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30, Middle Green Road,
Langley, Bucks.
May, 20th, 1941.

My dear Harry,—

I am sorry to inform you that my health has broken down again and I have gone to the above address. I don't know how long I shall be here. Under the circumstances I am not good for anything at the moment, and I shall not be available for any help to the Club. I am extremely upset about it and cannot imagine how it is all going to end. After so many years of happiness and joy with the Club, I feel my position acutely. I am unable to write more, I'm feeling so despondent. I hope for the best.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK THOMSON.

All members will wish our hard-working President a speedy and lasting recovery.

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Tooting Bec track is now available for training on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

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It is the desire of the Committee to keep in touch with all members serving with the Forces.

Members are asked to advise the Hon. Secretary of any change of address or their Service address. A "Service Address" book is kept at Belgrave Hall for reference for members on leave.

Letters from serving members will be circulated amongst members.

Don't make the excuse that you have lost the Secretary's address; letters addressed to Belgrave Hall will always find him.

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Since our last issue many members have joined the Services, amongst whom are: Don Brown, H. D. Brown, S. G. T. De Beau, R. Dunford, Charlie Smart, L. W. Herbert, W. Merryman (R.A.F.); F. C. Clayton (Hants Regt.), C. F. Calvert (A.A.), Frank Elston (R.A.O.C.), W. Hewitt (R.A.M.C.), R. G. Michael (R.N.), J. McDonald (R.F.), L. E. Spooner (A.P. Office), V. D. Wynyard (Signals), A. Smith (R.B.), V. N. Ley.

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Members will be pleased to hear that Jim Tosh, our quarter and half-mile champion of a few years past, has gained his Commission in the Queen's Regiment.

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Our congratulations to Bill Lucas on winning his "wings." Our new Sergeant Pilot has only just been posted to his Squadron, and more news is now awaited from him.

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We also congratulate Alf. Taylor, Bill Sutton and G. M. Murray on their recent marriages, and our Hon. Secretary upon his engagement.

We also have to place on record the death of George Pepper. George was a cross-country champion of years ago, who later took up track work and was frequently to be seen on the Battersea Park track helping the youngsters, and giving advice to the seniors in his capacity as Track Captain. He frequently officiated at our meetings and will be sorely missed.

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“ BELGRAVE NEWS LETTER ”

At a time like the present, when it is so essential to keep the fellows in contact with each other, the difficulties against regular issues of the “Belgravian” are enormous. One quickly loses touch with the Club, and its affairs, and for that reason I have instituted a regular monthly newsletter for walkers. It is not possible to issue one to each member, but it is hoped everybody will get the chance to reach each issue. Those walkers who so far have not received the “Letter” please let me know at—C/o 3, Ivor Street, Cwmarn, Mon,— and I will arrange for one to be passed on. You, in turn, will be given another address, to which you will post it when you have finished. By this means it is hoped we can all keep track of each other, so when the time comes, we can meet again in that congenial spirit we have known so well in the past.

PERCY WRIGHT.

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We are very pleased to record the election of twelve new members:— R. H. Bryan, L. J. Higgins, S. C. Moore, G. R. Matheson, Lieut. A. J. Marsden, A. W. G. Peck, W. H. Speight, A. B. Simpson, J. R. Strachan, J. B. Thomas, K. J. Webb, W. K. Wright, J. Chappel, L. E. Daniels and R. H. Gibb.

W. K. Wright is the proud owner of “Percy” as father, and is, I believe, the youngest member ever elected, having only been born in October, 1940!

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For the purpose of inter-c’ub matches, etc., we have arranged to combine with the Polytechnic Harriers. There has always been a very friendly feeling in existence between our two clubs, and in difficult times it is natural that we should turn to one another for mutual help.

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Have you seen Percy Wright’s News Letter circulated to the Walkers? I should like to hear from an enthusiast who would do the same for the runners. Any offers?

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The following is an extract from a letter received from one of our new members, Lt. J. Marsden, recently transferred out of London:—

“When I was in London I enjoyed running with the “Belgrave Harriers” more than anything else I did in the week. The kindness of Mr. Parker, who wrote inviting me, of those I ran with, of those whose Hall I shared for tea and bath, of international runners waiting at corners for me to catch up; of Tom Carter telling me to cut off a corner and rejoin the pack on the way home I sha’l never forget. I long to see old “George” setting off on his “weekly” 5-miler. How I look forward to trying to keep up with the pack a little further than the pond, though I doubt whether I shall make it.

My thoughts are with you as I proceed soon, I do not know where. If I have the chance I shall come and have another run on a Saturday with you before I am transferred.

Meanwhile all the best, and good luck on the track.”

NEWS FROM U.S.A.

(We are indebted to G. S. Doubleday for extracts of a letter from our former Junior Captain and popular member, H. M. Quackenbo.)

20, Yonkers Avenue,
Tuckahoe,
New York.
December 26th, 1940.

Dear Doub,—

Christmas Day was unnaturally warm all over the country. Here, just outside New York City, it was 60 Deg.F. Unlike skating and skiing enthusiasts I am thankful for these warm spells, being not yet accustomed to the bitter dry cold prevailing most of the winter. Running outdoors in the cold is very hard on your lungs. The air rushing in and out doesn't have time to get heated up and lungs and throat take a beating. After running a race I am reminded of Footer, shaken by coughing after a training run, erasing his name from the Southern team.

Glen Cunningham has retired at last to take up the post of physical director at a small college in Iowa. Indoors he failed to win a single race. Outdoors he won only one—the Missouri Valley 1,500 metres in 3 m. 49 s. by 70 yards from San Romani (who also had a most unsuccessful season. After such a good time he seemed all set to win the National 1,700 metres, especially as Fenske was ill. Cunningham did 3 m 48.1 s. in this race, his best yet, but Mehl created a tremendous surprise by getting first place in 3 m. 47.9 s., a new American record. Performances in the Nationals, in California were generally record breaking. Warmedan pole vaulted 15 ft. 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins., the Shot went 56 feet and the Discuss 170 feet. A California college freshman ran 400 metres in 47 secs., and another won the 200 metres in 20.4 secs. Since that time the only big event has been the National Cross Country Championship three weeks ago. Don Lash won for the seventh consecutive time from Greg. Rice and Luigi Beccali, who now seems to be a New Yorker. Most of the boys are now getting quietly into shape for the indoor season.

As I'm finishing my courses at M.I.T. in February, my chief concern now is to get a job. Quite a few of the big chemical firms send their representatives to Boston to interview chemists and chemical engineers. If the representative's report is favourable and the company concerned places you on their final list for selection you often get an invitation to visit them and see what processes are being carried out at the plant. The company usually pays expenses. I received an invitation to visit the paints and pigments department of Dupont at Newark, N.J. You chat with the big shots, get taken over the plant, are given lunch and altogether spend an agreeable day. All I want now is a definite offer from them.

Your mention of Belgrave successes, both running and walking, made very pleasant reading. As for myself, I'm looking to 10 minutes for 2 miles. I did 10 m. 15 s. last November, and the coach keeps improving my half and mile times over trials in training in the theory that this brings down the 2 and 3 mile times.

Yours
"QUACK."

BELGRAVE HARRIERS BUILDING FUND FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Previous to the Winter 1935-6, Frank Elston had run a small competition in which one forecast how many goals would be scored in the first and second divisions of the English leagues. Each forecast cost one penny, and the prizes, I believe, began as 10s. and then increased to £1 as the scheme grew. This, though seemingly a small thing, proved to be a very valuable addition to our "Building Fund," and several of us began to think seriously of increasing the scope of a football competition among members. After all, with 600 members, many of whom already were entering outside competitions, we thought we could do something rather bigger than had hitherto been attempted. A committee was formed after the matter had been delegated from the General Club Committee.

Frank and I were taking, with several others, a very keen interest in all this but I think our eventual plunge into a really large scheme was largely influenced by our old friend Teddy Gordon, who was all for taking a crack at something really large. So it was that in the season 1935-36, with Frank and myself as Joint Hon. Secretaries, the Building Fund Committee, supported by the General Committee, launched a competition very similar to the one which ended last winter. The prizes in our peace-time competition were, of course, larger than those run during the war period. The competitions disproved all our early anxieties and went from strength to strength, thanks to the many fine helpers we had in the Club. I will give no figures but a reference to the last Building Fund balance-sheet will show how our wildest dreams were surpassed and the future, as well as the present Belgravians will owe much to those who so heartily supported us in those days.

Well now, Frank is in the Army somewhere, and I am an auxiliary Fireman, and many of our good helpers in various services or out of London on important national work, so the competitions have had to be dropped. For good? Not likely! As soon as this bad dream has ended and we get back to civilian life we are going all out to put Belgrave in such a financial position that we will have the finest headquarters of any club, equipped with baths and showers, indoor exercise facilities, massage room, etc., etc., and all our very own, by our own efforts. That independence is very dear to all Belgravians and we shall insist on maintaining it. We shall never be forced to elect officials simply for their financial support, and thus have the policy of the Club altered by persons who do not hold the same views on sport for sport sake that we have always maintained. A club built by the boys for the boys, and run by the boys, though some of them have been forced to hang up their spikes by Old Man Time, that is what we have always desired and what we have always achieved. So just get ready to carry on!

T. COTTON.

A FEW NOTES FROM OUR TRACK CAPTAIN

By the time you receive this Magazine we shall have taken part in several track matches. An interesting programme has been arranged at home and away, and it is hoped therefore that these will be well supported. It has not been possible to get into touch with all members, so if there are any who will be available for forthcoming fixtures, will they please get in touch with Vice-Capt. Harry Shields or myself as soon as possible. It will thus relieve the pressure on the members who have been giving valuable assistance in the earlier matches.

Club handicaps will be arranged as the season advances, but these are only possible if we get full support from all available members, so it is up to you to put in an appearance at the track whenever possible and help to keep the Club's name in the front line of Athletics.

All junior members who are also available should get in touch with me as soon as possible so as to enable me to arrange fixtures for them. Club Junior championships will probably be held this year if sufficient numbers turn out, so round up all those juniors you know of, and let's keep our sport going during these eventful days.

All enquiries to F. R. Webb, 50, Longford Avenue, Southall Mdx.

THE TRACK SEASON FOR 1941

In this our second track season under War conditions, we are endeavouring to give those of our members who are still with us as much competition as possible.

Also, of course, we hope that if any of our lads in the Services can secure leave to come along and help us—they will do so—and we promise them all a run.

We have booked Tooting Common Track for three home dates, and have arranged matches with as many of our old friends and rivals as possible.

These include the Combined Clubs—L.A.C. Blackheath & S.L.H.—

London University Tyrian—Metropolitan Police A.C.—Shaftesbury H.—and a new combination, the West Middlesex Triangle, which is the T.V.H. Finchley H. & Southall A.C. combined.

This combining of clubs seems the only solution to fielding a full side under present conditions, and for the present season we are joining forces with the Polytechnic Harriers, at their request, and we heartily welcome their kind co-operation, and they have also placed their track at Chiswick at our disposal for training purposes.

I have been rather disappointed at the non-appearance of our Juniors this season, and hope that any of them that can do so will come along to Tooting Track—Thursday is now the training night there—and I am also hoping to arrange a Junior match with the Whitgift Middle School at Croydon.

In our matches with the T.C.C. will be included a 100 Yds. and 880 Yds for Juniors under 19, and I trust we shall be able to field teams in each.

The A.A.A. are also helping towards keeping the sport going by promoting three Open Handicap meetings, and I hope all our members that can do so will support these meetings and so show the governing body that their efforts are appreciated by the athletes.

Whether we shall be able to hold the usual club handicaps will depend on the numbers that turn out during the season, but if the Committee feel that they are warranted we shall certainly put some on.

Also the Southern Committee of the A.A.A. are holding the Junior Championships once more, and these are open to all those over the age of sixteen and under nineteen years on day of the meeting—21st June.

Thus it will be seen that there is still plenty for the really enthusiastic member to do, and I hope you will fetch out those spikes and come along to lend the Club a hand and so still keep the name of Belgrave a power in the athletic world.

I append hereunder a list of our fixtures together with the principal open ones, but hope to add to this list as the season progresses.

FIELD EVENTS GOSSIP

This season as regards Field Events will, it is hoped, be as successful as last.

Some of the performances last season were very good. Charlie Melchior was, I think, our most outstanding performer. His Javelin throwing was very consistent at over 160 feet in most competitions, one or two over 170 feet, and then in the Match v. Police at Imber Court he managed 190 feet. He is to be congratulated on these performances, and also on his selection by the A.A.A. for nearly all their representative teams. It is to be hoped that he will crack that 190 feet again this season.

George Powell, in spite of his large number of years in competition, still manages to keep among the best, and he managed a few throws of over 160 feet last season. This season we are looking forward to his valued support again.

Ron Jeal managed one or two good throws but was rather inconsistent and does not seem to be able to recapture the form which enabled him to win the Surrey Championship two or three years ago. This season it is hoped he may regain that form. He was also a valued supporter in the Discus and managed one or two good performances in that event also.

Sid Jones was again the outstanding Weight Putter and Discus man. He was consistently doing over 38 feet and his best performance was over 40 feet in the Weight. We shall unfortunately not be able to call upon him this season, but it is to be hoped he will be able to turn out when on leave.

Bill Sutton was fairly consistent at about his usual distance with the Weight. He still does not seem to be able to reach that 40 feet which might be expected of him. His Discus throwing was perhaps a slight improvement over the previous season and once or twice he managed to beat Sid Jones.

E. J. Brewer turned out a number of times, but whilst not showing the form of which we know he was capable he proved a valuable member of the teams, both in the Discus and Shot.

In the High Jump, Brooks was almost our only representative. He is young and should improve in the future. His best performance was 5 ft. 4 ins. and consistently he did 5 ft. 2 ins., and with more of Mr. Thomson's coaching he should master the "Western Roll" and show some good performances.

In the Long Jump we were without the services of Skelley and Wiley last season. Charlie Jones, whilst not doing anything outstanding, managed to gain 2nd or third place in most of the matches. Frank Simmons and Dunford were both good supporters and enabled us to pick up points in this event, but the services of Skelley and Wiley were sorely missed.

We have, still available, for the coming season nearly all the fellows mentioned and there may be some junior members who wish to specialize in Field Events, and at the present time they can gain valuable experience in the matches which we have fixed up.

Any enquiries should be addressed to:—T. C. Jones, 6, Broomwood Road, S.W.11.

ALL THE RACING—IN BRIEF

November 23rd. 1940.

An interesting and very close race was enjoyed at Cranford between T.V.H. Finchley H., and ourselves. Carter was an easy winner, and our other four runners gave him good support, resulting in a win for the "Bels."

RESULTS

1. C. T. Carter	... 31m. 36s.	1. Belgrave H.	... .. 36 Pts.
2. — Forde (F.H.)	... 32m. 2s.	2. Thames Valley H.	... 39 Pts.
4. F. R. Webb	... 32m. 35s.	3. Finchley H.	... .. 50 Pts.
8. G. F. Long	... 33m. 41s.		
10. T. F. Morrell	... 34m. 15s.		
13. R. Griffen	... 35m. 3s.		

November 30th, 1940.

Southern Counties C.C.A. Open 5 Miles Handicap

At Roehampton.

1. Carter	... .. 31.45	Scr.	7
2. Footer	... .. 32.44	1.15	6
5. F. R. Webb	... .. 33.55	3.40	4
8. Morrell	... .. 35.28	4.15	5
9. Griffen	... .. 36.7	6.15	3
10. McDonald	... .. 36.12	3.10	—
11. Shields	... .. 36.15	1.15	—

December 7th, 1940.

5 Miles Sealed Handicap And Match v. Tyrant Club

An ideal day—23 runners—another easy win for Tom Carter—and another Belgrave team win.

1. C. T. Carter	... 30.27	Scr.	30.27	1½	B.H.
2. W. J. Atkinson	... 31.39	—	—	—	T.C.
3. B. F. Brearley	... 31.49	—	—	—	T.C.
5. F. R. Webb	... 32.7	3.30	28.37	1	
6. L. J. Cohen	... 32.26	1.15	31.11	11	
7. S. Jarlett	... 32.33	3.0	29.33	4	
8. A. W. Peck	... 32.35	2.45	29.50	7	
10. T. F. Morrell	... 32.46	3.15	29.31	3	
15. I. Marchant	... 33.15	3.0	30.15	11	
15. A. S. Lindsey	... 33.59	4.0	29.59	10	
16. J. McDonald	... 34.10	4.30	29.40	5	
17. G. F. Long	... 34.11	4.20	29.51	8	
18. R. G. Griffen	... 34.28	5.30	28.58	2	
19. W. G. Webb	... 34.42	4.45	29.57	9	
20. — Lay	... 35.55	4.40	31.15	14	
22. W. C. Jones	... 38.15	4.15	34.0	6	
23. G. Still	... 38.15	8.30	29.45	7	

TEAM SCORES—BELGRAVE H.—50 Pts.
TYRIAN CLUB—55 Pts.

December 14th, 1940.

Southern Counties C.C.A. Team Race

Nine teams—approximately sixty runners in all—over an undulating course at Cranford. Carter headed the field at the finish once again, but on this occasion second place in the team race was the best we could do. We missed the help of Bert Footer, ill, and of Shaw and Shields, who mistook the venue.

1. C. T. Carter	... 30m. 40s	1. Finchley H.	... 30 Pts.
6. L. J. Cohen	... 31m. 44s.	2. Belgrave H.	... 40 Pts.
15. F. R. Webb	... 32m. 46s.	3. S.L. H.	... 56 Pts.
18. T. F. Morrell	... 32m. 47s.		

December 21st, 1940.

A four aside match between Shaftesbury H., British Workers S.A., Metropolitan Police A.C., and ourselves, over our course saw an inevitable Carter win, and an easy Belgrave team victory.

1, Belgrave H. : 13 pts.; 2, Shaftesbury H. : 46 pts.; 3, Met. Police : 63 pts.

January 3rd, 1941.

A Surrey County 7-Miles Race was held at Wimbledon—and seven of the first eight to finish were Belgravians. Carter showed the way round, and Belgrave scored another win.

Middlesex County also tried a 7-Miles race on this day from Ruislip. The Cadogan A.C. team (Webb, Shields, Smith, McDonald) were placed second to Finchley Harriers.

Belgrave Harriers v. Blackheath Harriers. at Wimbledon

January 10th, 1941.

A good turn out and a good crowd—mainly to see Wooderson. A good race with Carter in his unbeatable mood; and a 30-points margin in our team win. Oh, and Wooderson finished fifth.

January 18th, 1941.

Southern Counties 5 Miles Team Race

Over our course at Wimbledon, a fair field turned out; and Belgrave found themselves in the not unusual position of first in the team event. Need we tell you the name of the individual winner? Well it was, Carter. February 15th, 1941.

Our team visited Cambridge to run against the 'Varsity team over their 7½-miles course. We placed the first three home and ran out winners by 30 points to 48 points.

RESULT

1. C. T. Carter (B.H.)	... ..	45m. 57s.
2. L. J. Cohen (B.H.)	... ..	46m. 15s.
3. A. R. Shaw (B.H.)	... ..	46m. 21s.
4. O. P. Womack (C.U.)	... ..	46m. 24s.
5. H. W. Shields (B.H.)	... ..	46m. 38s.
7. F. R. Webb (B.H.)	... ..	47m. 22s.
17. F. Jefferies (B.H.)	... ..	51m. 42s.

BELGRAVE HARRIERS—30 Pts.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY—48 Pts.

February 15th, 1941.

Southern Counties Junior Race at Wimbledon. Our runners finished as follows:—3, Marchant (33.20); 7, McDonald (34.38); 12, Lomas (35.59). Finchley won the team events with 11 points, and we were second with 22 points.

March 1st, 1941.

A new fixture v. Epsom College, but over "old country"—and thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Seven aside scored over a five-mile course; and Abberton showed the way home despite a very gallant effort on the part of Dobson, of the College. Lomas showed the result of good systematic training by finishing a close third only 50 seconds behind the winner.

Afterwards both teams sat down to tea, which was heartily appreciated. A vote of thanks to the College for their cordial welcome and the hope that further fixtures will follow were heartily echoed by all Belgravians present.

1, Belgrave H. : 49 points; 2, Epsom College : 56 points.

March 1st, 1941.

“NEWS OF THE WORLD ” 3-MILES TEAM ROAD RACE.

1. Belgrave H. (position of 4th man 11th), A. R. Shaw 18m. 39s.
 2. Polytechnic H. (position of 4th man 15th), A. W. Peck 18m. 44s.
 3. Reading A.C. (position of 4th man 23rd), ——— 19m. 02s.
- 14 Teams were timed in.

Our runners were: 1, C. T. Carter (17.32); 2, L. J. Cohen (18.00); 6, H. W. Shields (18.29); 11, A. R. Shaw (18.39); 16, F. A. Walker (18.47); 19, F. R. Webb (18.74); 24, T. F. Morrell (19.05).

March 22nd, 1941.

Southern Counties C.C.A. 7½ Miles Team Race

Held at Chingford, and to our surprise both Carter and Belgrave were beaten. By two seconds and four points only respectively; but it just goes to show! In an eight aside match held in conjunction, Woodford Green again beat us; again by a four points margin.

April 15th, 1941.

The Southern Counties C.C.A. held a team race v. twenty or so Army teams. Our men to compete, and their positions were as follows:— 1, C. T. Carter; 4, L. J. Cohen; 9, A. R. Shaw; 13, F. A. Walker; 14, F. F. Webb; 17, L. W. Marchant; 20, T. F. Morrell.

May 17th, 1941.

“ News of The World ” Road Relay Race

This popular fixture was held at Mitcham on Saturday 17th May, and attracted an entry of over 40 teams, which included many Service sides.

Running for an Air Force team was Charlie Smart, and his team had the satisfaction of being the second Service side to finish.

Our first runner was our track captain Frank Webb, and he did well to finish sixth with Nicholson, of Woodford Green A.C., leading the field.

Harry Shields went off next and battled his way round to hand over in third position to Tommy Morrell, who was our next runner.

Tom ran very well indeed and took us up a place so that Alf. Shaw was sent off in second place, and with Les. Cohen and Tom Carter to follow our chances looked fairly good.

Richards, of Mitcham, however rudely upset these by running a sterling relay which took his team into first place, and moreover gave them a 150 yards lead from Les. Cohen, who went off behind Fox, of Mitcham.

The latter always seemed to give of his best in these road relays, and Les. did well to hold his ground against such a formidable opponent.

For the last leg Tom Carter was given the hopeless job of trying to concede Ivor Brown a long start, but amazed everybody by getting to within 50 yards of his rival and clocking the time of 14 mins. 10 secs. for the three mile lap.

Brown was in a very distressed condition at the finish, but is to be complimented on leading his team of Welsh athletes to victory.

Unfortunately a bad blunder was made in pointing the course and the first two relays were only two miles instead of three. The mishap was rectified then so that the later runners covered the right course.

We know that it was the same for everybody, but over the first lap the Mitcham man was well down the field and with a further mile may have been further behind still. Also Harry Shields, who ran second for us, finished full of running and would have gained more ground for us had he run the proper course of three miles.

However, it is no good supposing now that the race is over, and we look forward to meeting our Mitcham rivals again as we hear a rumour that Joe Binks is contemplating holding another road relay in the near future.

A Canadian Army team had the honour of being the first Service side to finish, and their abbreviated shorts were a sight for sore eyes!

Chief team placings:—1, Mitcham A.C. (81.42); 2, Belgrave H. (81.47); 3, Finchley H. (82.45).

BELGRAVE TIMES.

F. Webb	...	...	...	...	...	11m. 20s.
H. Shields	...	...	...	...	...	11m. 27s.
T. Morrell	...	...	...	...	...	15m. 11s.
A. Shaw	...	...	...	...	...	15m. 9s.
L. Cohen	...	...	...	...	...	14m. 30s.
T. Carter	...	...	...	...	...	14m. 10s.

Match v. U.L. Tyrian Club

This enjoyable fixture was held at Tooting Bec Track on Saturday, May 31st.

We were especially pleased to see so many of our Service members present. These included—Stan. Botwright, Bill Bowers, Sid. Jones, Charlie Melchior and Alf. Orton.

Our sprinters proved very short of training, although Metcalfe, of the "Poly.," ran very well in the longer sprint.

A newcomer, J. W. Thomas, together with Tommy Morrell, represented us in the Mile, and they both ran well against a much stronger opponent.

Tom Carter, without any "real" opposition, ran a training 3 miles and reeled off his laps in faultless style.

Harry Shields had to fight for his second place in this event, and this alone made the race very entertaining to watch.

Sid. Jones showed he had lost none of his form with a first and second, and Charlie Melchior proved that his working arm was in good throwing order and was well backed up by the evergreen George Powell.

In the relay Sid. Jarlett just pipped Atkinson over the half-mile stage, but a bad take-over by Bowers lost some ground. The latter recovered himself in fine style and sent Stan. Botwright off in front to hand over a 10 yards lead to Len. Marchant.

Len. "legged" it out in smashing style and try as his opponent did he could not reduce the gap, and so we won the final event of the afternoon.

With the points scoring 5—3—1 for each event, the relay was a 3—0 affair. It will be seen that the Tyrian just won the match by reason of their securing the majority of first places.

This was our first match of the season, however, and for our future fixtures we hope to have more of the "Poly." boys lending us a hand, but so long as we do our bit towards keeping the sport going then we are well satisfied.

Here is a summary of the results:—

100 Yards.—1, Fyfe (T); 2, Shearman (T); 3, Botwright (B.) Time 11.2s.

220 Yards.—1, Fyfe (T); 2, Metcalfe (B); 3, Shearman (T). Time 23.4s.

440 Yards.—1, Lockton (T); 2, Jarlett (B); 3, Wilson (T). Time 53.5s.

880 Yards.—1, Atkinson (T); 2, Marchant (B); 3, Webb (B). Time 2m. 4.5s.

1 Mile.—1, Haile (T); 2, Thomas (B); 3, Morrell (B). Time 4m. 46s.

3 Miles.—1, Carter (B); 2, Shields (B); 3, Evans (T). Time 15m. 28s.

Long Jump.—1, Dowling (T); 2, Ward (T); 3, T. C. Jones (B). Dist. 19ft. 9½ins.

Weight Put.—1, S. Jones (B); 2, Dowling (T); 3, Sutton (B). Dist. 36ft. 9½ins.

Discus. 1, Dowling (T); 2, S. Jones (B); 3, Brewer (T). Dist. 118ft. 0ins.

Javelin.—1, Melchior (B); 2, Powell (B); 3, Lockton (T). Dist. 149ft. 0ins.

1 Mile Medley Relay.—1, Belgrave; 2, Tyrian. Time 3m. 4s6.

Result of Match.—1, U.L. Tyrian: 49 pts.; 2, Belgrave H.: 44 pts.

Match v.T.C.C. & U.L. Tyrian

Our return match, Wednesday evening, June 4th, with the Tyrian Club, and our first meeting with old friends The Combined Clubs, i.e., London A.C., South London H., and Blackheath H., resulted in a somewhat hollow victory for our lads.

Both the other competing teams were not at full strength, however, the Tyrian lacking the services of most of their Medical students, while the T.O.C. seemed to miss that genial personality C. E. Jones, who is now in

the Navy, although his successor E. G. Lymbery did his best to field a representative side, which included A. D. Holmes, of Essex Beagles, and A. V. Mortimer, that very promising young Finchley Harrier.

Our side had been strengthened by the inclusion of Frank Close, the well known miler and International runner; also A. W. Lewis, a very fine Field Events performer, while R. H. Bryan came all the way from Eastleigh to run in the 2 miles, which is enthusiasm indeed.

A. T. Liffen, a former Southern sprint champion, turned out again after a two years' absence from the track and gained third place for us in the 100 Yards, with M. J. Wright of the "Poly." fourth.

B. Metcalfe, a very promising sprinter, and Wright gained us further points by finishing second and third in the 220 Yards.

In the 440 Yards, Syd. Jarlett ran a splendid race to beat Holmes, with W. Watts gaining third place for us.

The 880 Yards was a very good race and Len. Marchant showed a return to last season's form to clock 2 m. 3.9 s., which was very good time on such a heavy track.

The result of the 1 Mile was a foregone conclusion and Frank Close won easily, but S. J. Wooderson ran well to beat Les. Cohen, although the latter was just back from a week's holiday.

The 2 Miles was a race between Tom Carter and R. H. Bryan, the Hants County runner, who has recently joined us.

Bryan cut out the pace at the start and then when Tom went in front tried pluckily to hang on to his man, but with Carter running in that effortless fashion of his, Bryan had to be content with second place, and here again the time was very good considering the heavy track.

The 1 Mile Medley Relay, which was the final running event, saw a very close race, and Jarlett gave us the lead over the half mile stage. Elliott, of the T.C.C., made up ground on Bowers and a bad take-over between the latter and Hayes saw Holmes send off the T.C.C. man in the lead for the final quarter.

Len. Marchant strode out in fine style, however, and soon caught his man and carried on to give us yet another win.

In the Field Events, Charlie Melchior gained us first place in the Javelin with George Powell second, and A. W. Lewis won both the Weight and the Discus.

His effort of 132 ft. in the Discus was a really fine performance, and only 10 ft. short of the English Native record.

Thus on the evening we came out winners with a total of 65 points, with the T.C.C. scoring 30 and U.L. Tyrian 22.

A full list of results is appended hereunder:—

RESULTS.

- 100 Yards.—1, Elliott (TCC); 2, Shearman (Ty); 3, Liffen (B); 4, Wright (B). Time 10.9s.
220 Yards.—1, Shearman (Ty); 2, Metcalfe (B); 3, Wright (B); 4, Elliott (TCC). Time 24.4s.
440 Yards.—2, Jarlett (B); 2, Holmes (TCC); 3, Watts (B); 4, Stratford (TCC). Time 54.3s.
880 Yards.—1, Marchant (B); 2, McLaren (TCC); 3, Hobden (TCC); 4, Webb (B). Time 2m. 3.9s.
1Mile.—1, Close (B); 2, Wooderson (TCC); 3, Cohen (B); 4, Mortimer (TCC). Time 4m. 32.4s.
2 Miles.—1, Carter (B); 2, Bryan (B); 3, Shields (B); 4, Peck (B). Time 10m. 4.2s.
Medley Relav.—1, Belgrave H.; 3, T.C.C.; 3, U.L. Tyrian. Time 3m. 57s.
Weight.—1, Lewis (B); 2, Melchior (B); 3, McNeil (Ty). Dist. 37ft. 7ins.
Discus.—1, Lewis (B); 2, McNeil (Ty); 3, Powell (B). Dist. 132ft. 0ins.
Javelin.—1, Melchior (B); 2, Powell (B); 3, Lockton (Ty); 4, McNeil (Ty). Dist. 151ft. 3ins.
Long Jump.—1, Walters (TCC); 2, Lockton (Ty); 3, McNeil (Ty); 4, Jones (B). Dist. 21ft. 2ins.
Result of Match.—1, Belgrave H.: 65 pts; 2, T.C.C.: 3 pts.; 3, U.L. Tyrian: 22 pts.

WALKING NOTES

On December 28th, 1940, a 5-Miles Members' Handicap; and match v. Metropolitan Police A.C., took place at Wimbledon. Charlie Churcher won from Roberts and Bidgood (representing Police on this occasion) and a very sporting match gave our good Police friends a win by 37 points to 42 points.

Club handicap awards went to Wilson Roberts and Bruning.

RESULTS.

1. Churcher, C. E.	(B)	39.10	Scr.	39.10	8
2. Roberts, S. C.	(P)	17	2.10	37.7	2
3. Bidgood, J. C.	(P)	40.44	1.50	38.54	5
4. Stone, V.	(B)	41.0	—	—	—
5. Readman, A.	(P)	41.5	2.0	39.7	7
6. Wilson, J.	(B)	41.28	5.25	36.3	1
7. Halls, F. A.	(B)	42.7	3.10	33.57	6
8. Soame, L. J.	(P)	39	—	—	—
9. Grice, J. E.	(P)	45	—	—	—
10. Young, W. M.	(P)	45	—	—	—
11. Watson, L.	(B)	43.45	5.25	8.20	4
12. Stevenson, A.	(P)	43.45	—	—	—
13. Browning, J.	(B)	45.40	7.30	38.10	3
14. Plummer, W.	(P)	46.40	—	—	—

MET. POLICE 2—3—5—8—9—10—37.
BELGRAVE 1—4—6—7—11—13—42.

Oxford University R.W.C. Open. 1.3.41. 6 Miles

This venture for which D. H. Christie-Murray was mainly responsible, was well supported and drew the largest entry of the season. Christie-Murray having the advantage of knowing the course, which at times was more like cross country, soon took the lead. He was challenged by E. Staker, but the latter was ruled out on the return journey. "Our Joe" walked a splendid race to finish second, but as he had won a cross country prize in a Services race a week before, perhaps the course had something to do with it. Charlie Churcher was hard on his heels, but was not quite up to form. Although the majority of the prizes never left Oxford, Joe won the Services' prize and A. East the award for the first A.R.P. Worker to finish. In the Scratch Team race, Highgate beat us by the narrow margin of 2 points.

RESULT.

1. D. H. Christie Murray	14. S. Roberts	... .. 50.46
(S.W.C.) 46.27	15. J. Bidgood	... .. 50.50
2. J. Coleman 48.41	21. W. Snell	... .. 51.31
4. C. Churcher 49.21	31. A. East	... .. 53.01
11. A. Readman 50.23	38.. L. Watson	... .. 54.10

Scratch Team Race—Highgate H.—15 Pts.
Belgrave—17 Pts.

" Our Open " 22.3.41.

Although the entry for our Club "Open" was, naturally, not so big as usual, it proved much larger than was expected. Joe Coleman, Percy Wright and Jack Rutland all managed to be there. Len Coleman also turned up, but too late for the start and went round the course in record time on his cycle. D. H. Christie-Murray again led the field, chased by E. Staker. Jack Rutland was our first man home. We started three teams, and somehow Jack Bidgood got mixed up with the "C" Team and helped them to win 2nd. prize.

RESULT.

1.	D. H. Christie Murray (S.W.C.)	...	...	57.04
9.	J. Rutland	...	...	60.07
11.	A. Readman	...	...	60.24
12.	J. Bidgood	...	...	61.03

All members placings, etc., are not available.
Team Hcp.—2nd. Belgrave (16m. 44s.).

Middlesex Substitute County Race

Thanks chiefly to the efforts of Mr. N. Easlea, a substitute for the Middlesex 10 Miles County Race was decided upon. The distance was cut to 7 miles, and the entry almost up to peace time numbers. Highgate proved easy winners by 13 points, whilst Enfield just beat us (Cadogan) into 3rd place by 11 point. Our scoring three were: A. Readman (6), S. Roberts (9), C. Sutton (10). Total 22 points.

Metropolitan W.C. Open 19.4.41.

This race, which was inaugurated last year as a "15," was this year cut down to 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ in an endeavour to keep up the entry. It had the desired effect and well over 70 left the Polytechnic Institute on a preliminary walk to Regent's Park, where the race actually started. E. Staker and E. Cheeswright both failed to please the judges and were ruled out on the last lap. Syd. Roberts walked a good race, making up a lot of ground over the last three miles to finish first for the Club and get second place in the handicap. Unfortunately there was no scratch race, otherwise we should have come out on top.

RESULT.

1.	H. Sparks (S.W.C.)	68.37	13.	A. Readman	...	...	72.29
6.	S. Roberts	...	...	71.13	15.	C. Sutton	...
10.	J. Bidgood	...	...	72.03	17.	P. Wright	...
Individual Hop				Team Handicap			
2nd. S. Roberts (5.20)				1st. Belgrave H. 19.3			
65.53.				(Roberts, Bidgood, Halls).			

The Highgate "20" 17.5.41.

There being no R.W.A. "20" this year, Highgate put on a race over the same distance, which was well supported. On paper it looked a snip for the "Bels." with Jack Bidgood, A. Webb, Syd. Roberts and Bob Readman. However, as in most long walks, things didn't work out as well as expected. Jack was let down by the "snob" and had to walk in old shoes which soon began to give him trouble, and Syd. Roberts, who had not fully recovered from a bad cold, slowed up over the last five miles. The surprise of the day was Webb's splendid win, beating A. Cotton by the wide margin of 2 minutes and completing the double by also winning the handicap. For well over ten miles, it looked as though it might be anybody's race, but with about five miles to go Webb forged ahead and had no difficulty in leaving the rest of the field behind. Bob Readman went through towards the end, but only managed to reach 6th place. Woodford Green, with 2nd and 3rd places, came out winners by 1 point. Standards were awarded to all completing the course inside 3 h. 30 m., and all our walkers qualified.

RESULT.

1.	A. H. Webb	...	...	3h. 0m.	17s.
6.	A. Readman	...	...	3h. 9m.	7s.
9.	J. Bidgood	...	...	3h. 10m.	47s.
12.	S. Roberts	...	...	3h. 11m.	9s.
23.	A. East	...	...	3h. 17m.	2s.
33.	J. Wilson	...	...	3h. 25m.	27s.
35.	F. Halls	...	...	3h. 27m.	57s.

Scr. Team Race.—1. Woodford Green 22 Pts.
2. Belgrave H. 23 Pts.

Individual Hcp.—A. Webb (12mins.) 2.48.16.

Since our last number, several more of our walkers have been drawn into the ranks of H.M. Forces, and our main support now rest with our Police members who are keeping the Club Colours well to the fore.

It is difficult to get news of all our men in the Forces but as far as is known, Charlie Churcher is now out East, whilst Harry is still in the Isle of Man (not interned). Joe Coleman is shooting pictures in the air. Our Hon. Handicapper has worked himself into a soft number as chauffeur-batman, and Percy Wright is now at Newport. Anyway, from the latest available information, they are all doing their utmost to encourage sport in their respective circles, and we wish them luck and a safe and speedy return.

Percy Wright has started a new venture, a sort of miniature mag. which he calls "Belgrave News Letter," through which he is endeavouring to keep in touch with the boys. Although production facilities are limited, his printing press being confined to a typewriter, he is circulating as many copies as possible with a request that when finished with, they be passed on to other members and so extend the circulation. Well done Percy! Hope you will be able to keep it up.

Congratulations to A. H. Webb on winning the Highgate "20" and following up a fortnight later with the Police "24." Syd. Roberts having won the Police "10" earlier in the season, both Police Championships are now held by our members. Good work.

Harry Thaxter, who showed such good form last season, unfortunately cracked up in the blitz and was invalided out of the Police. He is now back in the country recuperating and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Despite present conditions, a good programme of walking was held during the winter, although it started later than usual on account of the black-out. Our Open proved a great success. Joe Coleman turned up but left his shoes in his plane.

Co-operation between the A.A.A. and the R.W.A. has resulted in a good summer programme of racing. The A.A.A. are promoting four Open 2-Miles in conjunction with their meetings, the R.W.A. are putting on two 5-Miles walks, as last year, and London Transport are also staging a 5-Miles. Dates of these fixtures have been well circulated and should be known by all. Mid-week club fixtures have also been arranged, and it is hoped to work in one or more club handicaps for the walkers.

Woodford Green Open 15.2.41.

This was the first Open Race since Christmas, and although arranged in a hurry, proved quite a success. Syd. Roberts led the "Bels." home, closely followed by Bill Snell, Jack Bidgood and Bob Readman. Good packing, but not quite near enough to the front. There was no scratch team race, however, but we did well in the handicaps, Bill Snell being second in the individual handicap, the club first in the team event.

RESULT.

1.	1. E. Staker (Highgate)	54.03
5.	S. Roberts	57.01
7.	W. Snell	57.04
8.	J. Bidgood	57.34
9.	A. Readman	57.39
122.	C. Sutton	58.20

Individual Hcp.—W. Snell (6.10). 50.54.

Team Hcp.—1. Belgrave H. (Roberts Snell Watson).

Our Police Walkers, despite their difficult work these days, and the few walkers to remain in civil life, still keep our stock high in the Walking world. We look to them to continue to do so while the rest of us are away; and when the Service men return and link up with their old time Police friends (together with the new recruits they will have found for us); Belgrave will again set the standard of performance and sportsmanship which is synonymous with the Club name.

THE HON. SECRETARY HAS THE LAST WORD!

Although on service in the "West COUNTRY" (and, I'm afraid as an Hon. Secretary, a name only), I have been privileged to see this magazine of ours in manuscript form. To me it brings back a host of memories of good friends, good racing, good times, good fellowship; and no doubt it will do so to many of you. And these times will come again if it is our will that they should. When we return we shall have lost a year or two's sport; gained in experience of other things. The racing careers of some of us will be finished; but that excellent friendly Belgrave spirit will live again in all its fullness. New men will repeat old successes and perhaps gain new ones; and we who have made our small contribution to the Club's record of success—and, more important, to its reputation for scrupulous sportsmanship—will share again the happy atmosphere of friendliness and sportsmanship from which we have been obliged to turn for a while to other things. It will be a grand day when we can all get back and start working for the Belgrave Harriers again; and place the Club in an unassailable position at the head of all that is best in Athletics—the sport we have followed in all its branches, and for which we have so much affection.

And now, on behalf of all of those away from the Club, I would like to express our thanks to all who are carrying on with the good work and keeping the structure of the Club intact against our return. We realize the extra calls on the time of the civilian in these difficult days; and we are glad to think that the older members are doing all they can to have things ready for an immediate crescendo of activity as soon as our serving members return. There are many to whom we are indebted, and space permits only mention of a few. Our thanks, and hopes for a speedy recovery from his present indisposition go to our President, Frank Thomson, for his work on our behalf. Our Acting Hon. Secretary's and Hon. Treasurer's efforts also demand an expression of gratitude.

And speaking for the serving members once again, what is our part? Keep in touch with Club headquarters, your letters will be shown to all attending members. Write your friends also serving and keep them posted with the latest Club news. Stir up some athlete's interest in your unit. I have been able to get Sports promoted and win a race which says little for the standard of performance! Frank Elston, Percy Wright, Charlie Smart, Bill Merryman have all created interest and have teams in the making. Why not you, also? Any such interest is bound to help Athletics generally and our own Club; and we may well experience a boom at the end of the War, as followed the last.

To conclude:—We're separated by large distances; but not in our thoughts and friendships. Let's regard these present days as a passing phase; and let's be determined to keep together now in spirit that we may enjoy together all that is best in sport in the years that lay ahead.

A. A. HARLEY.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

- July 5th (Sat.).—Charlton Park. A.A.A., Open Handicap meeting.
- July 12th (Sat.).—Southall, Belgrave H. v. West Middx. Triangle.
- July 16th (Wed.).—Tooting Bec Belgrave H. v. T.C.C. & Shaftesbury H.
- July 19th. (Sat.).—Epsom. A.A.A. v. L.C.C., Hospital Staff.
- July 19th (Sat.).—Regent's Park Open 5-Miles Road Walk Handicap.
- July 26th. (Sat.).—Alperton. Belgrave H. v. West Middx. Triangle.
- July 30th (Wed.).—Parliament Hill North v. South of Thames
- August 13th (Wed.).—Tooting Bec. Belgrave H. v. Metropolitan Police A.C. & West Middx. Triangle.
- August 16th (Sat.).—Mitcham. Open 5 Miles Road Walk Handicap.
- Sept. 6th (Sat.).—Paddington Rec. Open Walk Handicaps 1—2—3—4—5 Miles.