building Staff, D.Y.R.M.S.; Mrs. H.S. Poyntz and Miss Poyntz; The Prefects, Pioneers and families, D.Y.R.M.S.; Members' Staff Club, D.Y.R.M.S.; the Boys and Officers D.Y.R.M.S.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. B.J. Andrews of 22. New St. and 34. Longfield Rd., Dover.

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The Western Gazette, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 1937.

### **COL. W.A.T. BOWLY'S APPOINTMENT, 1937.**

A former Dorset Regiment officer, Colonel W.A.T. Bowly, C.V.O., C.B.E., M.C., has been appointed Commandant, The Duke of York's Royal Military School, with effect from to-day (Friday). Colonel Bowly has been on the Aldershot H.Q. staff since 1933 as A.A.G. He was a Militia officer and in The Royal Warwickshire and Dorsetshire Regiments commanding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the former. He was A.D.C. to General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien at Salisbury and in France, and a G.S.O. Later he was Personal Military Secretary at the War Office to Mr Winston Churchill and afterwards G.S.O.I.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 1937.

### **DUKIES' SHOOTING SUCCESS, 1937.**

In the Boys' Empire Rifle Contest organised by the National Rifle Association, No. 1 Section. Roberts House, Duke of York's Royal Military School, with 96 Points, won the Challenge Shield, presented by the late General Sir Charles Warren. G.C.M.B. K.C.B., open to teams from any boys' organisations in Kent. The results published by the Association are made up only from the teams entered from Great Britain, and the winners of the King's Trophy and Imperial Shields will not be known until the scores made in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, have been received.

In the Lord Roberts Trophy, which is confined to teams in Great Britain, the Duke of York's School took eighth place. The Depot Royal Marines Cadet Corps, Deal, were fifth, and the Wellesley School, Broadstairs, ninth. In the Imperial Challenge Shield competition, No. 1 Section of Roberts House, Duke of York's School were third, and the Depot Royal Marines Cadet Corps, Deal, seventh.

Boy E. A. Hooker, of the Dukies, won a medal of honour with the

highest possible of 100 points.

The New Commandant of the Duke of York's School, Col. W. A. T. Bowly. C.V.O. C.B.E. offered his heartiest congratulations to the boys on their success, in a School Order this week.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1937.

### **BOXING TOURNAMENT AT THE DUKIES, 1937.**

#### **FINALS OF NEARLY 300 FIGHTS.**

The finals, annual house, and individual boxing championships, of the Duke of York's School were held at the School Gymnasium Tuesday. Among those present were the Mayor (Alderman G. M. Norman), Councillor W. E. Austen and Brigadier R.H. Willan, D.S.O, M.C. (Commanding 10th Infantry Brigade, shorncliffe). The "Coleman" Cup, for the best boxer was won by Prefect Scott, and the Royal Fusiliers'- Cup awarded to the House scoring most points, was won by Marlborough House with 130 points. Points gained by other Houses were: Wellington, 117; Roberts, 104; Wolfe, 96; Kitchener, 84<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Wolseley, 67<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; and Clive, 63<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

The results of the finals were Houses: -: Marlborough (M), Wolfe (Wf), Clive (C), Wellington (Wn), Wolseley (Wy), Roberts (R), Kitchener (K), and Haig (H).

#### BEGINNERS.

Feather Weight, Boy S. Noyce. (R) defeated Boy G. Westbrook. ( R).

Light Weight, Boy G. Campbell. (Wf) defeated Boy R. Taylor. (M).

Welter Weight, Boy G. Horscroft. (K) defeated Boy L. Lowes. (Wf).

Middle Weight, Boy SKipp. (M). defeated Boy Budd. (W).

Light Heavy Weight, Boy Robinson. (M) defeated Boy Dodds. (R).

Heavy Weight, Boy Grocott. (Wy) defeated Boy Shepland. (M).

#### NOVICES.

Fly Weight. Boy G. Pullenger. (Wn) defeated L/C. R. Siddons. (M).

Bantam Weight. C/Cpl. R. Carpenter (K) defeated L/C. L. Homewood. (Wy).

Feather Weight. Boy W. Foster. (M) defeated Cpl. E. Hyde. (Wf).

Light Weight. L/C. J.McKerr. (Wn) defeated Sgt. R. Goosey. (Wn).

Welter Weight. Sgt. G. Wride. (M) defeated Cpl. L. Macey. (Wn).

Middle weight. L/C. I. Dunkeld. (Wf) defeated Boy R. Woods. (Wn).

Cruiser Weight. L/C. E Ross. (C) defeated Cpl. P. Taylor. (K).

Light Heavy Weight. L/C. Mattick. (K) defeated L/C. Perkins. (R).

Heavy Weight. Sgt. Colby. (Wn) defeated Boy Adams. (Wy).

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Feather Weight. C. Cpl. R. Kelly. (Wn) defeated Sgt. S. Printer. (M).

Light Weight. Cpl. M. Saunders. (Wn) defeated Sgt. S. Morrow. (M).

Welter Weight. Pft. R. Smith. (H) defeated Pft. E. Siddons. (R).

Middle Weight. Pft. E. Taylor. (K) defeated Pft. J. Macey. (Wy).

There was a lot of hard punching in this contest, but very little skill was displayed.

Light Heavy Weight. Pft. L. Scott. (M) outpointed Pft. L. Lines. (M).

This was one of the best contests of the afternoon. Both competitors were useful boxers, but Scott was definitely the superior, and had Lines thoroughly beaten at the end. The referee congratulated the loser on putting up a very good show.

Heavy Weight. Pit. M. Dunkeld. (H) defeated Pft Smelling. (C)

Dunkeld was the more aggressive boxer throughout. At the end of the second round he had his opponent badly shaken and continued to score heavily in the last round.

The officials were: —

Referee, Col. T. Aubrey Smith, C.M.G.

Judges, Capt. D. E. Board, R.M., and Capt. N. Humphreys, R.M.;

Timekeeper, the Rev, S. Hinchcliffe, B.A., C.F.; M.C.,

R.S.M. P. Jones, D.C.M.:

Committee, Col. W. A. T. Bowly. C.V.O., C.B.E.M.C., Cmdt, (President).

Major H. Jordison, D.C.M. Adj. R.S.M. P. Jones, D.C.M. C.S.M.I. A. Wragg and C.S.M.I. H. Goodwin.

At the conclusion at the fight, Colonel Smith said that the boxing had been pretty good, and he had seen a very good boxer indeed, Scott. Scott was the best boxer he had seen that afternoon. One thing he wanted the boys to look to was their stance. He wished that everyone would box, in fact if he had his way, he would make it a law. Not that they all wanted to become champions, but because it was the greatest game. It was a game, not a fight. It was the greatest game in the world. As they went through life they got rebuffs; things went wrong and the "dud" was the one who said, "It is all ..... with me, I must give it up. The good men said, "That's a nasty blow I have had," and if it was that he had lost his Job he went and found another, or if he had lost his money, he went out to make some more.

Boxing was the only game he could think of where a man was hurt and received no sympathy. The opponent had no sympathy; neither did the people who looked on. The referee did not stop the fight as he did in football and cricket for the trainer to come and put the poor fellow right. The boxer had to put himself right. He had always enjoyed the boxing he had seen at the School. He remembered refereeing the School boxing some years ago, and a week afterwards, he refereed the English championships. And there were two ex-Duke of York's School boys fighting. One became a champion of his weight and the year afterwards the other did the same. Sergt. Peters was one of those men and the other was Brennen. It would be a fine thing if that could happen again. (Applause.)

Colonel Bowly thanked Colonel Aubrey Smith for coming from London to referee the boxing, and also the Judges, Captain Board and Captain Humphries. They had seen that afternoon, the finals of nearly three hundred fights. They had had an epidemic of German measles at the school, but that epidemic was nothing as serious as the epidemic of boxing they had had during the past six weeks. What had been satisfactory was that the referee had awarded good losers' prizes to nearly

one hundred boys. The work entailed in organising those bouts had been considerable and had meant long hours for several members of the staff. It would be invidious for him to pick out anyone, but he would particularly like to mention C.S.M. Wragg, who had not only kept the records, but had been there night after night, judging, and C.S.M. Justice, who had not missed a single night of judging.

The cups and prizes were presented to the winners by Brigadier R. Willan, D.S.O.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1937.

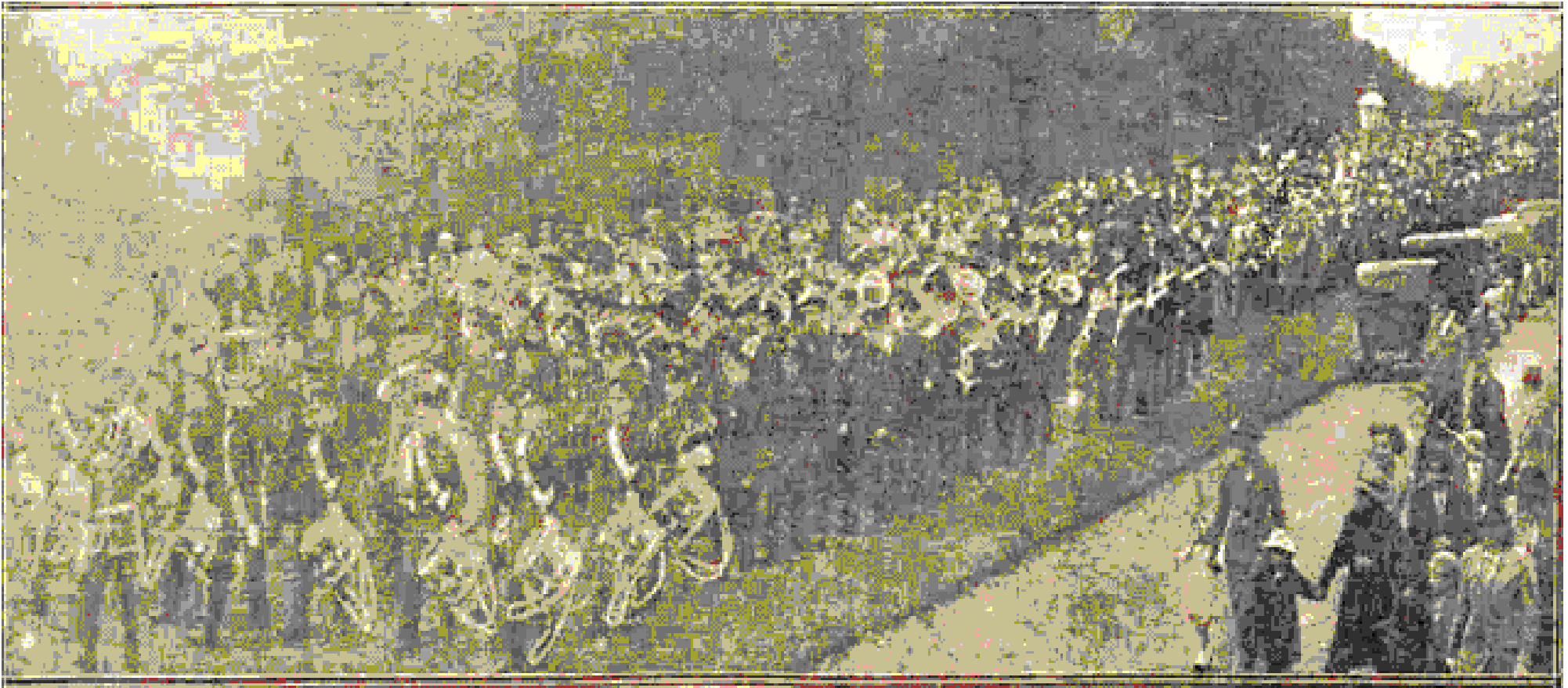
#### **EX HEADMASTER MADE HON. LIBRARIAN, 1937.**

Major B. Dryer, who has been appointed Hon. Librarian to the Corporation, in succession to Mr. W. J. Barnes, came to Dover in 1919, when he was appointed Headmaster of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, and had to reorganise the school on its return from Devon, where it was sent during the War. He retired in 1922, after 24 years army service, chiefly as an Inspector of Army schools. He was recalled from China to take up his appointment at the Duke of York's School. Major Dryer was born at Folkestone, where his father was the headmaster of St. Mary's School. He has always taken a keen interest in the town and its history, on which he has given many lectures.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1937.

#### **NEW ADJUTANT FOR DUKIES, 1937.**

Major H. Jordison, D.C.M., who has been Adjutant and Secretary at the Duke of York's Royal Military School since 1932, retired at the end of last week, and has been succeeded by Captain J. Hurt (3rd Carabineers), who has been Quartermaster at the Education School at Weedon since 1934.



The picture shows the Boys marching to the War Memorial.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1937.

**DUKIES' ANNUAL PARADE, 1937.**

British Legion Annual Parade. (Combined Parades.)

The British Legion held their Annual Parade at the Duke of York's on Sunday. The ceremony of the School Trooping the Colour and Drum-head Service were abandoned owing to high wind and threatening rain.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1937.

**LORD WARDEN'S VISIT", - GRAND DAY, 1937.**

Grand Day at the Duke of York's Royal Military School this year is on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. The Boys will troop the Colour on the parade ground in the afternoon and will be Inspected by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and afterwards Lady Willingdon will present the prizes.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1938.

#### **DUKIES' NEW BOXING INSTRUCTOR, 1938.**

Mr. Jack "Dusty" Miller is to resign his position as coach to the Army Boxing Association and will take up an appointment as physical training and boxing instructor to the Duke of York's Military School, Dover. As a mark of their appreciation, for his many years of service, to the soldier-boxer, the Army physical training authorities at Aldershot are raising a testimonial fund.

He is to take the place of Mr. A. Wragg, at present physical training instructor at the School.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1938.

#### **BANNS & MARRIAGES IN CHAPEL, 1938.**

A licence under the hand and seal of his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury to enable banns to be published and marriages to be solemnised in the Chapel of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, has been registered in the Registry of the Diocese of Canterbury.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1938.

#### **WEDDING OF COMMANDANT'S DAUGHTER, 1938.**

The wedding took place on Saturday, at the Chapel of the Duke of York's R.M. School, Dover, of Captain Cyril Edwin Harold Dolphin, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, son of the late Mr. Cyril Dolphin, and Mrs. D'Aubrey Taylor, to Miss Diana Margaret Bowly, daughter of Colonel W. A. T. Bowly, C.V.O., C.B.E., M.C., Commandant of the Duke of York's R.M. School, and Mrs. Bowly. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. T. W. Heale. C. F., assisted by Rev. W. E. Gladstone, C.F.

The chapel was very tastefully decorated with lilies, hydrangeas, azaleas and all Spring flowers, and the service, which was choral, was sung by the School choir, dressed in their scarlet uniforms, the School organist (Mr. S. R. Taylor) being at the organ.

The bride, who was, given away by her father, looked charming in a close-fitting white net dress over a satin slip, with long sleeves, and finished with pearl and diamond buttons. Her veil was of old Honiton lace mounted on tulle, with a head-dress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white tulips. lilies of the valley, stephanotis and ranunculas. The bridesmaids were Miss Nancy Raeburn. Miss Josephine Stabb, Miss Diana Greenwood and Miss Anne Utterson-Kelso, who, wore green net coats, with satin flowers appliquéd on skirts and sleeves, over green satin slips. Their head-dresses were of velvet flowers and net veils to tone. They carried bouquets of shaded pink flowers. The bride's mother wore a long coat of soft navy woollen boucle, having a smart scarf effect at the neck, with the ends in panels at the front, with a fox fur, showing an under dress of flowered silk in shades of petunia. The bridegroom's mother wore a long royal blue gown, with handbag to match, and a close fitting dark blue hat trimmed with flowers. Captain R. H. L. Oulton, The Lincolnshire Regiment, was the best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Commandant's house. Among the guests present were General Sir George and Lady Cory, Brigadier the Hon. P. G. and the Hon. Mrs. Scarlett, Lt.-Colonel. Mrs. and Miss. Utterson-Kelso, Lt.-Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Keighley Bell, Colonel and Mrs. Ogilvie, Colonel and Mrs. Purefoy Robinson. Mrs. Skey, Captain and Mrs. Littlehales Barker, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Cronin, Mrs. Harbie, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce-Johnston.

The honeymoon is being spent in Switzerland, the bride going away in a two-piece suit of powder blue, with straw hat to match, trimmed with navy blue, and she carried a navy-blue bag and gloves. Included in the list of wedding presents, were,—Bride to bridegroom, pigskin suitcase; Bridegroom to bride, Regimental brooch; the officers and wives, Duke of York's School, standard lamp With shade; the staff, Duke of York's School, silver salver; the housekeeper's staff, Duke of York's School, silver coffee tray; the Prefects, Duke of York's School, Thermos jug; the officers, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, silver salver; the officers, The Lincolnshire Regiment. silver cigarette box; and the officers, The Staff College, silver



coffee pot and milk jug.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 26th June 1936.

#### **THE KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS, 1938.**

The list of honours conferred by the King on the occasion of his Majesty's Birthday included the following: -

C.B.E. (Military Division), —Lieut -Colonel H.S. Poyntz, D.S.O., Army Education Corps, Commandant Duke of York's Royal Military School. Dover.

C.B.E. (Military Division) —The Rev. T.W. Heale, Chaplain to the Forces, who was formerly at Dover.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1938.

#### **DEATH OF MR A. MACKAY, 1938.**

The funeral took place on Friday at Charlton Cemetery, of Mr. Alexander Mackay whose death occurred very suddenly on August 15<sup>th</sup>. at the Duke of York's Royal Military School at the age of 56 years. The deceased was head gardener at the School. He served his apprenticeship at Luton Hoo, Bedfordshire, under the late Mr. Maycock, passed on to Chatsworth Gardens, Chesterfield, and from there to the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, where he served the usual period. After that he served under the late Mr. Webster at Regents Park, being transferred to the Duke of York's Royal Military School, where he has acted as head gardener for the past 30 years. He served during the war with the Queen's Royal West Surreys in France. He leaves a widow and three sons.

The first part of the service was held in the Duke of York's School Church, the organist, Mr. S. Taylor, playing "I know that my Redeemer Liveth" and when the cortège left the church Handel's "Largo." The officiating minister was the Rev. D. E. Gladstone, Chaplain of the School.

The mourners present were Mrs. Mackay (widow). Mr. G. Mackay and Mr. A. Mackay (sons), Mr. W. Mackay (brother), Mr. H. Horn (father-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Colgate (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. Duckett, Mrs.

Wynder, and Mrs. Bowden (sisters-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. W. Norris (cousins). Also present at the church and cemetery were Capt. F. N. Stevenson, Mr. E. Benton (Resident Engineer), R.S.M. P. Jones, C.S.M. Siddons, Mr. Pelham (Office of Works), Mr. H. Chandler (Office of Works. Regents Park), Mr. A. Middlecote and Messrs. J. Dann, E. Gaskin, W. Marsh, C. Laming,

W. Hopper, P. Chidwick, P. Applin, G. Fogg, J. Pilcher, W. Boddy, T. F. Gillett, H. Toomey. G. Meacher, Mr. and Mrs. Harper, Mr. Pat O'Dell, Mr. Patty O'Dell, Mrs. Gee, Miss Whelan. Miss E. Harris, Mr. Cadman and others.

Floral tributes were sent from;—His sorrowing wife; William and family; Albert, George and Alan; Mother and Father: Nell and Charlie; Louie and Jim; Horace and Et; Nan and Jim; Ruth, Fred and Joyce; Annie; and Horace; Florrie and Will; Aunt Ellen; Bill and Mary: Aunt Mary, Bill and Annie; Kathleen and Charles Sears, Garden Staff. D.Y. School: Commandant and Officers, D.Y. School; members of the Staff Club, D.Y. School; Building Staff, D.Y. School; Engineering Staff, D.Y. School; the Present Dukies; Old Dukies at home and abroad: The Pioneers; Directors and Staff, James and Company (Capel); Mr. and Mrs. D. Norris: Mr. and Mrs. Toomey; Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Benton; Mr. and Mrs. Siddons, Eric and Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. Potter and John: Mr. and Mrs. Carter; Mr. and Miss Middlecote; Mr. and Mrs. Gee; Mr. and Mrs. Purchase and Rose: Mr. S. Pilcher,

The funeral arrangements were by Messrs, Venner and Son, 39, High St. Dover.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1938.

#### **Ex-DUKIE'S WEDDING AT THE DUKIES, 1938.**

The wedding took place on Saturday, at the Duke of York's R.M. School Church, of Miss Eleanor Louisa Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Harper, to Platoon Sergt. - Major Henry Balmer, of the Royal Fusiliers, son of Mrs. Balmer and the late Colour Sergeant R. B. Balmer, of Hounslow.

The Rev. W.F. Gladstone, C.F. was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white lace gown, a veil, a head-dress of small artificial arum lilies, and white crepe de chine sandals, and she carried a sheaf of red roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Evelyn Harper (chief, sister of the bride, and Miss Vera (Peggy) McDonald (niece of the bridegroom). They wore gold satin dresses, green shoes and head-dresses of bronze chrysanthemums, and they carried posies of the same flowers. Platoon Sergt.-Major M. Ryan, of the Royal Fusiliers, was the best man. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Assembly Hall at the Duke of York's School.

The honeymoon is being spent at Bournemouth, the bride going away in a pink woollen dress, a navy-blue coat, hat, and shoes. The motor cars were supplied by the Dover Auto-car Co. The bridegroom is an ex-Dukie, the bride the daughter of an ex-Dukie, and the best man also an Ex-Dukie. This is the first occasion on which an Ex-Dukie has been married in the School Chapel.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1939.

#### **DUKIES WIN BOXING TOURNAMENT, 1939.**

Deal Central School and the Duke of York's School met at Deal, on Saturday, to decide who was to hold for twelve months a fine cup, presented by Sergt. Miller, Boxing Instructor at the Duke of York's School.

There were thirteen fights, of which the Duke of York's Boys won 7 and drew in another. At a previous meeting of the teams at the Duke of York's School the home team won 8 fights out of 14, Deal winning the remaining 6. The Duke of York's School thus holds the trophy by winning 15 bouts to Deal's 11, the other being drawn.

The cup was presented to W. Forster, the captain of the winning team, by Captain C. H. Smith, Royal Marines, who refereed the fights. Mr. Mainwood, B.A., Headmaster of the Boys' Central School, congratulated the winners and also the losers, and thanked Sergt. Miller for donating a very fine cup.

Colonel W. A. T. Bowly (Commandant at the Duke of York's School) commended the boys on the thorough manner in which they fought, and invited the Deal boys, in turn, to "knock the heads off" his boys when they met again at Dover.

The results were (Duke of York's boys names first): —

R. Smailes beat T. Emptage; T. Kelly beat R. Robertson;

P. Taylor beat R. Bradford; Morgan drew with H. Jackson;

R. Calton beat T. Killip; J. Hardacre beat H. Ford;

P. Ryan lost to T. Brown; L. Maycock lost to P. Bradford;

H. Bell beat T. Cox; G. Wride lost to A. Watkins (Watkins was a particularly good loser); (Surely A. Watkins was the winner- author's comment).

E. Briggs beat D. Hale; P. O'Dell lost to A. Gill;

R. Hart lost to D. Neiles (who was also a very fine loser).

The officials were: -

Referee: Capt. C. H. Smith.

Judges: The Rev. E. Gladstone (Duke of York's School), and Councillor J. A. Kirkham (Deal).

Timekeeper: Captain Claydon (Deal).

MC.: Mr. T. S. Patchett (Deal).

Seconds: Mr. T. Burn (Deal) and Sergt. "Dusty" Miller (Duke of York's School).

The cup was one that Sergt. Miller had won himself.

The Deal lads put up an excellent show, but there was no doubt as to the superiority of the boys from the Duke of York's School.

W. Forster, Duke of York's School captain, had no fight, as C. Symonds, who was down to box against him, was away.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1939.

### **NEW PANELLING FOR CHAPEL, 1939.**

The Bishop of Dover (The Right Rev. A. C. W. Rose), visited the Duke of York's Royal Military School on Monday afternoon, when he dedicated the new oak panelling in the Sanctuary of the School Chapel, which has been provided by means of over 500 subscriptions amounting to £250, from old boys serving in all parts of the world, from the Regiments in which they are serving, and from those who have worshipped in the Chapel.

The service was attended by General G. C. Williams, G.O.C., Eastern Command; Brigadier J. C. W. Clark, Commanding the 12th Infantry Brigade and Dover Garrison; Col W. A. T. Bowly, Commandant of the School; Lt.-Col. Nott-Bower, M.C., R.E., Col. R.M. Airey and Capt. J. Heywood, representing the R.A.S.C.; Major H. H. Joseph, Headmaster of the School; Capt. F. N. Stevenson, A.E.C.; Major J. Hurt, Adjutant and Secretary of the School; Capt. G. Rimbault, the Loyal Regiment; and Capt. C. E. H. Dolphin.

The old boys attending were, Lt.-Col. J. S. W. Sidwell R.A.S.C., Messrs. A. E. McCarthy, (Chairman, and Old Boys' Association). A. E. Parsons, J. Markham, J. Malinder, A. C. Good, S. A. Hager, S. R. W. Burr, J.. R. Ashby and A. W. T Gamble.

With the Bishop were the Rev. W. E. Gladstone, (Chaplain, Duke of York, Royal Military School), and the Rev. D. Ainsleigh Jones, (Senior Chaplain to the Forces, Dover Garrison).

In his address the Bishop said he knew all of them must regret very much the absence of the Archbishop, who was very unwilling to break his engagement, but felt that in view of the European Situation, he must be in his place in the House of Lords, and take part in the debate. He (the Bishop) appreciated the honour of being there, although he realised and shared the disappointment, which he was sure they all felt at the Archbishop's absence.

Those who had known the Chapel in the past, would realise and see how much the panelling added to the beauty and dignity of that place, but to him the most remarkable thing about it was not so much the

panelling itself, good as it was, but the way in which—when the idea was first put out—the money came in. It was a remarkable tribute in itself to the School, and seemed to show that the Chapel had a real place in the memories and affections of all who belonged to the School, that it stood for something in their lives which they felt was worthwhile and to which they wanted to pay a tribute.

What was it that had made that Chapel count for so much to those who worshipped in it, that they had sent their gifts, not just casually, but as a result of real self-denial? for its decoration? Might they not believe that experience had taught them the value of the central truth for which the Chapel stood, “that God so loved the World that he gave His only Begotten Son?” The world in which they were living to-day was rather a bleak and cheerless place; wherever they looked they heard of wars and rumours of wars. It was a world where promises solemnly made were easily broken, if it became worthwhile to break them; where truth seemed to be that which was convenient to those in power; where justice was coming to mean the will of absolute authority. It was a world full of men and women, tens of thousands of them, who through no fault of their own had been driven out of the countries where they were born, and sent, stripped of all they possessed, to seek a living in a new country; a world where everyone was piling up armaments and spending on them money which could much more profitably be spent on constructive things like education, agriculture, housing and Social services; a world where the law of the jungle was coming back, the law that might is right, and the weakest must go to the wall. In the middle of all this chaos, disorder and confusion, one thing appeared to stand firm, “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and for ever.”

The panelling, which is of pre-war oak, was the work of Messrs. Hampton and Son of London. There are 18 panels; nine bear the crest of the Old Boys, and the others, the following crests: The Life Guards, the Royal Engineers, the Royal Army Service Corps, the Brigade of Guards, the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, the Loyal Regiment, the Queen's Royal Regiment, the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and the School crest.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1939.

#### **PRESENTATION OF KING'S COLOUR, 1939.**

General The Viscount Gort, V.C., K.C.B., C.B.E. D.S.O., M.V.O., M.C., Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will present the King's Colour to the Duke of York's Royal Military school on Grand Day, Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2.30 p.m. The presentation of prizes will follow in the Gymnasium.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1939.

#### **DUKIES' DISPLAY FOR HOSPITAL FUNDS, 1939.**

There was a very large crowd at Pencester Gardens on Saturday evening, when a display was given in aid of the funds of the Royal Victoria Hospital, by the ever-popular boys of the Duke of York's School and Gordon boys. The boys, headed by the full band of the Duke of York's School, assembled at the Sea Front Monument and marched to the Gardens, where the programme opened with the Beating of the Retreat. The programme also included the "Toy Soldiers" as performed by the Dukies at Olympia this year, a gymnastic display by Dukies and hand-bell selections, highland dancing and counter marching by the Gordon boys.

Capt. J. W. Bryant, Hon. Secretary, writes that 1662 paid for admission, the total receipts being £60, and adds "The Hospital Fête and Amusements Committee, of which His Worship the Mayor (Alderman J. R. Cairns. J.P.) is Chairman, wish to thank the public for their splendid support and hope they enjoyed the entertainment."

Sussex Express & County Herald, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1939.

#### **AN ENTHRALLING DISPLAY, 1939.**

Great interest was shown on Wednesday in the enthralling display of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover. With their full band rendering an appreciated programme of music the boys, whose average age is only 12, carried out a series of skilful evolutions, including intricate marching. Later they presented a highly effective Toy Soldier display with

its delightful colour effects and appealing vein of humour and fantasy.

Gloucestershire Echo, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1940.

#### **CHAPLAIN PLAYS FOR CHELTENHAM, 1940.**

Rev. J.W.J. Steele in The Cheltenham Team.

Cheltenham Cricket Club will to-morrow pay a visit to Stroud and will include in their team the Rev. J.W.J. Steele, the well-known Hampshire cricketer. Mr. Steele is at present in Cheltenham in his capacity of chaplain to the Duke of York's Royal Military School, which is being evacuated to the town.

Gloucestershire Echo, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1940.

#### **DUKIE BAND AT CRICKET, 1940.**

TALENTED BOY MUSICIANS.

Duke of York's School Band at Victoria Ground.

Several hundred spectators were present on the Victoria Ground, Cheltenham, this afternoon to watch the cricket match between Mr. Alec Kennedy's XI. and an Army XI.

A feature of the event, which was in aid of the Sportsmen's, Ambulance Fund, was the presence of the Band of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, which at Intervals played selections of popular music.

The band was conducted by Bandmaster W.J. Clancy and consisted of 34 musicians. Many of the people present who enjoyed the performance were struck by the extraordinary ability of the young players. The Army had to make a late change in their aide owing to Capt. A. Arengo-Jones, who was to have played, having met with an accident when riding to the match on a motorcycle. He was badly shaken and was unable to play.

The North Devon Journal-Herald, 14<sup>th</sup> August 1941.

### **BOXING TOURNAMENT, 1941.**

A successful boxing tournament in aid of North Devon Infirmary Funds, took place in the Junior Council School Playground on Wednesday evening in last week. The organisers were the Braunton Carnival Association with Mr G.Dendle as Hon. Secretary and Mr R. J. Isaac as president, and there was a strong working committee. The officials for the Tournament were: Referee- Major C.E.Elliott-Heywood: Judges- Capt. W. Davis and Lieut. A.V. Gibbs: Medical officer-Dr. J.A. Ritchie: M.C.- C.S.M. J. ('Dusty') Miller: Timekeepers-Capt. E. Page and Capt. R.P. Henderson. The contests which were of a high order, included those between boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

After the Tournament the presentation of prizes took place at a supper provided at the Braunton Services Canteen.

After the Royal Toast, the President of the Carnival Association, who presided, called on Col. W.A. Bowly, C.B.E., C.V.O.,M.C., to present the prizes,- Capt. E. Page,(Services Welfare Officer for the Area), proposed the health of Col. Bowly, referring to the latter's willingness to assist in the cause of charity, the boy's excellent boxing that evening, and the excellent services rendered by the school's splendid Military Band throughout the district and especially during War Weapons Week in the area. Capt. Page's remarks were endorsed by Capt. Henderson.

The toast of the Braunton Carnival Association was submitted by Mr E.J. Slee, (Chairman of Braunton Parish Council and Chairman of the Local Committee for Hospital Week), who extended sincere thanks to the Association. He and the Association had done splendid work over a period of years for the North Devon Infirmary.

Responding, the President (Mr R. J. Isaac) said that thanks were due to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Dendle) for his untiring efforts.

The toast of the 'Referee, Judges, and Boxers' was proposed by C.S.M. J Miller, Major C.E. Elliott-Heywood responded. Fusilier S.Wood also responded on behalf of the boxers. 'The Hon. Secretary and M.C.' was

submitted by Mr A.C.K.Fisher. Mr. C.L.Wernham spoke of C.S.M. Miller's work at the canteen and the Hon. Secretary's organising work.

In addition to those already mentioned, valuable assistance was given by Messrs. D. Ferguson, C.H. Ellis, J. Leader, E.J. Pook, G.Mitchell-Hedges, L.V.N.Salter, T.E. Crisfield, and C.S.M. H.Goodwin, members of St John Ambulance Brigade and Nursing Division members of Ye St. Brannocks Lodge R.A.O.B, Messrs G.H.Bush, C. Bearne and F.C. Lee, Mr Ash (Headmaster of the School), and the Braunton Parish Council.

Gloucester Echo. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November,1941.

### **MAJOR-GEN. NYE'S SCHOOL DAYS, 1941.**

No one "Ragged" him.

Major General A. E. Nye, the new Vice. Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was the son of a non-commissioned officer, began his career when, as a boy, he entered for training at the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Dover. His early promise led to his selection as a student for training as an Army schoolmaster.

The headmaster of a Midland Grammar School, who was a student contemporary of Major-General Nye told a reporter today:

"I recollect Nye clearly as a young student who gave one the impression of possessing a solid personality. He was a very clever student. His work never seemed give him any worry. "So far as my memory serves me, he was particularly brilliant in mathematics. Everyone had the utmost respect for him. No one ever 'ragged' Nye. I remember, too, that he excelled at drill, no doubt through his training as a boy."

North Devon Journal-Herald, 26<sup>th</sup> February 1942.

### **INSPIRING TALK BY R.S.M. JONES, 1942.**

By invitation of the trustees of Thorne Memorial Methodist Church, the conference was continued in the church premises on Sunday. After an opening devotional meeting, R.S.M. P.N. Jones D.S.M., of the Duke of

York's Royal Military School, gave an inspiring talk on leadership, drawing from his personal experience in a school of 450 boys.

North Devon Journal-Herald, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1942.

#### **NORTH DEVON BRAVERY RECOGNISED, 1942.**

Royal Humane Society's Parchments to: -

Driver Christopher S.F. Ley, R.A.S.C. and Ernest Morgan, a 15 year old Prefect of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, for their efforts in saving Terrence M. Dunne, aged 11, John O'Leary, 11, and Jonathon Walker, 10, who were marooned on a rock off Saunton Sands by a rapidly rising tide.

The North Devon Journal-Herald, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1942.

#### **THE LATE C.S.M. J. ARBUCKLE, 1942.**

The funeral took place at Braunton on Monday of C.S.M. John Arbuckle, aged 63, Saunton. C.S.M. Arbuckle had served nearly 54 years in the army and had for 24 years been a regimental sergeant major in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He died suddenly on Thursday in last week, leaving a widow, three sons (serving in the Army), and a daughter.

The Rev. G. Woodcock (Army Chaplain), assisted by the Rev. J.H. Prince, officiated at the service in St. Brannocks Church, Braunton.

The principal mourners were the widow, Mrs. Dunning, and Mrs. Palmer. Others present included Col. W.A.T. Bowley, C.V.O., C.B.E., M.C., Major J. Hunt, Major Turner, Mesdames A Staddon, W. Bowley, Potter, Reed, Seeley, Brennan, Trend, Gregory, Allison, Houle, Barker, and Maddis, Messrs J. Passmore, S.W. Ley, and A.C. Houle, and Misses Irwin, Chidwick, Wren and Tuite.

The bearers were Messrs Brown, Irwin, Jones, Cook, Dendle, and Waldron.

A military band attended and played at the interment the hymn "Abide with Me." and "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded.

Mr. C. Bradley carried out the funeral arrangements.

Western Morning News, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1944.

#### **GRAND DAY-PRIZE GIVING, 1944.**

Trooping of the school colours with full ceremonial was a feature of the prize day at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, now in its wartime home in the South West. The salute was taken by Gen. Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, Colonel-Commandant, Royal Regiment of Artillery, and one of the school commissioners. The school band and drums were under Bandmaster B.J. Clancy, and the parade was commanded by Chief School Prefect G.A.G. Bindon.

The School Commandant presided at the prize-giving. Gen. Gordon-Finlayson distributing the prizes.

The champion house prize for all activities-educational, sports, and military efficiency- went to Clive House, on whose behalf it was received by Chief Prefect Bindon.

The Western Morning News, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1945.

#### **A GENUINE REGRET, 1945.**

A genuine regret will be felt in North Devon when the time comes for the Duke of York's Royal Military School to return to its peacetime home in Dover. Evacuated early in the war, the school has been housed in the palatial surroundings of the Saunton Sands Hotel, one of the most modern hotels on the North Devon coast.

Col. W.A.T. Bowly, commandant since 1937, has at all times willingly allowed boys to assist in local efforts for worthy objects, and the excellent band has been in demand. Gymnastic displays by the boys have also been popular features at fêtes and entertainments and have assisted in the raising of hundreds of pounds for the North Devon Infirmary.

The school is an old military foundation, dating from 1801, when it was established at Chelsea by Field-Marshal Frederick Duke of York, and was

originally intended for the sons and daughters of soldiers who lost their lives in action. Entry of girls, however, was abolished more than 100 years ago. In 1909 the school removed to Dover. Entry is limited to sons of W.O.s. N.C.O.s and men, and of officers promoted from the ranks, serving, or who have served, in the Regular Army. There are scholarships to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and to Sandhurst. While there is no obligation for boys to enter the Army when they leave school over 80 percent do Join the Army.

North Devon Journal-Herald, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1945.

#### **BOXING TOURNAMENT, 1945.**

As will be seen from our advertisement columns, an interesting boxing tournament is to take place in Barnstaple Market Hall on June 6th. It is being promoted by the Royal Artillery (stationed in the district) in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmens' Help Society and North Devon Army Welfare Funds. It will be under the patronage of the Lord Lieutenant (Earl Fortescue) and the High Sheriff (Sir Leonard Costello). Special attractions include return contests between Clapp and Hornblower and Ridd and Down.

Sergt. May, Amateur Champion of Canada, will engage in a return contest with Sergt. Barker. As has been shown at previous meetings, these contestants are pretty well matched.

Three bouts are also to be staged by boys from the Duke of York's Royal Military School. Tickets can be obtained from: -

Messrs Nicklin, The Square, or from Braunton Tel: - 263.

A good show is promised for a good cause.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1945.

#### **BARNSTABLE FÊTE, 1945.**

The Duke of York's Royal Military School band of 140 performers played recently at a Fête held at Barnstaple, in aid of the North Devon Infirmary.

The School was moved to Barnstaple early in the war, the buildings near Dover being used for other purposes, and the use continues. How soon the School will return to Dover is not certain. There is a good deal of work to be done there.

North Devon Journal Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1945.

#### **CINEMA SHOW AND TEA, 1945.**

Councillor W. J. Thomas presided over a meeting held in the Boardroom of the North Devon Infirmary on Friday last, that was attended by the Mayor (Alderman F. Dart J.P.C.C.), representatives of the St. Johns Ambulance Association, the National Savings Committee, and the Hospital Week Committee. It was unanimously decided to entertain the members of the Duke of York's Royal Military School before their departure from the district, and since the date of their leaving is uncertain, it was decided to arrange for the towns-folk's appreciation to be shown during the month of July. A fund is to be opened - contributions to be sent to the Mayor or to Mr. W. Lemmers - for entertainment and presentation on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

It was agreed that the boys should be conveyed from Saunton to Barnstaple to attend a cinema show, to be followed by tea in the British Restaurant, where the Home Guard Concert Party will provide entertainment. A cup will be presented to the School for competition at the annual sports. The School has rendered notable service to the borough and district during the war years.

The Western Morning News, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1945.

#### **DEPARTURE TIME GETS NEARER, 1945.**

During their long period of evacuation in the West Country, boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School have been ever ready to assist charitable institutions, and appreciations of Barnstaple is being shown in practical manner. Founded nearly 150 years ago, this school for the sons of regular soldiers was in early war days removed from Dover to a

temporary home in the Saunton Sands Hotel. While there, the most cordial relationship has existed between Col. W.A.T. Bowly, commandant, and local authorities and organizations, and the services of the excellent school band and gymnastic displays by teams from the school have been popular.

Date for the return to the old home has not been decided, but a farewell march by the boys (numbering 350) will take place at Barnstaple on Thursday.

Entertainment is being arranged for the boys and the Mayor will present a cup for competition at school sports which will be a perpetual reminder of their wartime association with Barnstaple and North Devon.

Barnstaple branch of the British Legion, whose members are also indebted to the school for many services, particularly the provision of buglers on Remembrance Day and other occasions, intends to make its own gift.

North Devon Journal-Herald, 19<sup>th</sup> July 1945.

#### **BARNSTAPLE SAYS FAREWELL, 1945.**

To-day Barnstaple will show appreciation of the services rendered in the borough by the Duke of York's Royal Military School during their stay in the district. This afternoon 350 boys will be conveyed by buses from the Saunton Sands Hotel to the Regal Cinema, where they will be the guests of Mr. Maurice Prince. After the cinema programme the boys will be entertained to tea in the British Restaurant.

At 5.45 p.m. the farewell parade of the School will take place. The route will be down Boutport-street towards Pilton, through High-street to the Butchers'-row.

The Home Guard Concert Party will provide entertainment for the boys in the British Restaurant in the evening, and during the interval the Mayor (Alderman Charles F.Dart) will present to Col. W.A.T. Bowly, C.V.O., C.B.G., M.C., a cup for competition at the School annual sports.

North Devon Journal – Herald. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1945.

#### **FAREWELL PRESENTATION FOR DUKIES, 1945.**

"New boys will ask: Why was this cup given to us? I want you to say that it was given to this school as a mark of esteem and affection for you boys, which you earned during your stay with us. That is all the reward we want in handing this cup over to you." So declared the Mayor of Barnstaple, (Alderman C.F. Dart, J.P. C.C.), making the formal presentation of a silver cup to the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School at a happy and informal gathering in the Barnstaple British Restaurant on Thursday evening.

Previous to the evening gathering, where the boys, three hundred in number, were entertained by the Newport Home Guard Concert Party, they had taken part in a farewell march through the streets of the borough, headed by their band. Public appreciation ran high, and very large crowds lined the route of the march.

Following the march past, and the taking of salute by the Mayor and members of the Hospital Committee outside the Guildhall, the boys were entertained at tea in the British Restaurant. Previous to their march, they had been the guests of the Regal Cinema, through the generosity of Mr. Maurice Prince, a member of the Hospital Week Committee. The Mayor made the presentation to Col. W. Bowly, C.B.E. M.C., who accepted on behalf of the school, and also made the presentation, to Col. Bowly personally, of a silver cigarette case, inscribed: "Presented to Col. Bowly, C.B.E., M.C., as a reminder of a happy association with Barnstaple. 1940-1945. C.F. Dart, Mayor, W. J. Thomas, Chairman of the Hospital Committee."

The Mayor was accompanied on the platform by the Matron of the North Devon Infirmary, Miss. Wright, Mr. W. J. Thomas, the Chairman of House Committee, Maj. E. R. Chanter, Mr. A.W. Bond, Secretary North Devon Infirmary, Mr. A.W. Clarke, Mr. W. Semmons, Mr. Maurice Prince, Mr. F.J. Nott, St. Ambulance Supt. And Mr W. J. Squires, the chairman of the local branch of the British Legion. The Mayor addressed his remarks primarily to the boys themselves, and said that he hoped it would be a



great day for them to remember, but he wanted them to know that it was also a great day for the people of Barnstaple who had come to love them. He wanted them to remember with pleasure their stay in that district, and he wanted them to go away with happy memories of North Devon.

After paying a high tribute to the boys for their standards of discipline and behaviour, the Mayor said he had been deeply impressed by the boys' behaviour at tea that day. When he had arrived, and during the meal, one could virtually have heard a pin drop. The first thing that made a good citizen of the world was discipline, and that played a large part in the curriculum of their school, for it was a very great institution. He had watched them, he said, during many parades and celebrations in the borough, and they always got the greatest applause.

The people of Barnstaple and that area had come to love them, each and all of them – there was no other word for it. The Mayor also thanked Colonel Bowly for his ever-ready assistance in every cause which he had been asked to support in the borough and had great pleasure in handing him a silver cigarette case to mark their esteem.

Colonel Bowly, in reply, said that would certainly be a memorable day in the annals of the school. On behalf of the boys, he wanted to thank the whole of Barnstaple for the fine outing they had that day given the school, and for the presentation of that cup, which, he could assure them, would be made very good use of. It would serve a double purpose, both as a sporting trophy and a constant reminder to their school of their stay among them in North Devon. He also thanked them all for their very kind gift to himself, which would be deeply appreciated, and a link with a school which he himself would be leaving within about a fortnight. He thought that presentation to the school and himself had been timed to coincide with his departure from the school and was deeply moved by the gesture. On behalf of the school he wished all Baramites all prosperity, happiness, and occupation in the difficult days that lay ahead.

The Mayor then asked Councillor W.J. Thomas to address the gathering. Mr. Thomas said his was a very pleasant duty, for he had to make a presentation to their bandmaster Mr. W.J. Clancy, for his work and

assistance during the years of the school's life in and around North Devon. Mr. Thomas went on to say that the committee had heard that the boys were disappointed at the fact that the route of their march had not gone past the North Devon Infirmary. This they had wished to do. The committee and governors were deeply touched by that sentiment. Bandmaster W.J. Clancy suitably replied, saying all he had done had been a pleasure and in payment for the many kindnesses the school had received.

The scene at presentation of the Cup, the Mayor is seen handing the trophy to Col. W.A.T. Bowly. In the group from left to right are: Mr. F. J. Nott (Supt. St. John Ambulance), Mr. A. W. Bend (Secretary North Devon Hospital Week Committee), Alderman A. N. Oliver, J.P., (Deputy Mayor), Mr. H. George, J.P., Major E.R. Chanter (Chairman of the House Committee North Devon Infantry), Mr. Maurice Prince, Mr. Semmens (Barclay's Bank and Treasurer of Committee), and Mr. W. J. Thomas (Chairman of the Hospital Week Committee).



The Western Morning News. Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1945.

### **THE COLOUR TROOPED AT SAUNTON, 1945.**

Col, THE HON. EARL FORTESCUE, O.B.E., M.C., (Lord-Lieutenant of Devon), took the salute at the trooping of the colour ceremony of the Duke of York's Royal Military School at their wartime home at Saunton on Saturday, the occasion being marked by the attendance of the Army Commander, Southern Command (Lieut.-Gen. Sir John T. Crocker, K.B.E.).

Throughout the whole of the war period, the school has been evacuated to the Saunton Sands Hotel. Col. W.A.T. Bowly, commandant of the school for the past eight years, is now relinquishing command, but the school is not likely to return to its peacetime quarters at Dover until early next Year.

The picturesque and interesting ceremonial was attended by a large number of guests, including Countess Fortescue, Rear-Admiral, H.G.C. Franklin, R.N., Col. Haddock, Brigadier Mainwaring, Major Porter, Major Poole, and Major Turner, the Mayor of Barnstaple, Alderman C.F. Dart, J.P., C.C., and members of Barnstaple Town Council, and the Army Commander was accompanied by staff officers.

The school, founded in 1801, was granted the distinction of carrying colours by King George IV, in 1825. The whole ceremony was carried out by the boys under their own N.C.O.s, with the march past in quick time in the customary tune of the "British Grenadiers" by the school band. In command of the parade was Chief School Prefect: R. Hobbs, and colour guards being in command of School- Prefects H.J. Balderson, and C. Boulsbee, Junr. - School-Prefect K. Robinson, and School-Prefect S. J.S. Avery. The Colour being carried by the House Prefect: B.W. Dunkeld. In command of the band and drums was School Prefect J.S. Emsley. The drum major was boy Travers.

The precision and timing of the movements in the trooping of the colour and in the steadfastness of the boys in the march past were most favourably commended upon, and Col. the Earl Fortescue described the spectacle as "magnificent."

The North Devon Journal-Herald, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1945.

### **TROOPING THE COLOURS, 1945.**

#### **Impressive Ceremony at Saunton.**

"Magnificent!" was the verdict of the Lord-Lieutenant of the County, Col. the Hon. Earl Fortescue, O.B.E., M.C., after the impressive ceremony of trooping the colour given by the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Saunton on Saturday. The present colours belonging to the school were presented by King George IV, in 1825, the school having been founded in 1801.

There was a large gathering present to witness the display, including The Countess Fortescue, the Mayor of Barnstaple (Ald. C. F. Dart. J.P, C.C.) and members of Barnstaple Corporation, the Army Commander (Lieut.-General Sir John T. Crocker, K.B.E.), Admiral Franklin, R.N., Col. Haddock, Brigadier Mainwaring, Major Porter, Major Poole, and Major Turner.

The Inspecting officer was the Lord Lieutenant, and he was accompanied by the school principal (Col. W.A.T. Bowly) and school officers. The whole of the ceremony was performed by the boys themselves, the commander of the parade being Chief-Prefect B.R.Hobbs and guards being in command of School-Prefects H. J. Balderson and C.Boulsbee, Junr., School-Prefect K.Robinson, and School-Prefect S.J.S. Avery. The band and drums were in command of School-Prefect J.S.Emsley, and the prefect carrying the colour was B.W.Dunkeld. The drum major was boy Travers.

At the outset the inspecting officer was received with the general salute, and his pleasure at the keenness and precision displayed was obvious.

The large crowd were afterwards entertained at tea in the school premises.

North Devon Journal – Herald. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1945.

**LETTER OF THANKS FROM DUKIES, 1945.**

To the Editor, the Journal-Herald.

Sir. I have received from the Commandant of The Duke of York's Royal Military School, Saunton, a letter of thanks to the Borough of Barnstaple which I feel deserves the full publicity which only your hospitable columns can give. I am sure you will once again help me, as you have so often done before, whenever you have been appealed to. — Yours faithfully.

Chas. F. Dart. Mayor,  
The Mayor's Parlour,  
Guildhall,  
Barnstaple.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

We, the undersigned, representing the Duke of York's Royal Military School, wish to place on record, our deep appreciation of the very kind and generous way in which the School was entertained on Thursday July 19th 1945, and our grateful thanks for the presentation of a silver cup to our School, and for the personal presentation to two of our number.

We would wish, Mr. Mayor, as far as you are able, that you would make it known to the inhabitants of Barnstaple, how much we appreciated the thought which prompted the entertainments and presentations, not forgetting the provision of a generous tea and supper, and also for the way in which they turned out in the rain to give the boys such a warm welcome.

To the organising committee and to all those who contributed to the success of the day, we are particularly grateful. We shall not forget Barnstaple.

W A.T. BOWLY. Colonel Commandant.

P.N. JONES, R.S.M.

W. J. CLANCY. Bandmaster.

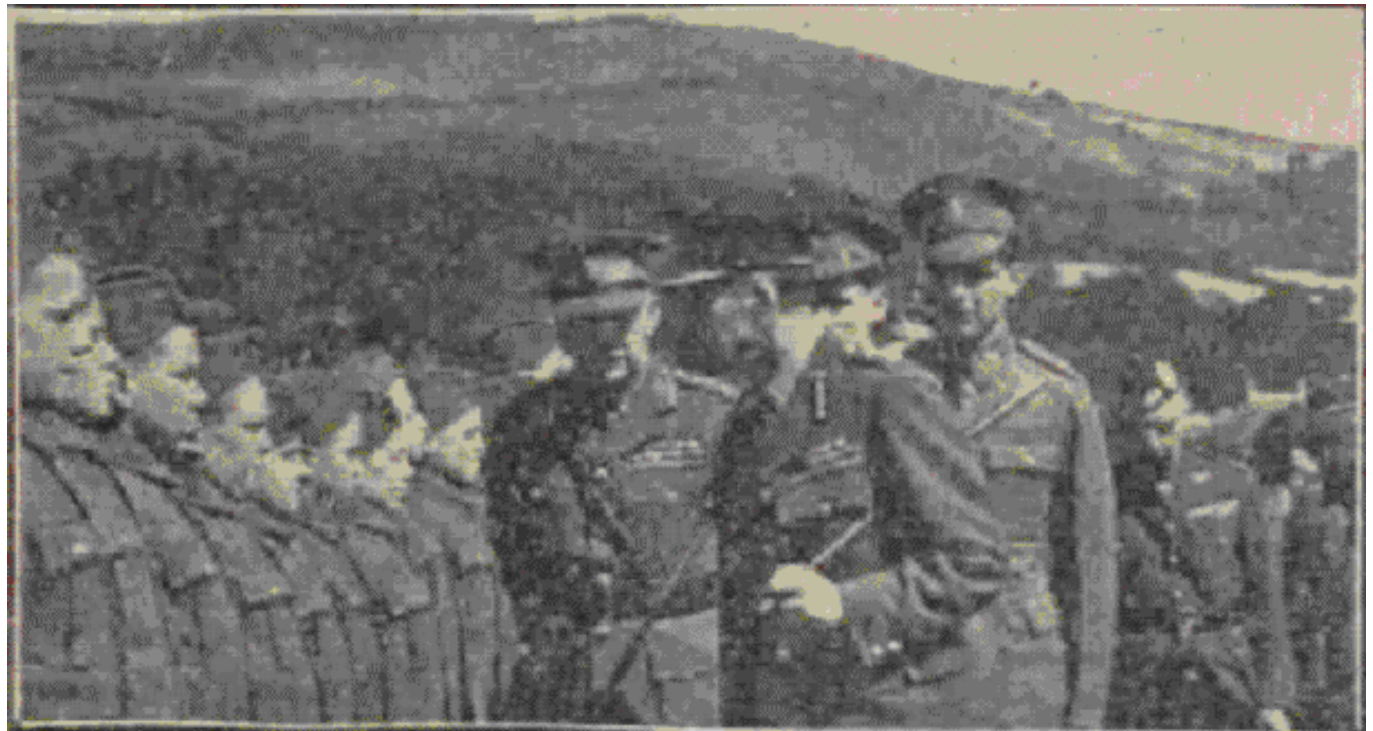
B.R. HOBBS. Chief School Prefect.

The Duke of York's Royal Military School.

North Devon Journal – Herald. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1945

**TROOPING OF THE COLOUR AT SAUNTON, 1945. (Photo).**

Col. the Earl Fortescue, accompanied by Col. W.A.T. Bowly, inspecting the guards at the trooping of the Colour Ceremony at Saunton.



North Devon Journal – Herald. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1945.

**LETTER RE. BRITISH RESTAURANT, BARNSTAPLE, 1945.**

To the Editor, the Journal-Herald.

Dear Sir,

In view of the great help which Col. Bowly and the Duke of York's Boys have given this town in public functions, and money raising affairs, it seems a great pity that the stage arrangements for straightforward and unelaborated amateur entertainments at the British Restaurant, are so unsatisfactory.

As our Concert Party formed the last item in the programme of entertainment for the Boys, we too, feel very strongly on the matter, as we had hoped to have given them of our best. The arrangements being what they were, this was impossible, and we can only hope that Col. Bowly and his boys were not duly disappointed.

RALPH W. WEBBER

Hon. Secretary for the Newport

Home Guard Social Club,

4. Trinity-Place, Barnstaple.

July 30th, 1945.

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Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1946.

**SCHOOL'S RETURN TO DOVER, 1946.**

Although no official announcement has so far been made, it seems fairly certain that the Duke of York's Royal Military School will be returning to Dover in the Spring.

North Devon Journal - Herald. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1946.

**FAREWELL CONCERT AT BRAUNTON, 1946.**

The Band of the Duke of York's Royal Military School added to their laurels on Sunday evening, when they gave their farewell concert in Branton Parish Hall before their return to Dover, in aid of the Branton Welcome Home Fund.

Councillor G. H. Staddon (chairman of the Welcome Home Committee, expressed the committee's sincere thanks to the School Commandant (Col. Barnwell, C.B.E.), for granting permission for the band to play that evening. He said the services of the band on behalf of many good causes in the locality, had been deeply appreciated. On such occasion as Warship Week, Salute-the-Soldier Week, and Thanksgiving Week, their playing had met with universal approbation. Under their conductor, C.S.M. W. Fry, a programme had been arranged which he was sure all would enjoy.

On behalf of the people of Branton be expressed deep appreciation of the services of Bandmaster Mr. Clancy, who. Unfortunately, had just had a serious operation and could not be present that night. Mr. Clancy was 69 years of age and had been in uniform since he was 11 years old.

In conclusion, Mr. Staddon announced that the Welcome Home Fund now stood at £1.400, but the committee hoped to add considerably to that amount.

C.S.M. Fry said that since that was the farewell performance in Branton. The programme would commence with the school hymn, "Sons

of the Brave" (Maunder), and conclude with the school song," Play up Dukies!" (Salmond). The band also played the march, "Entry of the Gladiators", (Fucik), the overture, "Martha", (Flotow), the Waltz, " Blue Danube", (Strauss), the piccolo solo, "The Deep Blue Sea", (Braner), the selection, "Bitter Sweet", (Coward), and the "The Desert Song", (Romberg), "Humoresque", (Dvorak), and "Polonaise", (Chopin).

During the interval the audience were treated to two splendidly rendered pianoforte duets, "Husarenrit", (Spindler), and "Qui Vive", (Ganz), by Mr. and Mrs. S. Brent, of Barnstaple. Mrs. Brent was also heard to advantage in two songs, "Today the Thrushes Woke Me" and " O Ship of My Delight." Mr J. Dendle was also in fine voice in the rendering of "The Holy City" and "Bless This House." Mr. S. Brent was the able accompanist.

Members of the Welcome Home Committee acted as stewards.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1946.

#### **RETURN OF THE DUKIES, 1946.**

After six years "evacuation," the Duke of York's Royal Military School will be returning to Dover on March 29th from Braunton, North Devon. The School has practically an entirely new staff since leaving Dover.

They are: —

Commandant, Colonel R. E. Barnwell, C.B.E.; Headmaster, Major W. Atherton, B. Sc., M. Sc.; (Tech.), M. Ed., F.R.I.C.; Adjutant, Major W. J. Prosser, E.R.E.L.; Chaplain, the Rev. N. Metcalfe, D.S.O., B.A., CF.; Medical officer, Major R. R. Thompson, M.C., R.A.M.C.; Officer instructor, Lieut. D. G. Reigate, B.A.; Clerk to the School, Mr. I. F. Gillett.

Heads of Establishment — Housemasters: -

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Wolfe House,      | Mr. W. R. Lowry;        |
| Clive House,      | Mr. E. Davey;           |
| Wellington House, | Mr. J. W. Finn;         |
| Wolseley House,   | Mr. R. Granger, D.C.M.; |
| Roberts House,    | Mr. A. Halsey;          |

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| Kitchener House,            | Mr. W. J. Fry;     |
| Haig House (Junior School), | Mr. G. J. Justice; |

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| R.S.M.,   | Mr. P. N. Jones, D.C.M.; |
| Bandmaster,   | Mr. W. J. Clancy;        |
| Q.M.S.,   | Mr. W. G. Prescott, MC.  |
| Nursing sister, Sister S. M. Greaves, G.M., Q.A.I.M.N.S.; |                          |
| Denser,   | Mr. A. I. Harper;        |
| Housekeeper,  | Mrs. A. Dunning.         |

Masters: -

W.O.I.'s, Class I., T. A. Wynn, M.A., B. J. Snook, B. A M. Simmons and F. E. Kaulfuss;

W.O.I.'s, Class II., P.S. Taylor, P. Devlin, M.A., G. L. Roberts, B.A., E. E. Young and J. N. Kennedy, B.Sc.;

Sergeant instructors: -W. A. Rawlinson, N. Burley, B.A., K. D. Bradshaw, B.A., E. Meatyard, B.A.;

Schoolmistresses: -Miss D. Cuthill, Miss E.M.S. Kenniston, Miss J.A. Blackman.

#### **OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.**

The Association intends to resume its activities in the near future. The six years of war have, however, resulted in touch being lost with many Old Boys. All Old Boys are, therefore, requested to forward to the Hon. Secretary of the Association the following information: —

- (a) Present rank, decorations and address;
- (b) Address for correspondence if different from (a) above;
- (c) Short particulars of their career since leaving the School.

The Secretary will also be glad of any information of Old Boys who have been killed or have died during the war.

The address of the Hon. Secretary is: Mr. A. E. McCarthy, 29. Eastern Road, West Dulwich. S. E. 21.

North Devon Journal-Herald, 28<sup>th</sup> March 1946.

#### **GOOD-BYE. BOYS! 1946.**

TODAY the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, which has been housed during the war in the Saunton Sands Hotel, overlooking the magnificent sands and Barnstaple Bay, are leaving North Devon "for good."

During their enforced stay in the neighbourhood they have established themselves firmly in the affections, and unforgettably in the memories of North Devonians. Their splendid bearing and equally splendid behaviour were the best proofs of the excellence of the care bestowed on them by the Commandants, past and present, and the highly skilled and sympathetic staff of the School.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1946.

#### **DUKIES RETURN TO DOVER, 1946.**

The boys of the Duke of York's School officially return to Dover to-day (Friday), but as leave starts to-day only thirty boys will be arriving<sup>16</sup>, the remainder going to their homes until the summer term.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1946.

#### **DUKIES BACK AT DOVER, 1946.**

The Duke of York's Royal Military School came back on Friday night to its pre-war home at Guston, after nearly six years evacuation to the west of England. The boys, at the moment, are enjoying five weeks leave while the school buildings, used during the war by the military, are being cleaned and made ready for the school re-opening early in May.

The School was evacuated from Dover in June 1940, and for a month stayed on the outskirts of Bournemouth. The next move was to Cheltenham, but again only for three months, when it was decided that the buildings they occupied were required for departments of the War

Office, which were moving to safety from the bombing of London.

Transferred from here to Braunton, North Devon, the school at last found a permanent wartime home at Saunton Sands Hotel, but cramped for accommodation here, it was found necessary to send a section of 60 boys to Dunblane, in Scotland. The working of the school continued smoothly, boys leaving and passing into the fighting forces, and newcomers keeping the strength up to the four hundred mark. They were warmly received by the Devonshire folk and in return the Dukies Band helped them in their various wartime drives.

As would be expected, the boys who moved on into the services upheld the fine traditions of the school. Six of them were awarded D.S.O.'s, two won bars to their Military Crosses; eight were awarded the Military Cross, while some 250 were commissioned.

The School at Guston did not escape damage during the bombing and shelling of Dover. Roberts House, the School Laundry and the Commandant's Office, were badly damaged with the result that those boys at present at Dunblane will have to continue their schooling there until Roberts House has been rebuilt.

Col. W. A. Bowly, Commandant of the School since the end of 1936 retired in August 1945 and he was succeeded by Col. R. E. Barnwell., C.B.E. The School Padre, the Rev. N. Metcalf, won the D.S.O., in the Burma Retreat.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1946.

#### **DUKIES RETURN, 1946.**

Boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School started school at Dover this week, after six years evacuation to Devon. Since leaving Braunton, they have had five weeks leave to enable the buildings at Guston to be made ready for them.

A special service of Thanksgiving was conducted at the School Chapel,

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<sup>16</sup> The Author and his elder brother George being two of this group.

on Sunday morning, by the Chaplain, the Rev. N. Metcalfe, D.S.O., and among those who attended were the Commandant, (Col. R. E. Barnwell, C.B.E.), Mr. A. E. McCarthy, (Chairman of the Old Boys' Association), Capt. W. S. Cole, (Chairman of the Dover Branch British Legion), Mrs. Langley, (Women's Section British Legion), Mrs. Cole, (representing the Ladies Section, Old Contemptibles' Association), and Mr. C. B. Burnett (R.E. Old Comrades' Association).

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1946.

#### **V.E.-DAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DUKIES, 1946.**

Arrangements for V-Day in Dover on Saturday are as follows, — at 11 a.m.—March Past of the Boys of the Duke of York's R.M. School, the Mayor taking the salute from the Town Hall steps. The route of the march is from the Sea Front, which will be left at 10.50, up the main street as far as Cherry Tree Avenue.

At 6.30 p.m.—Beating of Retreat on the Sea front by Boys of the Duke of York's R.M. School.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1946.

#### **V.E.-DAY CELEBRATIONS AT DOVER, 1946.**

In spite of the dismal weather throughout the weekend, Dover townspeople made the most of the modest Victory celebrations which had been arranged. On Saturday morning, 8<sup>th</sup> June, thousands taking advantage of the brief summer spell lined the main streets to give the Boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School a grand welcome back after their six years evacuation to the West Country. Led by their band, the boys marched through cheering and waving crowds, from the Sea Front to Cherry Tree Avenue.

The Mayor, who was accompanied by Members of the Town Council and officials, took the salute from the Town Hall steps, and there was a particularly large crowd there. The Dukies, whose military bearing was admirable throughout, extended their march along Barton Road as a

tribute to their former Bandmaster, Mr. Clancy, who is staying at No. 5, but who was unable to watch the March Past at the Town Hall through illness. They embussed at the end of Barton Road, and were then taken back to school.

The heavy rain which came on after midday, cleared by late afternoon, and large crowds gathered on the Sea Front to see the "Beating of Retreat," always a favourite in Dover, carried out by the Band of the Duke of York's School during the evening. The Mayor, travelling by car, with members of the Town Council and officials, and with parties of Dover Youth Organisations, and many more, young and old, bearing torches, took part in the torchlight procession, which started from the Town Hall at half-past nine, for Whinless Downs, headed by the band of the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Here, the Mayor set off the huge 30ft high bonfire, which had been built by the Surveyor's Staff. Damped by the rain, it took some time to get going, but once alight it blazed furiously for three or four hours, the glow lighting up the sky and being visible for miles around. The only disappointment for many was that the firework display which had been arranged had to be cancelled. News had been received earlier in the day that the lorry, bringing the fireworks from London, had caught fire on the way, and all of the fireworks had been destroyed. Small, but nevertheless attractive displays were given from the Castle and Breakwater between 10 and 11 o'clock.

There were attendances of over two hundred at each of the Welcome Home dances to Dover Ex-Servicemen and women, held at the Town Hall, on Saturday and Monday evenings. The Mayor and Mayoress and members of the Council attended, the Mayor extending to those present, a warm welcome home and best wishes for a happy future. Mr. E. Dowle was the M.C., and the Crochets Dance Band, augmented by several ex-servicemen, supplied the music. Prizes for competition dances were presented at the conclusion of each evening by the Mayoress.

On Saturday morning the Mayor lunched at the Belgian Operatives' Hostel at Hougham, and in the afternoon, paid a visit to vessels in the port.



## THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

Many Dover people, including the Mayor and Town Councillors in their robes, and wearing their new cocked hats for the first time, Corporation officials and members of Dover's Youth Movements, braved the doubted weather conditions on Sunday afternoon, at Pencester Gardens, to join together in a Drum-head Service of thanksgiving for the Victory of the Allies over the evils of Nazism and oppression, and to offer prayers for God's guidance in maintaining a just and lasting peace. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Cooper (Mayor's Chaplain). Canon G. J. Browne, (Rural Dean), gave a short address, and the Rev. J. Bastion Kat, read the lesson.

The music for the hymns was played by the Band of the Duke of York's Royal Military School and their buglers sounded "The Last Post" and "Reveille".

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1946.

### DUKIES' ANNUAL SPORTS DAY, 1946.

The annual sports of the Duke of York's Royal Military School were held on Whit Monday, at Gaston, amid, as usual, there was keen competition between the various houses. Unfortunately, there was a strong wind, and the ground was heavy, with the result that the times recorded were in most cases below the usual standard, and no records were broken.

The Gardyne Cup, for the Champion House, was won by "Wolfe," who also took the Saunton Cup for the one-mile relay, and the Lysaght Cup for the half-mile. The Barnstaple Cup for the open relay, being won by Wolseley House.

School Prefect W. Bowler won the Oldfield Cup for the senior gaining most points, and the Michel Cup, for the Champion Boy under 15 was tied for by Harrington and Pearson.

Among those present at the sports, were the Commandant, Colonel R.E. Barnwell, C.B.E., and several Old Boys. Mrs. Atherton, wife of the Headmaster, presented the prizes at the conclusion.

The results were: -

#### 100 Yards.

|           |                |               |                        |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Under 12: | 1, O'Brien;    | 2, Morris;    | 3, Blake (14.2 secs.). |
| Under 13: | 1, Harrington; | 2, Williams;  | 3, Wall (14 secs.).    |
| Under 14: | 1, Pearson;    | 2, Broadbent; | 3, Lowry (13.2 secs.). |
| Under 15: | 1, Smart;      | 2, Baigent;   | 3, J. McMahon.         |
| Open:     | 1, Harrington; | 2, Bowler;    | 3, O'Hara (11.2 secs). |

#### 220 Yards.

|           |                |                |                           |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Under 13: | 1, Harrington; | 2, Beard;      | 3, Westwick (31 secs.).   |
| Under 14: | 1, Pearson;    | 2, Broadbent;  | 3, Greenbrook (28 secs.). |
| Under 15: | 1, Smart;      | 2, Somerville; | 3, Freeston (28.2 secs.). |
| Open.     | 1, Bowler;     | 2, Harrington; | 3, O'Hara (25 secs).      |

#### 440 Yards.

|           |               |                |                              |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Under 14: | 1, Edwards;   | 2, Harrington; | 3, Lowry (1 min. 15 secs).   |
| Under 15: | 1, Somerville | 2, Freeston    | 3, Hayden (1 min. 14 secs.). |
| Open.     | 1, Bowler;    | 2, O'Hara; 3   | . Harrington (1 min 1 sec.). |

#### Half Mile.

|           |             |                |                               |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Under 14: | 1, Edwards; | 2, Harrington; | 3, Hancock (2 min. 43 secs.). |
| Under 15: | 1, Smart;   | 2, Somerville; | 3, Thirst (2min. 50 secs.).   |
| Open.     | 1, Bowler;  | 2, Ashwood;    | 3, Eastap (3 min. 36 secs.).  |

#### One Mile.

|       |            |                |                               |
|-------|------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Open. | 1, Eastap; | 2, Cartwright; | 3, Ashwood (6 min. 14 secs.). |
|-------|------------|----------------|-------------------------------|

#### Long Jump,

|           |                |             |                       |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Under 12: | 1, Penn;       | 2, Blake;   | 3, Toms (11ft. 10in). |
| Under 13: | 1, Harrington; | 2, Dingley; | 3, Cocks (12ft.).     |



Under 14: 1, Pearson; 2, Simpson; 3, Tilbury (12ft. 8ins.).  
 Under 15: 1, Baigent; 2, Tilbury; 3, Phillips (13ft. 6ins.).  
 Open. 1, Bowler; 2, O'Hara; 3, Mehlert (18ft 51/2ins.).  
 High Jump.  
 Under 12: 1, O'Brien; 2, Penn; 3, Banger (4ft. 2ins.).  
 Under 13: 1, McCarthy; 2, Harrington; 3, Williams (4ft. 2ins.).  
 Under 14: 1, Martin; 2, Pearson; 3, Curtis (4ft).  
 Under 15: 1, Carvel; 2, Tilbury; 3, Peters (4ft. 3 1/2ins.).  
 Open. 1, Cartwright; 2, Mehlert; 3, Bowler (4ft.11ins.).

Obstacle,  
 Under 14: 1, Tilbury; 2, Harrington; 3, McMahon B.  
 Over 14: 1, Allen; 2, McMahon D.; 3, Freeman and Peters.  
 Sack Race,  
 Under 14: 1, Whittle and Morgan (tied).  
 Over 14: 1, Holmes.  
 Staff Race. 1, Col. Barnwell and Mr. Lowry (tied).  
 Sons of Staff. 1, Barker; 2, Halsey.  
 Daughters of Staff. 1, Miss E Gillett; 2, Miss M. Gillett.



Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. 1946.

**GRAND DAY. 'Trooping of the Colour' 1946  
(photo)**

Wellington House marching past the Saluting Base as Monty takes the Salute during his visit on Grand Day, 1946. Patrick Dove as Company Commander. Photo by kind permission of Patrick's brother James. (My brother George and I are there somewhere)

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1946.

#### **MONTY'S VISIT, 1946.**

Field Marshall Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will inspect the Boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School and afterwards present the prizes gained during the year, at the School's Grand Day on Saturday.

The Field Marshall, travelling by car, will arrive at the School at about 2.15, and at 2.30 will watch the boys carry out the impressive ceremony of the "Trooping of the Colours." The presentation of prizes follows at half-past three.

Attendance at these ceremonies is restricted to those who have received invitations, and it is regretted that those without invitations will not be admitted to the school grounds.

During the weekend, about 140 Old Boys will visit the school. There is a grand re-union dance on Friday evening, a special service in the School Chapel on Sunday morning, after which a representative of the Old Boys will place a wreath on the Memorial near the main gates. In the afternoon the Old Boys meet the School in their annual cricket match.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1946.

#### **FIRE AT COMMANDANT'S HOUSE, 1946.**

The N.F.S. were called to an outbreak of fire at the Commandant's House, Duke of York Royal Military School, on Tuesday morning. Workmen engaged on repairing the roof caught some woodwork alight with a blow lamp, but the N.F.S. quickly extinguished the flames, and little damage was done.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1947.

#### **FIRST WEDDING SINCE RETURN TO DOVER, 1947.**

The first wedding at the Chapel, since the return of the School to Dover, took place on Saturday at the Duke of York's School, when Miss Cynthia

Thompson, elder daughter of Major and Mrs. R. R. Thompson, was married to Capt. Dennis White. R.A. The officiating clergymen were the bride's grandfather, Canon F. Lewis Donaldson, Sub-Dean of Westminster, and the Chaplain to the School, the Rev. N. S. Metcalfe, C. F., D.S.O.

The Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, D.D., Dean of Canterbury, who was to have taken part, was unfortunately unable to be present owing to illness. The bride, who was given away by her father, the Medical Officer of the School, was attired in a dress with a train of white satin, Limerick lace veil with orange blossom (lent by Mrs. Barnwell, wife of Col. R. E. Barnwell, C.B.E., the Commandant). She was attended by her sister, Miss Frances Thompson, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Jean White, both of whom wore patterned liberty silk gowns, and two train bearers, Miss Mary Donaldson and Miss Ann Bannatyne. The best man was Capt. J. S. M. Wason. A reception was held at the Medical Officer's house, where the guests included officers of the Staff and their wives.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1947.

#### **INTERMEDIATE CROSS-COUNTRY RUN, 1947.**

The intermediate cross-country run of the Duke of York's Royal Military School was held on Tuesday, the winner being Boy Pickering, who led all the way. Wolseley House won the inter-house competition.

The leading individual positions were: -

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Boy Pickering (Kitchener House);
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Boy Davis (Wolfe House);
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Boy O'Brien (Wolseley House);

House Placings were:-

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Wolseley (175 points);
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kitchener (190 points);
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Marlborough (304 points);
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Clive (354 points);



5<sup>th</sup>, Wellington (395 points);

6<sup>th</sup>, Wolfe (449 points);

The senior run was held yesterday (Thursday), the winner being Prefect Bowler (Marlborough), in 20mins. 17secs. Boy Smart (Wolseley) was second and Boy Tilbury (Marlborough) third.

House placings were: -

1<sup>st</sup>, Kitchener (507 points); 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marlborough (574 points);

3<sup>rd</sup>, Wolseley (681 points);

4<sup>th</sup>, Wolfe (848 points);

5<sup>th</sup>, Clive (924 points);

6<sup>th</sup>, Wellington (1179 points);

The junior run is to-day.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
March 1947.

#### **JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY RUN, 1947.**

The Duke of York's School Junior cross-country run on Tuesday afternoon was won by Boy Wills, of "Kitchener" House, with Boy Hughes, also of "Kitchener" House, second, and Boy Brill, "Wolfe" House, third. The School's Marathon Cup has been won by "Kitchener" House.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1947.

#### **YOUTH SUNDAY FÊTE AT THE DUKIES, 1947.**



#### **YOUTH SUNDAY.**

After a Service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Youth organisations paraded in Pencester Gardens and marched past the Mayor at the Town Hall.  
The contingent from the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1947.

### **GRAND FÊTE, 1947.**

Whit-Monday attraction brings in £500.

The Whit-Monday Fête organised by the Duke of York's Royal Military School for the S.S.A.F.A. and the Archbishop's Appeal funds, and held in the grounds at the school, was an outstanding attraction of the holiday period, and the committee responsible for its organisation well deserved the support they received from the thousands of people from Dover and district who attended. The many stalls and side shows arranged were so well patronised that the two funds will share over £500 between them.

The many attractions commenced with the Dukies' Band playing selections at 3 p.m. and was followed immediately afterwards by a display by students of the Nonington College of Physical Education, by kind permission of Miss Wright, headmistress.

At 4.45 the Dover Swimming Club gave a swimming exhibition in the school bath, in which L/Cpl. Ronald Stedman, R.A.S.C., the Army Swimming Champion took part, and at 5.45 boys Of the D.Y.R.M.S. gave a display of physical training. The easy, confident manner in which the members of these teams executed their particular part in the display, was obviously the result of long practice.

The beating of the retreat by the Dukies' Band and Drums was, as always, an impressive spectacle, and one to which many looked forward during the afternoon. A full programme of events was brought to a close at 7.45, when from then until 9 p.m., dancing was organised in the school hall.

Throughout the afternoon, hundreds thronged the grounds, and at each stall and sideshow there was an ever-present queue. As an added attraction, Messrs. Longleys, of Dover, installed a television apparatus, and for a small admission fee people were allowed to watch the television programme for a few minutes. In addition to this and many other sideshows which were staffed by instructors and boys, pony rides, and tours in a pony trap through the grounds, were very popular.

**WHIT- MONDAY, MAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

Commencing at 2.30 p.m.

## **GRAND FÊTE AT THE**

**Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover.**

(Proceeds in aid of S.S.A.F.A. & Archbishop of Canterbury's Appeal Fund)

DISPLAY BY STUDENTS OF THE  
NONINGTON COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

SWIMMING & WATERPOLO

By

Members of the Dover Swimming Club

**BEATING THE RETREAT and MUSICAL ITEMS**

by the Band and Drums of the

**DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL.**

SIDESHOWS, DISPLAYS, DANCING, "BUY A WATCH".

Admission to Grounds 1/- (Children Half Price)

Buses leave Pencester Road at regular intervals for the R.M.  
School.

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Deal and St. Margaret's bus service, with relief buses running, proved inadequate to deal with the queue which formed in Pencester Rd. Rather than wait in the queue, many people walked, and the Deal road at one point in the afternoon, resembled a busy main thoroughfare.

Members of the Committee responsible for the organisation of the Fête, who thanked the many people who assisted them, were: -

|                                  |                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Organiser:                       | Lieut.-Col. W. Atherton;           |
| Treasurer:                       | Major W. J. Prosser;               |
| Side Shows:                      | Rev. N. Metcalfe;                  |
| Raffles Major                    | R. R. Thompson;                    |
| Military Items:                  | Mr. P.N. Jones;                    |
| Musical Items:                   | Mr. A. A. Singer;                  |
| Construction and Works Services: | -Messrs. P.N. Hilton and W. Brown; |
| Catering:                        | Mr. H. W. Rowe;                    |
| Liaison with S.S.A.P.A.:         | Mrs. R. E. Barnwell;               |
| Secretary:                       | 2/Lieut, G. McGough.               |

Prizes for the following tickets will be disposed of unless they are claimed within a week: - A83 (white), B16 (white) and D94 (blue).

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1947.

#### **THE DUKIES' BAND WINS FESTIVAL, 1947.**

In the recent Kent Competitive Musical Festival, held at Ashford, the Duke of York's Royal Military School Band, under Mr. A. A. Singer, A.R.C.M., P.S.M., won the first award in the Schools Orchestral Section. The judges commented on the excellent precision of their playing, and said "the whole effect was good, and it was a great thrill to hear such an efficient band."

Other successful competitors from the school were: -Boy Sgt. J. C. Fry, who gained 1st award in the Brass Solo Section; Boy Corpl. S. Kimber, who gained second place: and Prefect M. R. Phillips, who gained second award in the Woodwind Instrument Section.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1947.

#### **DEATH OF DUKIES' SHOEMAKER, 1947**

MR W. J PARKER.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at St. James Cemetery, of Mr. William John Parker, husband of Mrs. Parker, who died suddenly on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3, Castle hill Rd., aged 58 years. Mr. Parker had for the past 29 years been employed as a shoemaker at the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

The Rev. A. S. Cooper officiated, and the mourners present were: -

Mrs. Parker (widow), Mr. J. Parker (son), Mr. and Mrs. Golding (son-in-law and daughter), also Mr. Hale (late D.Y.R.M.S.), and Mr. Golding.

Floral tributes included one from the Officers, staff and boys of the Duke of York's School.

The funeral arrangements were by Messrs. G. J. Buckland and son, 14, Priory Rd., Dover.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday.1<sup>st</sup> August 1947.

#### **DUKIES' GRAND DAY, 1947.**

GENERAL O'CONNOR'S TRIBUTE.

"I can honestly say I have never before seen boys stand as firm and steady as you did on parade to-day, and I'm tremendously proud of you."

General Sir Richard N. O'Connor, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., the Adjutant General to the Forces, paid this tribute to the boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, on Saturday-the School's Grand Day-when he inspected the boys on parade, watched the Trooping of the Colour, took the salute at a march past, and afterwards presented the school prizes won during the past year.

In blazing hot sunshine the ceremony of Trooping the School Colour, which takes the best part of an hour, was carried out with the precision that is the hall mark of any Dukie parade, and to holiday makers in particular who watched it for the first time, the Ceremony was one they will not easily forget.

Chief School Prefect B. Dunkeld was in command of the parade, Pft. J. Somerville commanding No.1 Guard (Wellington House), Pft. M. Eastap No. 2 Guard (Marlborough and Wolfe Houses), Pft. T. O'Hara No. 3 Guard (Clive House), and Pft. P. Somerville No. 4 Guard (Wolseley and Kitchener Houses),

Pft. D. Awdas carried the School Colour.

At the presentation of prizes, which followed the ceremony, Col. R. E. Barnwell, the School Commandant, said what a great pleasure and honour it was to have as the General Officer that day, the Adjutant General to the Forces.

They would all remember the thrill of that first campaign in North Africa, which General O'Connor conducted so brilliantly and against such great odds. It was the first real success which our armies had achieved in the war, and it put new heart into the whole nation. It was a sad blow when a little later he was taken prisoner, but fortunately he escaped in time to take a most notable part in the invasion of France and the battles which followed, before going to India to command the armies of the East.

Col. Barnwell said he was extremely glad, too, to see how young the older Old Boys were looking and to find how many had turned up that day. They had seen the military ceremony which was customary for the School to perform on that occasion, and presently would see the distribution of prizes to those who had gained the chief scholastic successes during the year.

He felt that the combination of those two events on the one occasion was symbolic of what they stood for. They were a school for the sons of soldiers. They were proud of their military tradition and felt that if a boy was to grow up into a really useful citizen, he must acquire a proper pride in himself, a high standard of behaviour, and a sense of service. They were military virtues, but they formed a sound basis on which to build. But if they were to build to the best advantage they must be, at least equal to any other school scholastically, and that was their object. What was perhaps the most notable achievement last year in the scholastic and military world did not show itself on the prize list.

Last December the first Schools Examination for the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, was held. The Dukies had two candidates, Chief Prefect Cartwright and Prefect Mehiert, and both were successful, and both subsequently passed the Interview Board. They had now nearly got to the end of their period of service in the ranks and were due to go to Sandhurst next Month. When they got there, they would find former Prefect D. R. Hobbs awaiting them. He left school before the Schools Examination was instituted but was selected from the ranks to go on the first course at Sandhurst since the war. At least one other ex-Dukie boy, Prefect Harrington, had also been chosen from the ranks for Sandhurst in the near future, so the School felt they were well represented there.

Complimenting the boys on their very smart turn-out and parade, General O'Connor said he had inspected a good many schools from time to time and seen many parades, but he could honestly say he had never seen boys stand so firm and steady as they had done that afternoon, and he was tremendously proud of them all.

Speaking to those boys who during the parade had found the heat too much for them, the General said, "Don't feet out of it, and don't worry about it. I used to do just the same when I was a boy, but you grow out of it. I never do it these days." General O'Connor also said how pleased he was to see so many Old Boys present and wished all the very best of good luck in the future.

#### PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as follows: -

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Champion House Shield:              | Wolseley House.   |
| Victor Ludorum:                     | B. Dunkeld.   |
| Duke of York's Silver Medal:        | B. Dunkeld.   |
| Bronze Medals:                      | T. O'Hara and J. A. Somerville.                             |
| VI. Form: Form and Science Prizes:  | J. A. Somerville; History: D. E. Park;                      |
| English:                            | P. J. Somerville.   |
| V. Form: 1st Prize and Mathematics: | M. J. Whiting; 2nd Prize and                                |
| History:                            | E. A. Cooper; 3rd Prize and Good Work: J. Robinson; Science |
| and Progress:                       | S. Kimber; Senior   |

Map Reading: P. C. Pearson.

IV. T. Form: 1st A, Darling; 2nd, R. C. Fowler.

IV. G. Form: 1st. F. C. Holmes;

111. M. Form: 1st, G. F. Dear; 2, J. A. Jannetta;

112. Junior History: J. A. Jannetta;

113. Junior Map Reading: P. T. Porter.

111.T. Form: 1st H. Pearson.

11. M. Form: 1st, J. L. Pickering; Junior Maths: V. C. Beauchamp.

11. T. Form: 1st, J. A. Bartlett and E. F. Charlton.

11. G. Form: 1st, P. A. Yorke;

1. M.A. Form: 1st, C. W. S. Beadle.

1. M.B. Form: 1st, J. Chapman.

1. T. Form: 1st, C. Watts.

1. G. Form: 1st, R. J. Hewton.

Junior School U: 1st, P. Whiting.

Junior School L. 1st, R. Bays.

Other prizes won throughout the term were presented at the School on Thursday last week. They included: -

Athletic Medals: -

80yds. Under 12: Wagner; 100yds. Under 13: O'Brien; Under 14: Joughin; Under 15: Cpl. Broadbent. Open: S. P. O'Hara.

220yds. Under 14: Pearson; Under 15: Cpl. Broadbent;

Open: H.P. Robinson.

440yds. Under 15: Simmonds; Open: S.P. Eastap.

880yds. Eastap. One Mile Open: S.P. Eastap.

High Jump: Under 12: Fookes; Under 13: O'Brien; Under 14: Pearson; Under 15: Sgt. Fry; Open: C.S.P. Dunkeld.

Long Jump: Under 12: Beadle; Under 13: O'Brien; Under 14: Harrington; under 15: Cpl. Broadbent. Open: H.P. Myatt.

Cricket Ball: Under 12: Toms; Under 13: Harrington; Under 14: Williams; Under 15: Sgt. Travers. Open: C.S.P. Dunkeld.

Swimming Medals:-

Under 11: Breast stroke, Massey; Back stroke, Lambert; Free style, Lambert.

Under 12: Breast, Wagner; Back, Toms; Free style, Webb.

Under 13: Breast, Harrington; Back, Tywman; Free style. Page.

Under 14: Breast, Lowry; Back, Pearson, Free style, Scriven.

Under 16: Breast, Fowler; Back, Tilbury; Free style, Toms.

School Championships: Breast Fowler; Back, Page; Free style, Scriven.

Dover Express and East Kent News, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1948.

### **DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S VISIT, 1948.**

H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester visited the Duke of York's Royal Military School on Wednesday afternoon. Travelling from London by car, he passes unrecognised through the town by way of Crabble Hill and Barton Road, reaching the school shortly after half past twelve.

He was met by General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., (representing H.M. Commissioners of the School). Col. R. E. Barnwell, C.B.E. (Commandant), Lieut.-Col. W. Atherton, R.A.E.C. (Deputy Commandant), and Major W. J. Prosser (Adjutant and Quartermaster).

His Royal Highness first visited the School Library, where he met, Mr. I. F. Gillett (Clerk of the School) and signed the Visitors Book. R.S.M P. N. Jones, D.C.M., and Bandmaster A A. Singer, A.R.C.M., were presented and the Duke then watched the boys march from their Houses to the School Dining Hall, and went in to see the kitchens, where he met Mr. H. Rowe, the Master Cook. After taking lunch With Col. Barnwell at the Commandant's House, His Royal Highness inspected the boys on parade, and took the Salute at a March Past. He left later in the afternoon, by car for London.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1948.

### **SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR VISITS DUKIES, 1948.**

Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary of State for War, visited the Duke of York's Royal Military School yesterday (Thursday). Arriving at the school at about 11am., Mr. Shinwell was conducted around the School by the Commandant (Col. R. E. Barnwell), who was accompanied by members of

the Staff.

After visiting the library and signing the visitors' book, he saw boys at work in various stages of their training and chatted to several, who were in hospital.

Mr. Shinwell expressed his admiration when the boys were played into dinner by the Band, and after inspecting the meals which were being served to them, went to the cookhouse and sampled a slice of pudding.

After inspecting the school on parade, Mr. Shinwell told the boys that he had known something about the school before his visit. After seeing them in their classrooms and on parade, he was satisfied that the school was one of the best institutions of its kind in the country, and as Secretary of State for War, he was very proud of them.

Those who were soon going out into the world, some of them into the great British Army, and others into civilian life, he would urge never to forget the fine traditions of that school. He always felt rather humble when he met members of the British Army and remembered their great deeds and achievements. Although the Army was smaller in numbers than many would wish, he assured them that it was ready to take up the defence of the country whenever it was needed. Wherever the boys went he would like them to try and possess the two great virtues of speaking the truth and of being upright and independent.

Mr. Shinwell concluded by saying that he had been very impressed with what he had seen, and wished the boys, the Commandant and Staff, the very best of luck in the future.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1948.

## **GRAND DAY, 1948.**

### **INSPECTION AND PRIZE GIVING AT THE D.Y.R.M. SCHOOL.**

#### **GENERAL SLIM'S TRIBUTE.**

It was Grand Day at the Duke of York's Royal Military School on Saturday, a day when the boys, on the eve of breaking up for the summer holidays,

have their parents, friends and old boys from all parts of the country, to see them, first as perfectly disciplined soldiers on parade and then as ordinary schoolboys queuing up excitedly for the prizes they had gained during the term.

General Sir William Slim, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., of 14th Army fame, was the inspecting Officer this year, and after inspecting the boys, watching them while they Trooped the Colour, and finally taking the salute at a March Past, he told them, "I haven't seen any parade so steady since I saw a Gurkha Battalion."

After the March Past, the General inspected a parade of about 200 Old Boys, under Det. Insp. A. Nixon. Among the Old Boys was Mr. J. F. D. Shawl, the only ex-Dukie to hold the V.C., who has returned to England for a holiday from South Africa. Mr. Shawl gained his V.C. in the Boer War, and he met two of the Dukie Boys on Saturday whose fathers had also won the V.C. in the two later wars, Boy Evans and Boy Wakendene. Before the General distributed the prizes, Col. R. E. Barnwell, the School Commandant, gave a brief resume of the activities of the school during the past year. Last September, six civilian masters had been appointed, civilian, because although they had all seen service in the Forces, their permanent profession was teaching, graduating at Universities and having experience in secondary education at different schools throughout the country. That experience, Col. Barnwell said, had been a great asset to the school because it enabled them to measure up their standard of education with the standard of education in the country generally. Hitherto, the only examinations Dukie Boys had taken had been for the Army Certificates, but now their standard was based on the Schools Certificate, and they intended building up a Higher Schools Certificate course. It was a fine opportunity for them, and Col. Barnwell appealed to parents not to take their sons away from school at the age of 15 if there was the chance of them taking the school certificate. It was far better, he said, to give the boys the opportunity of leading a full life, of getting somewhere worthwhile, rather than take them away to earn a pound or two now. Referring to other school activities, Col. Barnwell said they were



all very proud of the fact that their Band had made a broadcast. To be considered good enough to broadcast was an honour in itself which reflected great credit on Bandmaster Singer and the boys who took part, but not only had he, personally received many letters of congratulation, but he understood that since the broadcast, the B.B.C. had been inundated with expressions of admiration both for that performance and for the work the school was doing.

General Slim said he felt he could talk to them just as he had talked to his soldiers, because they not only came from families which understood the meaning of soldiering, discipline, courage and service, but they themselves had shown that afternoon just how soldiers should look. He congratulated them on their smartness and military bearing, and particularly on their steadiness on parade. He had not seen any parade so steady since he saw a Gurkha Battalion, and it would not be until they were older and had seen a Gurkha Battalion on parade themselves that they would realise what a compliment that was meant to be. He had always liked, he said, to talk to his men before they went into action, and speaking to those boys that day was really a very similar occasion, because they were growing up quickly and would soon be going out to take their places in the world.

The country today needed leaders and there was no likelier place to produce leaders than at a school such as

theirs. By leaders he did not necessarily mean statesmen, generals or bishops, but there were many other kinds of leaders. He remembered once talking to a Battalion and telling them of a forth coming action, when up jumped an excited Sergeant and vowed, "That's alright, Sir, when the day comes, we'll all be behind you." General Slim said he replied, "Don't you believe it, when the day comes, you'll be a long way in front of me." That was how things went. The time always came when responsibility was handed down to leaders and it was on the standard of those leaders that



**DUKIES' "GRAND DAY."**

General Sir William Slim, of Fourteenth Army fame, inspecting the boys of the Duke of York's R.M. School at their "Grand Day" on Saturday.

success or failure depended. There were two pieces of advice he wanted to give the boys that day. Become good leaders, he said, first by sticking to the standards they had learned at that school and by keeping those standards high, and secondly, whenever they found themselves in difficulty and facing two courses of action, to choose the bolder course every time.

The General presented prizes to the following: -

|  |                                       |
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| Victor Ludorum Cup:  | E. A. Myatt.                          |
| Duke of York's Silver Medal:                                       | J. Somerville (Chief School Prefect). |
| Duke of York's Bronze Medal:                                       | P. Somerville.                        |
| Champion House Shield:   | Kitchener House.                      |
| Form Prises: J.S.L.: McGuirk;                                      | J.S.U: Coombe.                        |
| IM: (and Scripture):   | Delaney.                              |
| IT: (and Scripture):   | Robinson D.G.                         |
| IG:  | Aldborough and Rawlings.              |
| IIM: (and Scripture):  | Scott.                                |
| IIT: J. Cassells; IIGB:Whiting; IIAG: Fookes; IIIM: Corrigan.      |                                       |
| IIIT: Hay; IIIG: Pickering; Second and Special French: Spreadbury. |                                       |
| IVM: Keating; IVT (and special art prize): Fox.                    |                                       |
| IV: Maths, Peddle; IVG: 1, Dear; 2, Robinson.                      |                                       |
| V: Examinations, Myatt and Robinson; Maths, Whiting.               |                                       |
| VI: Form Prizes: Maths, Science and History, J. Somerville;        |                                       |
| English Prize, P. Somerville. School Gardening Prize: Austin.      |                                       |

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1949.

### **HITLER BOMBS THE DUKIES, 1940.**

An excerpt taken from 'Dover in The Front Line', which records the first bombs to fall on Dover on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1940.

*Soon after mid-night, there was another raid, when high explosive bombs were dropped in the sea and at Langdon Barracks, and incendiaries at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, setting fire to the roof. Another high-explosive bomb came whistling down over the centre of the town,*

*but fell in the sea opposite the Yacht Club, where windows were broken.*

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1949.

### **DUKIES' GRAND DAY, 1949.**

A yearly attraction for large numbers of local people, in addition to the scores of parents who travel long distances to see their sons on parade, the Dukies "Grand Day" Trooping of the Colour and Prize giving on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, seemed to be more popular than ever. The enclosures set up at the approach to the tree-bordered parade ground were packed with people, who heard General Sir. George J. Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., addressing the boys after taking the salute and presenting prizes, congratulate them on the exceedingly smart manner in which they had carried out their drill movements on parade.

Among the large number of Old Boys; who formed up at the side of the parade ground under Major V. Henry, Chairman of the Dukies' Old Boys', General Giffard found several men who had served with him during the war, when he was C-in-C. of the Indian Expeditionary Force, an Army which he built up and trained before handing over to Field Marshal Sir William Slim. Those present included Mr. C. B. Burnett, a well-known old Doverian, who was Woodwork Master at the School for 30 years, and Mr. H. Hole, an old boy, both now Chelsea Pensioners.

Before the General presented prizes to the boys, who are breaking up for their Summer holiday, the School Commandant, Colonel R. E. Barnwell, C.B.E., gave resume of school activities. The last year, said the Commandant, had been very largely a year of Consolidation. The School was recovering, a new education plan was working, and they were still finding their feet and building up the permanent staff. The senior forms were still weak in numbers, and that was something which would take a year or two to remedy. Last year he had asked parents to allow their boys to remain at school after they were 15 if they were selected, and he had received a 100 per cent response to that request. Next September there would be 32 boys in the 5th and 6th Forms against 24 the previous year,

and it was hoped ultimately to have 60 boys over the age of 15 at the beginning of the School year.

Four boys had passed Sandhurst entrance examination, Donald Awdas, John Peter Somerville, and Edward Park, and another boy, Thomas O'Hara, had worked his way to a permanent commission board.

Speaking on changes in the School, Colonel Barnwell said Roberts House was now being reconstructed, and would have more accommodation than it had previously, and the modifications incorporated in the re-building would later be extended to the other Houses.

Next week forty boys were going to Louvain in Belgium, as the guests of the Belgian people who were welcoming them as the sons of British soldiers, a visit for which the British Legion was primarily responsible.

Colonel Barnwell dealt briefly with various Old Boys who had made progress either in the Army or civilian life, saying he felt sure that they would continue to play their part in the life of the Army and of the nation. General Giffard told the boys what a great pleasure and honour he considered it to be asked to present their prizes when the Dukies had done so much for the Army. He congratulated everyone on parade on the exceedingly smart way in which they had carried out their drill movements, and said he had been very pleased to meet many friends among the Old Boys whom he had met during the war and in the Army generally.

Commending to them the story of Captain Scott's heroic journey to the South Pole, where, together with his companions, he came to his death. General Giffard said he was sure that with the teaching the boys obtained at the Duke of York's School, they too, would do their best right through to the very end.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1949.

#### **SCHOOL CHAPLAIN LEAVES, 1949.**

The Rev. W. B. Haynes, from Western Command, has succeeded the

Rev. N. Metcalfe as Chaplain of the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

Mr. Metcalfe is now with the Rifle Brigade in Germany.

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1949.

#### **M.P. VISITS THE DUKIES, 1949.**

A high tribute to the efficiency of the Duke of York's Royal Military School was paid by Mr. Michael Stewart, M.P., and Under-Secretary of State for War, after his eight-hour tour of the School on Monday. He saw the boys in their classrooms, at meals, and playing games, visited the School Hospital, and throughout his tour took the opportunity of chatting to many of the boys. Before leaving in the evening, Mr. Stewart congratulated the Commandant, (Colonel P. E. Barnwell, C.B.E.), and Headmaster (Lt.-Col. E. E. Lowe, MA.), on the excellent progress the School was making. The first thing that struck him during his tour, he said, was the boys' easy manner and the power to express themselves in words. He was quite taken aback when, asking one boy in the 3rd Form what he thought of wearing uniform, he received the reply straight away, "I think uniform is better for parades, Sir, because of the uniformity, but if we were allowed to wear ordinary clothes at other times, each boy would be able to display his individual taste."

This easy manner of expressing themselves was a great thing, Mr. Stewart said, and it reflected something of the quality of the School's teaching staff, and another feature which had impressed him deeply was the attachment the boys—even the younger ones—had formed for the School. The Dukies, Mr. Stewart continued, seemed to him to have provided an answer to those who contended that a multilateral school could not be operated successfully without a very large extensive building and some two thousand boys. The Duke of York's School, containing four hundred boys, was organised into three "streams" along multilateral lines with considerable interchange between them.

One stream catered for boys of academic ability, the Oxford School certificate being taken, and a variety of courses open to the boys leading





Major Michael Stewart, M.P., Under-Secretary of State for War, during his eight-hour tour of the Duke of York's School on Monday, listened with great interest to the lesson being given to the boys by Mr. T. Dalton (left), the Woodwork master. Standing behind are Colonel R.E. Barnwell, C.B.E., the Commandant (right) and Lieut.-Colonel E. E. Lowe, the Headmaster.

to the Higher Schools Certificate and the entrance examination to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. The two other "streams" provided for boys who required more practical work, one with a particularly technical bias, and both with woodwork, metalwork, and machine drawing included in the curriculum. It was a fine thing, Mr. Stewart thought, that boys of different intellectual attainments should have the opportunity of mixing together, so that all Interests and points of view could be freely exchanged.

In latter years, he said, it had become progressively easier for boys in any station of life to receive a good education. The outcome might well be that In the years which lay ahead, jobs which required high intelligence

would be increasingly filled by those with high intelligence, but this meant that It would be more than ever important that such persons should remain in sympathy with other sections of the community and the multilateral school was one way of helping.

In conclusion, Mr. Stewart referred to the problem which confronted all boarding schools in providing the older boys with the opportunity of keeping in touch with the outside world. While a boarding school provided a great background for any boy, there was the tendency to allow the older boy to become completely swallowed up in their schooling, with the result, that when they eventually left and went to take their places in the civilian world, they were completely lost, and had to start all over again.

The Commandant, in outlining the facilities provided for the boys referred to the shortage of fiction books suitable for boys from 10 to 18 years in the School Library. Financial limitations made the task of providing sufficient books of the right type one of continued difficulty, and any gifts in this direction would be welcomed.

Scholastic successes gained by Dukies last term were: -

Entrance to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst,

D. Awdas, J. Somerville, E. Park, P. J. Somerville.

Oxford School Certificate— (Out of ten candidates):

M. Broadbent, D. F. Goosey, J. E. A. H. Needham; G. W. Robinson, W. G. J. Wells, G. F. Dear, G. A. Janetta, P. T. Porter, A. C. Tapper.

Speaking to students at the Small Arms School, Hythe, on Tuesday, Mr Michael Stewart said that the day of the infantry weapon was not yet done. "I do not want you to think" he said, "that the War Office alone in the world has shut its eyes and ears to the news of atom bombs, bacteria and other weapons of indiscriminate destruction, which comes to us all at the breakfast table every day." But fear or worship of an atom bomb could go too far. For one thing, we hoped yet to outlaw it, because it had no place in civilised life, and for another, we had to get on with the business of living now, and that involved problems which could not be solved if we sat mesmerised by the bomb, like a rabbit by a snake

The British Army had two main functions to fulfil—defence against outside enemies, and protection against the troublemaker within. Although we might ultimately find that, for the first of these functions, the trained infantry soldier was not quite the force he used to be, for the second he was indispensable. Over wide areas of the world, with difficult communications and scattered peoples, the Army remained the guardian of the law, and in this work, the efficiency of the soldier trained in the use of small arms was, of vital importance. Without the self-reliant soldier, confident in his own knowledge of his weapons and skill in their use, the Army was no more than a waste of the tax-payers' money and of its members' time. "There is no need," said Mr. Stewart, "for you to abase

yourselves before the scientist. If you do your job well, as you are doing, it is high time he took his hat off to you."

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1950.

#### **DUKIES' "RETREAT" AT CRABBLE, 1950.**

The Commandant of the Duke of York's Royal Military School has agreed to the boys of the school carrying out the ceremony of "Beating Retreat" at Crabble football ground on 26<sup>th</sup> July. The Commandant had offered to allow his boys to give this display on the Sea Front in aid of the Mayor's appeal on behalf of the Lord Mayor of London's National Thanksgiving Fund, but at the suggestion of the Corporation's General Purposes Committee it was agreed to ask if the event could be staged at Crabble where it was felt more people would be able to see.

The Mayor (Councillor W.H.Fish) informed the Council on Tuesday that the Commandant had agreed to the change and the event would now be staged on the top football ground at Crabble.

Dover Express & East Kent News, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1950.

#### **MR. GILLETT'S M.B.E., 1950.**

Mr Ivor Frank Gillett, Executive Officer at the Duke of York's Royal Military School for many years, was awarded the M.B.E. in the King's birthday honours announced yesterday (Thursday).

Dover Express & East Kent News. Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 1950.

#### **NO CONTRACT AT C.O.'s HOUSE, 1950.**

An allegation that the wife of the Commandant of the Duke of York's Royal Military School stopped 11/- a week out of the wages of the wife of their batman, to pay for the rent of quarters which were, in fact, rent free, was not accepted by His Honour Judge J. Neal, at Dover County Court, on Wednesday. Dismissing a counterclaim, which contained the allegation by George Dunning, the former batman, His Honour made an order for

possession within ten weeks, of Coachman's Cottage, in the School grounds, which Dunning had occupied with his wife.

Called upon to answer the claim for possession, presented by Mr. N. W. S. Mitchison, Dunning stated that Mrs. Barnwell wife of Col. R. E. Barnwell, had stopped 11/- per week from his wife's wages of 22/-for the past 4½ years, and Doris Violet Dunning, his wife, told the Court that she was informed her wages were to be 22/- per week. Col-Barnwell, she said, had told her she would be paid 2/9d. an hour for eight hours work per week.

Dismissing the claim and making an order for possession. His Honour said there was no evidence of a contract, and, therefore, no evidence of a breach of contract. The Dunnings were getting the house rent free, and he felt there was no substance in the claim.

Dover & East Kent News, Friday 22nd December 1950.

#### **DUKIES BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS, 1950.**

Boys of the Duke of York's Royal Military School "broke-up" and went home for their Christmas holidays on Tuesday.

## **HOUSES OF RESIDENCE**

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| 1. Haig. Clive House temporarily          | Senior Girls.    |
| 2. Kitchener. (of Khartoum).              | Senior Boys.     |
| 3. Roberts.                               | Senior Boys.     |
| 4. Wolseley.                              | Senior Boys.     |
| 5. Wellington. (of Waterloo).             | Senior Boys.     |
| 6. Clive. (of India).                     | Senior Girls.    |
| 7. Wolfe. (of Quebec).                    | Senior Girls.    |
| 8. Marlborough .                          | Senior Girls.    |
| 9. Alanbrooke.                            | Junior Girls.    |
| 10. Centenary House. 6 <sup>th</sup> Form | Girls-U / Floor. |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Form                      | Boys-L / Floor.  |
| 11. Montgomery. (of El-Alamein).          | Junior Girls.    |
| 12. Trenchard. (Father of RAF)            | Junior Boys.     |
| 13. Nelson. (of Trafalgar).               | Junior Boys.     |

The above is correct as of February 2018,  
but future changes are expected.

Each House of Residence is named after a famous person recorded in history for a heroic act, outstanding achievement or leadership.

*Their leadership and achievements are those to which others would seek to aspire.*



**1<sup>st</sup> Earl, Lord Haig, June 1861-Jan 1928.**



Field Marshall Douglas Haig, K. T., G. C. B., O. M., G. C. V. O., K. C. I. E., A. D. C.

Senior Officer, Commander in Chief British Expeditionary Force during WW. 1. from 1915-1918. Served in The Sudan War 1898. Action at Atbara- 21 March. Action at Nukheila- 6 April. Action at Atbara- 8 April. Served in The Boer War 1899-1902. Action at Elandstaagte 18 October.

**1<sup>st</sup> Earl, Lord Kitchener, 1856-1916.**



Field Marshall Horatio Herbert Kitchener. K. G., K. P., G. C. B., O. M., G. C. S. I., G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., P. C.

Saw action in WW.1. but died halfway through. Became Famous for his "Your Country Needs You" posters. Served in The Sudan War 1898. Won the battle of Omdurman. This earned him the title of "Lord Kitchener of Khartoum" Served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Boer War 1900-1902. He drowned 5. June 1916 whilst sailing to Russia on board H. M. S. Hampshire. It struck a German mine. More than 600 died.

**1<sup>st</sup> Earl, Lord Roberts, Sept 1832-Nov 1914.**



Field Marshall Frederick Sleigh Roberts, V. C., K. G., K. P., G. C. B., O. M.,  
G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., K. St. J., V. D., P. C. <sup>17</sup>

Served in India 1852-1904. Saw action in The Indian Rebellion 1857. The capture of Delhi and relief of Lucknow. Awarded the Victoria Cross for actions at Khudagan 2 Jan 1858. Served in The Abyssinian Campaigns 1863 & 1867-1868 and Lushai Campaign 1871-1872. Served in the second Anglo-Afghan War. Fought in battle of Peiwar Kotal, siege of the Sherpur Cantonment, battle of Kandahar. Fought in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anglo-Boer war 1899. At the siege of Kimberly. Battle of Paardeberg, Diamond Hill, Poplar Grove. Captured Bloemfontein and Pretoria and was victorious at battle of Bergendal.

**1<sup>st</sup> Viscount, Lord Wolseley, June 1833- March 1913.**



Field Marshall Garnet Joseph Wolseley, K. P., G. C. B., O. M., G. C. M. G.,  
V. D., P. C.

Served in The Anglo-Burmese War 1853, in which he was wounded attacking Donabyu. Served in The Crimea War 1854. He was wounded twice at the siege of Sevastopol, losing an eye. Saw action in The Indian Mutiny 1857. Action at the siege and capture of Lucknow, Bari, Sarsi, Nawabganj, capture of Faizabad, and action at Saltanpur. Served in The Anglo-French Expedition to China 1860. Saw action at Sin-ho, capture of Tang-ku, the storming of the Taku Forts, battle of Pa-to-cheau, occupation of Tiensin and entry into Peking. Served in Canada 1861. Saw action at battle of Antietam.

<sup>17</sup> Portrait by John Singer Sergeant.



**1<sup>st</sup> Duke, of Wellington, May 1769-Sept 1852.**



Field Marshall Arthur Wesley (later changed to Wellesley in 1798), K. G.,  
G. C. B., G. C. H., P. C., F. R. S., C.o.R. <sup>18</sup>

Saw action in the Netherlands at the battle of Boxtel and in India at the battle of Seringapatam. Was victorious at the battle of Assaye in 1803. Fought in The Peninsular campaign of the Napoleonic Wars. Was victorious in battle of Victoria in 1813, and against Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815. Took part in about 60 battles during his army career. He twice served as a Tory Prime Minister, once in 1828-1830, and again in 1834. He remained Commander-in-Chief of the British Army until his death.

<sup>18</sup> Portrait by Thomas Phillips.

**1<sup>st</sup> Baron, Lord Robert Clive, Sept 1725-Nov 1774.**



Major General Robert Clive, K. B., F. R. S. <sup>19</sup>

Served in India 1744-1753, and 1755-1760. Saw action in the defence of Fort St. David. Saw action in the defence of Pondicherry. Successful attack on Fort of Devikotta in Tanjore. He was also successful at the siege of Arcot in 1751. In 1755 he took part in the capture of the Fortress of Gheriah. In 1756 captured the Fortress of Baj-Baj, then Calcutta in early 1757, also taking part in his most famously won battle, the battle of Plassey, in June of that year.

<sup>19</sup> Portrait by Nathaniel Dance.

**James Wolfe, Jan 1727-Sept 1759.**



Major General James Wolfe

In 1743 became involved in his first action, a fierce battle against the French at the village of Dettingen. In 1746, took part in the battles of Falkirk and Culloden during the Jacobite up rising. In 1747 saw service on the Continent being involved in the capture of Brussels and the battle of Lauffeid, in which he was badly wounded. In 1757 took part in a failed amphibious assault on the French seaport of Rochefort. Saw action in the siege against the Fortress of Louisbourg in New France, Nova -Scotia in 1758. The French surrendered. In 1759 assembled a large army to lay siege to Quebec. Scaling 200 metre (650ft) high cliffs to reach the Plains of Abraham where he surprised the French, defeating them within fifteen minutes. He received three wounds, one a severe chest wound from which he died.

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<sup>20</sup> Portrait by Sir Godfrey Kneller.

**1<sup>st</sup> Duke, John Churchill, May 1650-June 1722**



The Duke of Marlborough,<sup>20</sup>

A title in the Peerage of England, created by Queen Anne in 1702, for General John Churchill, K. G., P. C. 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Marlborough, a noted military leader. The name of the Dukedom refers to Marlborough in Wiltshire.

**Horatio Nelson. 29.Sept. 1758-21. Oct.1805.**



Lord Horatio Nelson of Trafalga<sup>21</sup>.

Vice Admiral of the White Mediterranean Fleet, Royal Navy 1771-1805. His four most famous battles: Battle of Cape Vincent-, 4 February 1797. Battle of the Nile, 1 August 1798, Battle of Copenhagen, 1 April 1801, Battle of Trafalgar, 21 October 1805. During the last battle, whilst in command of his famous ship HMS Victory, he was fatally shot by a French sniper. He received a state funeral and was buried at the Crypt of St Paul's. He lost the sight of his right eye during the successful assault and capture of three French Forts at the battle of Calvi, Corsica, July/August 1794. Lost his right arm, partially amputated, during an unsuccessful assault on the port of Santa Cruz, Tenerife, in which he was defeated, on 22 July 1797. It was to be a constant reminder of his failure.

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<sup>21</sup> Portrait by Lemuel Abbot.

**1<sup>st</sup> Viscount, Alanbrooke, July 1883-June 1963.**



Field Marshall Alan Francis Brooke, K. G., G. C. B., O. M., G. C. V. O., D. S. O.+ Bar.

A Title in the English Peerage created in 1946 for Field Marshall Alanbrooke, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Alanbrooke.



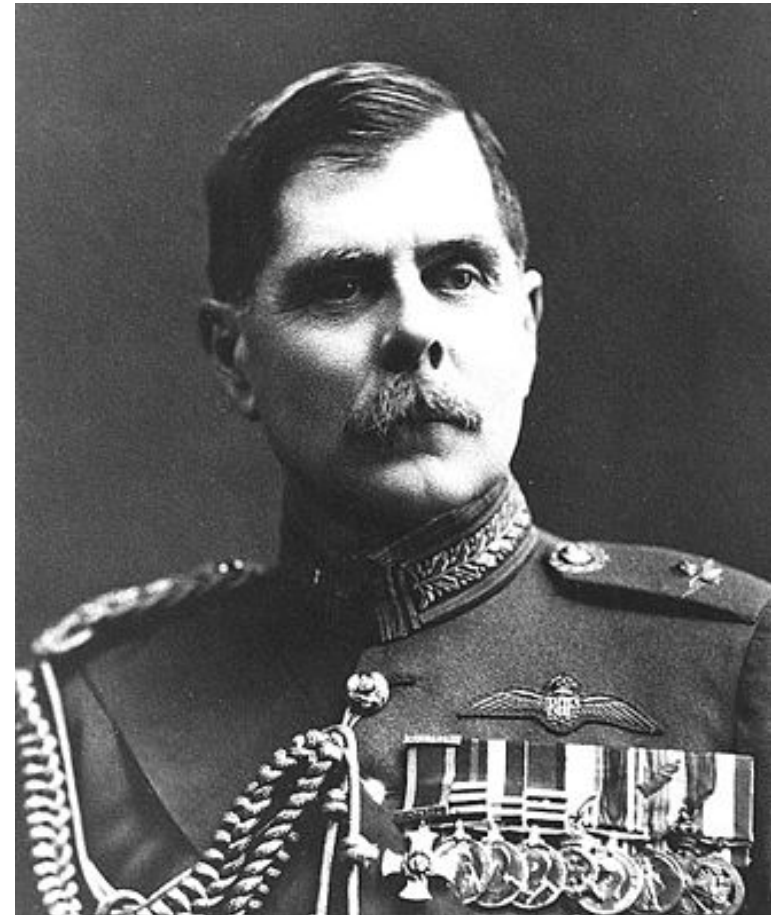
**1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Montgomery. 17.Nov.1887-4. Mar.1976.**



Field Marshall Bernard Law Montgomery of El Alamein. K.G., G.C.B.,  
D.S.O., P.C., D. L.

Nicknamed 'Monty' and 'The Spartan General'. Saw action in both World Wars. In W.W.I. Served as junior Officer in Royal Warwickshire Regt. During first battle of Ypres was shot through right lung and right knee. Saw action at Passchendaele in 1917. Became Chief of Staff of the 47th (2nd London) Division. During W.W.II. In 1942, commanded the British Eighth Army (Desert Rats) in Western Desert. Defeated the Germans at 2<sup>nd</sup> battle of El Alamein. Saw action throughout Europe after the 'D' Day landings. On 4<sup>th</sup> May 1946 took the German surrender at Luneburg Heath, N. Germany. In 1946-48 served as Deputy Supreme Commander of Nato in Europe till his retirement in 1958.

**1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Trenchard. 3.Feb.1873-10 Feb.1956.**



Marshall Hugh Montague Trenchard. G.C.B., O.M., G.C., V.O., D.S.O. Known as the 'Father of the R.A.F. Served in British Army 1893-1918. Served in R.A.F. 1918-1930. Served in India as young infantry officer. Served in S. Africa during Boer War. Was critically wounded and lost a lung and became partially paralysed. When he recovered, returned to S. Africa. In 1912 learned to fly and held several senior posts in Royal Flying Corps during WWI. Served as Chief of Air Staff under Winston Churchill in 1919. Was an advocate of strategic bombing. Became Metropolitan Police Commissioner in 1930.

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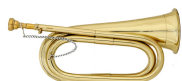
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