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**Belgrave Harriers**

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Officers' Mess,  
Halton, Bucks.  
March 23rd, 1942.

Dear Harry,—

I should be most grateful if you would extend the very sincere thanks of my wife and myself to all those good friends who wished us well on the occasion of our marriage, and subscribed towards the very handsome present we received last Saturday when at Belgrave Hall. It will be a constant reminder of happy times spent among good friends; and we hope the time is not far distant when it will be possible to enjoy once again the joys of sterling friendships and good sport in peaceful surroundings.

With renewed thanks and good wishes.

Sincerely Yours,  
ALF.

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## MAINLY REMINISCENT.

Each month sees a wider distribution of our members over the Earth's surface—each month lengthens the distances between us—each month makes the "Belgravian" more and more of a necessity.

Our Gazette is a reminder of happy times spent together in sporting endeavour; and a reminder that the prized friendships we have built against a background of amateur sport and happy associations, still exist; and will continue to exist even when the War is recalled as something rather unpleasant which came our way in the distant past.

The great majority of Club members are now serving in the Forces and look forward to the arrival of the "Belgravian" giving news of friends and of the athletic events which continue to be held. As one of this great majority, may I suggest that those away from the Club should make their literary contributions to the columns of the "Belgravian"? Don't leave it all to the minority who bravely carry on; let the hundreds of members in the Services express themselves in what is *our* Club journal, and with this in view, send your piece along to Harry Parker. Considerations of censorship must be borne in mind, but news of you and what you are thinking about Club matters and mutual friends will be of interest, and merit publication.

Some of us find ourselves in unexpected places these days, and our memories work overtime. We re-live the incidents of past years, we wonder how this one is faring and where the other lays his head in these days of War.

What does the Royal Marines think of Bert Footer, and is there an "issue" of "syrup of figs"? What's the news of our first cross-country International, Arthur Allum? Does Tommy Scrimshaw ever see a pair of spikes these R.A.F. days? Len Rollins is in the Navy, we hear, and we should be glad of news of our one-time enthusiastic Social Hon. Secretary, Cross-country Vice-Captain and helper in dozen of ways. We hope to see him a Club Vice-President in years to come.

How does Fred Bentley find life in the R.A.F.? What does Harry Shields think of war-time rationing? And what becomes of Doub's meat ration? Is Frank Webb still the same old "Snaky"? How much walking does Tommy Green do as a Lieutenant in the Home Guard? Are Jimmy Flatt's legs still twinkling over the country? Is our President's health now improved? We all sincerely hope so.

Who will promote a Veteran's Race for Charlie Cook to win in his eightieth year? How is our former President and Hon. Secretary, Wally

Bayliss, these days? And Jock McKay, Harry Hare, Oscar Horwood and Teddy Gordon, to name four other Past Presidents? Is Ernie Duffett now the complete "cop"? Do Bill Sutton and Syd Jones still find time to toss the 16 lbs. shot about? Stopped any golf-balls lately, Oscar? How is our good friend Bill Fish these days? When does Jimmy Belchamber plan the next all-night Brighton stroll? Does Harry Parker use as many postcards as formerly, with postage 2d. a time? What's the latest Lindsey crack? When shall we shake Ken O'Kell by the hand again? Is Percy Wright taking out Welsh naturalisation papers? How's finances, Bill? . . . and so on, into the night. . . .

We grow very reminiscent and memories succeed one another in rapid succession. We think of the disgraceful incident on Colley Hill when Harry Shields put the damper on Footer; and of a somewhat similar incident when Micky Walker saved a fiery situation on the way to Littlehampton; and of hundreds of other memorable things. There are thoughts of holidays with Club mates in Denmark, France, Germany, Switzerland, Devon, Isle of Wight; of Eastertide on the South Downs and in the Cotswolds; of Whitsuns in the Chilterns and on Derbyshire peaks.

And I think of the Southern Cross-Country Championship at Brighton in 1930, when we were placed in this event for the first time, led by smiling Syd. Warboys in 13th position. And of the Club's team win in the South of the Thames Senior Race at Gatton Park the previous year, when the cheery President of the Association, our own Harry Hare, presented the "Dewar" Shield and "Colman" Cup to the Club—both for the first time.

We think of the Brighton Relay of 1927, when we were placed seventeenth; and of those later years when Belgrave justified the hopes of the South. Our first "Southern" win at Taplow in 1934 comes to mind; and then, in 1935—"Belgrave Harriers—English Cross-Country Champions." How the writer remembers feverishly counting up the scoring discs—and his feelings of pride and excitement to find we were winners with a 54-points margin over Salford H.!

Memories of Brighton Walks with Tommy Green, Fred Rickards and Fred Bentley to the fore, followed by many other stalwarts; of National 20-Miles Championships with George Cooper, Bob McMullen (Senior), Stanley Manning, Jack Rathbone, Joe King, Jack Bidgood and others, striving their utmost. Of Harold King and Len Fletcher, and in more recent years, Harry Churcher winning the shorter distance road walks; supported by as fine a bunch of sportsmen as ever stepped into racing kit. Of Charlie Churcher now miles away; of Colin Sutton, recently awarded his "Wings," of Frank Elson, Don Brown, the Colemans, Rutland, Charlie Speechley, and so on. The list is unending!

We think of the superb Club track men such as Tommy Scrimshaw, Jim Tosh, George Duncley, Eddie Pack, Cooper-Clark, Len Herbert; together with Bert Footer, Arthur Penny, Jim Ginty, Tom Carter, Les Cohen, Pat Parker, the Flowers, Jack and Joe, Arthur Allum, Ted Stimpson, and the others who have represented the Club with such distinction.

The trouble with reminiscences is that they follow no set plan. The mind jumps the years, switches back again; dwells on the minor things to the exclusion of the more important. The small things stick in the memory, and the names and memories of the many who could never be champions, and yet were good friends and good sportsmen, remain. The pattern that is Belgrave is inextricably woven of good friends, good sportsmanship, happy memories, successful athletic endeavour, good fellowship, efficient democratic management, cheerful comradeship, grand workers, and a marvellous spirit.

These things will continue; and the success the Club has enjoyed will carry on, for the same spirit permeates the younger members. We have walkers like Tony Belchambers, Ted Elliott, Bob McMullen (Junior), W. H. Jones, and runners such as Bill Bowers, young Broadbent (who many of us would like to meet and wish well in his athletic career with the Club), Len Marchant, de Beau, Norman Shrubbs, Edwin Read, and many others who will emulate the deeds of those who have gone before. Guided by the older hands and supported by all who have experienced the delights of Club membership in years past; Belgrave is assured of a wonderful

future which will probably overshadow the glorious past, rich though it is in a hundred different ways.

Good luck to all who have the good fortune to wear Belgrave colours, past, present, and future!

A. A. HARLEY.

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Tritton,  
Nr. Gt. Yarmouth,  
Norfolk.  
February 2nd, 1942.

Dear Officials and Members,—

Since hearing from your loyal Secretary I feel it incumbent upon me to drop a line to you all.

Although like a good many other members far from the field of present and past activity, I still daily, deeply and very often think of past events. Especially the smell of winter green and the whisper in one's ear: "Have you a bit of vaseline to spare?" etc. Not always a Scottish whisper either. Then I mustn't forget the gentleman who turned up for training with no shorts but was so keen that ultimately, after searching the hall with no success, accompanied me in his trucks with the ever useful safety-pin.

I often wonder how our dear judges are. The people you often thought had a double because they moved about so quickly. Are they in the Army, watching the troops march?

My health has greatly improved recently, and I know it will improve more if I could see the great line up in Lauriston Road as in pre-war days.

In conclusion, I wish every member a safe return to the Club Colours as soon as possible. Not forgetting our President, Mr. F. Thomson, whose health, I sincerely hope, has greatly improved.

Cheerio lads; best of luck and health to everyone in the future.

Yours sincerely,  
H. THAXTER.

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Congratulations to our Alf on gaining another "Ring." His title now is Flight Lieutenant.

He sends many interesting letters and makes many happy suggestions for the benefit of the Club. One of his latest and best—in my opinion—is the following:—

"To fix up Saturdays during the year when ALL members, and ALL OLD TIMERS would be expected to make a very special effort to turn up."

Once upon a time the Opening Run of the Winter Season, which took place the first Saturday in October, was always looked upon as a "Reunion." A group photo was taken and many old friendships renewed at such meetings. But in later years, the "Opening Run" seems to have dropped out of fashion. I can see no reason, however, why it should not be revived. Another "Reunion" day could be the first track meeting. Can we have your support?

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Did you get your Christmas Card?

For this effort our best thanks are due to Joe Coleman, who carried out the working drawing and made the printing block, and to Alf. Harley for the general suggestion and design.

The idea you can follow?

To others I would mention that we have at present, members in many parts of the world, including Australia, Canada, U.S.A., Finland, Norway, France, Iran, with the Forces in the Middle East and elsewhere, and all over the British Isles and Ireland.

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The thanks of ALL members are due to Les Cohen, and his Wife, for their unflinching zeal and efforts in making the Belgrave Harriers Supporters' Club such a stupendous success during this last season. They

have both done a wonderful job of work, and believe me, the Hon Treasurer is truly grateful.

What! Never heard of the B.H.S.C.? Well, just ask Les about it when you next see him.

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Thanks are due to our energetic Walking Secretary, Syd Roberts, for his efforts in the Club Annual "Open." The Hon. Treasurer is more than gratified with the result, as Syd made the race pay for itself.

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The Hon. Secretary wishes to put on record his appreciation for the help given him by Dick Savage and Bill Webb on Saturday afternoons, during this last Winter Season, in ALL weathers, in flagging the course. Also to Fred Puleston, of Mitcham, for his help in the same cause.

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It is the desire of the Committee to keep in touch with all members who have joined H.M. Forces. Will any who have not yet done so, kindly advise the Hon. Secretary? If you have forgotten his address, write to Belgrave Hall.

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## LETTERS AND NEWS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM:—

*Bert Smith* ("Smiffy").—A staunch Belgravian and team man of a few years ago, and who has now joined the N.F.S.

*L. Jackson* (Field Events), who writes from "Sunny Devon": "Must say how grateful I am to have received my copy of 'Belgravian.' It certainly brings back many happy memories. Hoping you will excuse quick letter, as I'm just on my way out for a pint!"

*W. H. Applebee*, H.M.S. "Proserpine," finds opportunity to send along his subscription and to wish the Club the very best of luck for the future, and hopes it will not be long before he can again help to swell the chorus, "Up the Bels," on the Brighton Road.

*Jack Shields*, in the R.A.F. in Buckinghamshire, says "There is very little opportunity for running here."

*Bill Snell*.—On his way overseas, and who has taken his Belgrave togs with him.

*A. C. Beales* is now in Ottawa, Canada.

*Colin Sutton* has now "graduated" in Alberta, Canada, and contacted another Belgravian—Reg. Shepherd.

*Rodaway, D. A.*—In Wiltshire. Training as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm. Has already gained his Wings.

*Bill Merryman*, now a Corporal in Staffs. Has got his O.C. interested in running and brought a team to Mitcham for Joe Bink's last relay.

*Stan Blunden*, now in Hampshire doing his P.T. with Sergt. Dumbrill.

*Freddy White*.—News has reached us that Freddy is now married and a Corporal. Stationed somewhere in the Thames Valley, he won six firsts for his R.A.F. Station during the last track seasons.

*Arthur Beaumont*.—Now taking a P.T.I. Course at Bulford. Also enjoying a spot of football.

*Tommy Green*.—Now a Lieutenant in the Home Guard.

*Teddy Gordon*.—A R.S.M. in the Home Guard.

*Don Brown*.—Playing Rugby in Lincolnshire.

*Megaphone Man "Cook"*.—Not liking Redcaps has transferred to the R.A.S.C., and is now in Dorset.

*Colin Sutton*, from whom a very long and interesting letter has been received from Medicine Hat, has gained his Wings and hopes to be home again very shortly. Tried distance running at Calgary, but found the rarified atmosphere too much, but is still doing a little walking and running.

*Mrs. Shepherd* writes to say that her son Reg. is in Saskatchewan, with the R.A.F., and will forward him the Gazette. Reg. will be remembered as a very promising junior of a couple of seasons back. News has just been received that Reg. has now "graduated."

*Tommy Clinton*, our Guardsman, is now happily married. Congratulations Tommy.

*Ron. Patience* has now returned from the Shetlands, is also married.

*Dick Towndrow*.—Still in Northern Ireland, but has been on the sick list and missed the Irish Senior C.C. Race. He competed in the International Race at Belfast, and finished about 41st. He, however, won two big Open C.C. races before Christmas.

*Jack Rutland* has been in hospital with pneumonia; is now on the convalescent list, but missed his Overseas Draft.

*Bob Stride*, whilst waiting to go overseas won his Brigade C.C. Race and 4th in the Divisional Race.

*Charlie Churcher*.—A very interesting letter sent on his way out East, describing 48 hours' leave in Cairo and a visit to the Pyramids—a dance—finishing up with supper of eggs, chop, chips and tea. Dinner on Sunday was eggs, liver and chops—chicken—beans—chips, roll and butter, tea and then ice-cream. And he cannot see the faces of the women because they are veiled! Join the R.A.F. and see the world free of charge! Had a Camp Sports Day, and won a half-mile walk in 3 m. 40.

*Frank Jeffries*, in the R.A.M.C., and now in Cornwall.

"*Champ*" *Smith* is now a "full blown" cook at Tidworth.

*Stimmo* has again been home on leave from the Orkneys.

*Watts, E. J.*—A Corporal in the R.A.F., and down Southampton way.

*Ken O'Kell*.—Still in the North helping in the production of 1260-h.p. aero engines.

*Quackenbos* ("Quack") sends his best wishes to the Club and all members from the U.S.A. Although thousands of miles further away from Belgrave Hall than most members, he still finds time to write home. Last summer won 2 Statuettes and 10 medals, chiefly in longer track races.

*Norman Shrubbs*, home on short leave, brought back Press photos of the International C.C. Race in Belfast, on March 21st.

He has recently become engaged to the sister of Teddy Read, our well known sprinter.

Teddy, until recently, was with the R.A.F. in Canada, but has now returned home with his "Wings."

*C. T. Pateman*, R.A.F., Slough, sends his best wishes to all members.

*Jimmy Kemp*, from Northern Ireland, where he says Army boots and plenty of work keep him out of running togs. Was very impressed by Dick Towndrow's win in the M'Connell Cup Race.

*Michael (R. G.)*, R.N.—After a course of instruction on a dry land ship on the South Coast, has since gained a Commission. Congrats Mike.

*Ben May*, also on the South Coast training "Faireys."

*Joe Coleman*, who is seeing England at the expense of the R.A.F.. Had so many addresses lately that he doesn't know where he is!

*Frank Webb*.—Keeps us well informed with news from Northern Ireland. Has finished 15th and 16th respectively in two big Open C.C. Team races. Was 32nd in the Irish Senior C.C. Race, which he says was one of the worst courses he has ever run over. Finished 90th in the International Race at Dublin in a field of about 350. At the Irish C.C. Race he met another member, Lieut. A. J. Marsden, of the Ox. and Bucks., of whom more news is awaited. He congratulates the team on their recent successes.

*Alf. Orton*.—Now a Corporal in the R.A.F., Middle East, where he arrived after a monotonous two months' voyage.

*Douglas Mumford*, we understand, has now gained his "Wings."

*Bill Sutton* spent Christmas Day at Catterick, and says he "did not do too bad."

*Sid Jones*, our weight slinger, has gone out East, and more news is awaited.

*Charlie Redgrave*, having passed his Dental Exams. at Chatham, has now been sent to Skegness.

*Herbert Clayton*, with the R.A.F. in Aden.

*Sergt. G. F. Long*, Royal Marine Division, writes: "Thanks for 'Belgravian.' Greatly appreciated."

*Frank King*, who has been "stationed at a very exciting spot . . . consisting of 3 cottages and a bunch of heather," has now been transferred to the R.A.S.C.

*Robert Boyden* writes from Wiltshire:—"Thanks for 'Belgravian,' it was much appreciated. I notice I am in the list of "lost contacts." I got married January last year, on the 13th for luck." Congratulations, Bob.

*Bill Bowers* writes from Scotland, where he is undergoing a course of instruction in wireless training.

*Tom Scrimshaw*, in a "hush hush" district in the Midlands, writes: "What really spurred me on to this noble effort was that I received the Mag. All sorts of very pleasant memories flashed through my brain. I missed Ken O'Kell by a split second in a Midland town the other day.

Pity you didn't write before Tom, as Ken would be very pleased to renew acquaintance.

He also says Len Rollins is in the Navy. And also wishes to know if E. A. Good has ever seen a handicap made by Ernie Duffett!

*Les. Bennett*.—The last news was received from Singapore. We sincerely hope he is safe.

*Jack Flower*.—Belated news that he is in Iraq and is sporting "one Pip and a Sam Browne."

*From Exeter*.—News has just reached us that Doubleday ("Doub") is safe and returning to London as soon as possible.

*Sergt. Pilot Bill Lucas*, "Somewhere" in Cambridge, Nov. 25th:—"Pleased to have news of the Club. Remember me to all the boys, and I shall be glad to hear from any of them. I usually manage to get out for a run once a week."

Commenting on his "Ops," he says:—

"I have 12 trips to my credit. It gives us much pleasure to see our bombs burst on their targets and to know that we have done a little to help the war effort. My feelings on my first trip—actually it wasn't half as bad as I had expected it to be. I think our shakiest 'do' was returning from . . . after a successful attack. . . . The wind changed . . . and we drifted over Kiel. The ground defences allowed us to get nicely placed . . . how they missed us I still don't know. . . . In the next few minutes we had a most hectic time."

*Extract from a letter from a walker down Hampshire way:—*

"Percy seems to be doing things the (w)right way, alright!"

Percy is certainly making Club history!

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*As Americans See Us.*

Extract from "The Christian Monitor," Boston, Mass., Sept., 1941:—"And talking of Cross Country . . . C. T. Carter, Ace of the sport in war-time Britain" . . . and later . . . "We find that a strong claim to the title of War Time Runner No. 1 is possessed by that well known Speedster over plow and meadow, C. T. Carter."

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## TEAM BUILDING.

Percy Wright seems to have started this with his two sons, and has been followed by Charlie Smart, Bill Webb, Ron. Patience, Bill Sutton and Ben May, to all of whom we offer our congratulations.—What a team for 1962!

We are also pleased to hear that Ron Jeal has become the father of a daughter.—Congrats.

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The undermentioned members have recently notified the Club that they have joined the Services:—

F. J. Abberton; Fred Bentley; A. C. Beales; Len Marchant; D. L. Mumford; O. T. Pateman; Jack Shields; R. B. Shepherd; Colin Sutton (R.A.F.); T. Clinton; F. Handley (Irish Guards); W. H. Sutton (Signals); D. A. Rodaway (Fleet Air Arm); Len Rollins (R.N.); Bert Footer (Royal Marines).

Since the last Gazette the undermentioned have been elected to membership :—

Robert Charles Norman Wright (Born Oct. 17th, 1941), of Cwmcarn, Mon.

Ion Christopher Smart (Born Nov. 28th, 1941), Hurlingham.

Roderick George McDonald Patience (Born March 13th, 1942), Inverness.

Eric Peter George, of Carshalton.

Anthony Marshall Whincup. Shirley.

Leonard F. Burty, Hayes.

Thomas Graeme Clinton, Park Royal.

George Bernard Hoath, Brixton.

Charles Handley, of Manchester.

Reginald William Ockenden, Battersea.

Harry Owen, Herne Hill.

R. W. V. Norton, Streatham.

To all of these we give a welcome and trust their athletic careers with the "Bels" will be highly successful.

Club communications have been returned through the post for various reasons, from the undermentioned :—

Has any member news of their whereabouts?

Cecil W. Brooks, Stormont Road.

John Leslie Brown, Grandison Road.

Leslie Neville Little, Kitson Road.

William Boughton Riggall, Crystal Palace Road.

John E. Scamell, Franklin Street, E.

B. C. Leeder, Kingston-on-Thames.

G. W. Youngman, Redburn Street.

A. E. Elliott, Escourt Road.

Dick Ilsley, Boulden Street.

Charles Thomas Hall, Upper Richmond Road.

Ronald Ashman, Sibella Road.

Eric Day, Altenburg Gardens.

John Smith, Highlever Road.

Charles Hamer, Harrow Road.

Alan Jerman, of Salford, now in R.A.F.

William Hewitt (ex-Gateshead Congers A.C., and Abbotts Langley), who was serving with the R.A.M.C. somewhere in the Portsmouth district.

## WANTED.

*Percy Wright* wants the loan of a typewriter or copying machine, for the production of the B.N.L. He promises its safe return when not further required for that purpose. Offers to 3, Ivor Street, Cwmcarn, Mon.

## WALKING NOTES.

Since our last issue, another Road Walking season has almost passed by, and although the Club Colours have not been quite so prominent amongst the leaders as in pre-war days, those who have been left to carry on have spared no effort to ensure that when these troublesome times are over, our Club mates on active service will be able to pick up the threads where they left off and once more carry the maroon and amber to victory.

Our most improved walker this season is, without a doubt, R. McMullen. Starting off at the beginning of the season, well down the field, Mac has gradually worked his way up, improving each time out, his best performance being in our own open, when he was third in the Scratch Race and winner of the Individual Handicap. Coupled with this were a tie with his club mate, F. Halls, in the Surrey W.C. promotion from our headquarters on 27th December, 2nd place in a club handicap on 29th November, and first in the club handicap on 7th February. Such rapid and consistent improvement augers well for the future, as Mac is still only a youngster and also a "Junior."

Our Club "Open" this year proved a great success, the entry being the second largest of the season, and 15 more than last year. Unfortunately, owing to an error in declaring the teams, Mac got in with the wrong

lot, and we were thus deprived of winning the Scratch Team Race. However, we had first and a tie for third in the handicap, and also third handicap team. Percy Wright walked splendidly to finish 4th in the scratch race and tie for third in the handicap. Alf. Harley, who was accompanied by Mrs. Harley, acted as Referee and Starter, and at the conclusion of the race, before calling on Mrs. Harley to present the prizes, Jack Bidgood handed them a silver teaset, as a token of congratulations from the Club on the occasion of their marriage. A number of welcome visitors included Harry Churcher, Len Coleman and Frank Elson.

Percy Wright is still despatching his News Letter regularly. As it is only possible to send out a limited number, members are earnestly requested to pass it on as quickly as possible after having digested its contents.

Jack Bidgood has been appointed a member of the A.A.A. Southern Sub-Committee for Walking.

A full summer programme has again been arranged, and it is hoped that these events will receive the support they deserve.

Once again we send hearty greetings to our walkers in the Forces, at home and abroad, with a sincere wish for a safe and speedy return.

## RESULTS OF RACES HELD SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF " BELGRAVIAN."

### R.W.A. (SC) 5 Miles Open, at Wimbledon.

October 4th, 1941.

1. E. A. Staker ... ..	40.22	30. J. Wilson ... ..	45.45
9. J. G. Coleman ... ..	43.16	36. J. G. Watson ... ..	46.58
11. S. C. Roberts ... ..	43.34	37. C. H. Speechley ... ..	47.03
13. A. Readman ... ..	43.38	41. F. T. Halls ... ..	47.50
19. R. F. Elson ... ..	44.13	44. W. Brunning ... ..	48.45
28. R. D. McMullen ... ..	45.17		

### Highgate Harriers—7 Miles, at Parliament Hill Fields.

October 25th, 1941.

6. P. G. Wright ... ..	56.58	43. S. Goold ... ..	63.42
19. S. C. Roberts ... ..	59.02	49. J. G. Watson ... ..	64.43
20. A. Readman ... ..	59.03	55. A. H. East ... ..	65.15
22. R. McMullen ... ..	59.36	56. C. H. Speechley ... ..	65.22
38. F. T. Halls ... ..	62.49	63. W. F. Brunning ... ..	67.08
40. R. F. Elson ... ..	63.03	67. W. H. Jones ... ..	69.53

### Enfield A.C.—7 Miles, at Enfield.

November 3th, 1941.

13. A. Readman ... ..	60.24	35. F. T. Halls ... ..	63.53
14. R. D. McMullen ... ..	60.34	38. C. H. Speechley ... ..	64.24
20. S. C. Roberts ... ..	62.28	41. J. Wilson ... ..	64.34
23. J. C. Bidgood ... ..	62.46	44. R. F. Elson ... ..	65.30
32. S. Goold ... ..	63.45		

Team Handicap—2nd. Belgrave H. (McMullen, Halls, Wilson).  
Time: 166.31.

### 5 Miles Club Handicap and Match v. Met. Police, at Wimbledon.

November 29th, 1941.

1. V. Stone* (B) ... ..	38.23	12. R. H. Copping (P) ... ..	44.55
2. F. W. Guy (P) ... ..	39.39	13. F. Willmot* (B) ... ..	45.21
3. R. McMullen (B) ... ..	40.04	14. D. Willis (P) ... ..	45.55
4. A. Readman (P & B) ... ..	40.17	15. A. Blott (P) ... ..	46.17
5. H. Wood (P) ... ..	41.44	16. W. Brunning (B) ... ..	46.35
6. W. Young (P & B) ... ..	42.36	17. A. Collins (P) ... ..	47.00
8. T. Reynolds* (B) ... ..	43.00	18. A. East (B) ... ..	47.35
9. S. Roberts (P & B) ... ..	43.29	19. G. Boddington (P) ... ..	48.39
10. J. Wilson (B) ... ..	43.45	20. C. Morris (P) ... ..	48.53
11. R. F. Elson (B) ... ..	44.32		

Result of match:—Police, 59 Pts. Belgrave, 77 Pts.

\*Scoring for Belgrave.

Handicap:—1, J. Wilson (6.30); 2, R. McMullen (2.30);  
3, W. Brunning (9.00).

### Surrey Walking Club—5 Miles, at Wimbledon.

December 27th, 1941.

Starting off marks.

1. R. McMullen ... ..	39.02*	17. A. Readman ... ..	40.38
1. F. Halls ... ..	39.02*	21. C. Speechley ... ..	41.15
12 W. Brunning ... ..	40.28	27. J. Watson ... ..	41.47
14. J. Wilson ... ..	40.34		

Handicap Team:—1, Belgrave Harriers (Halls, McMullen, Brunning).  
15 Points. Time: 118.32.

Tied with Highgate Harriers. Won on aggregate time.

### Met. Police Open—7 Miles, at Imber Court.

January 31st, 1942.

1. D. H. Christie Murray	53.29	32. J. Wilson ... ..	60.29
4. R. McMullen ... ..	55.46	34. J. G. Watson ... ..	60.59
7. A. Readman ... ..	55.10	37. S. Goold ... ..	61.48
16. S. Roberts ... ..	57.42	52. W. Brunning ... ..	64.33
22. F. T. Halls ... ..	58.24	53. A. East ... ..	64.36

Scratch Team Race.—HIGHGATE HARRIERS 1.—13 Pts.  
BELGRAVE HARRIERS 2.—27 Pts.

### North v. South—6½ Miles. Club Handicap, at Wimbledon.

February 7th, 1942.

1. R. D. McMullen ... ..	54.18	15. J. Wilson ... ..	59.35
3. A. Readman ... ..	54.33	22. J. Rutland ... ..	62.52
7. F. Halls ... ..	57.14	26. R. F. Elson ... ..	63.53
8. S. C. Roberts ... ..	58.05	28. Y. Brunning ... ..	64.24
9. P. Wright ... ..	58.23	29. A. East ... ..	64.23
14. J. G. Watson ... ..	59.12	30. C. Speechley ... ..	65.14

Result of match:—South, 39 Pts. North, 66 Pts.

Club Handicap:—1, R. McMullen (1.30); 2, A. Readman (1.10);  
3, F. T. Halls (2.50).

### Woodford Green A.C.—7 Miles, at Woodford Green.

February 21st, 1942.

1. W. D. Leveridge ... ..	51.46	36. J. Watson ... ..	59.20
10. A. Readman ... ..	54.04	39. S. Goold ... ..	59.40
26. F. T. Halls ... ..	56.55	54. W. Brunning ... ..	63.32
34. J. Wilson ... ..	58.38		

### Belgrave Open—7 Miles, at Wimbledon.

March 21st, 1942.

1. D. H. Christie-Murray	56.18	41. A. H. Webb ... ..	63.25
3. R. McMullen ... ..	56.58	42. J. Wilson ... ..	63.27
4. P. J. Wright ... ..	57.00	53. J. G. Coleman ... ..	65.49
14. A. Readman ... ..	59.38	54. J. G. Watson ... ..	65.50
27. F. T. Halls ... ..	61.31	62. W. F. Brunning ... ..	69.11
32. S. C. Roberts ... ..	64.24	65. A. H. East ... ..	70.31
33. J. C. Bidgood ... ..	62.30	66. F. Jarvis ... ..	75.15

Individual Handicap:—1, R. D. McMullen (2.20).

3. P. J. Wright (2.10).—Tied for 3rd place.

Scratch Race:—Essex Beagles.—27 Pts.

Team Handicap:—3rd, Belgrave Harriers (McMullen, Wilson, Halls).  
Time: 167.06.

1st Belgrave member not taking other award:—A. Readman.

## COUNTY WALKS.

Surrey promoted a 10-Miles' Race on March 28th, and this resulted in a grand win by McMullen, who clocked 1.26.49. Bidgood was 9th; J. Wilson 10th, and W. F. Brunning 16th.: making a score of 33 points to take second place.

In the Middlesex Walk, which was held over the Enfield 7-miles course, Readman, walking for Cadogan A.C., was 3rd in 57.24; S. Roberts was 15th; F. T. Halls 17th, and J. G. Watson 19th. The team scoring 35 points was placed 4th.

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## SOUTHERN COUNTIES C.C.A.

Five Cross Country races were organised by this Association.

The first at Belgrave Hall on October 18th received an entry of 14 teams, comprising nearly 100 runners. Bingham, of Finchley, led from the start and eventually won in 30.59. Dan Patience ran very well to finish 3rd. It was pleasing to see Arthur Penny, Alf. Taylor and Bert. Mitchell out again, although obviously short of training. Syd. Ring travelled up from Oxford, but Len. Herbert, coming down from Staffordshire, arrived too late to start. Dick Towndrow, home on leave from Ireland, finished 5th.

3, D. Patience (31.25); 4, Carter (31.31); 5, Towndrow (31.34); 9, Cohen (32.4); 13, Abberton (32.10); 14, Footer (32.48); 16, Peck (33.4); 17, Ring (33.6); 21, Marchant (33.24); 23, Shields (33.30); 24, Rispin (33.32); 39, Penny (34.38); 40, Fletcher (34.39); 45, Mitchell (35.3); 81, Taylor (38.8); 88, Gray (39.3).

Teams: 1, BELGRAVE—30 Pts.  
2, PRESIDENT'S Team—47 Pts.

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The second race, held at the Headquarters of the Blackheath Harriers, Hayes, on November 25th, over a 5-miles' course. Sixteen teams entered, and about 120 runners faced the starter. The start was a very fast one and soon had the field strung out, and once again Bingham was in the lead. Although chased all the way by Carter and Patience, he again was first home in 28.40.

2, Carter (28.49); 3, D. Patience (29.6); 5, Cohen (29.33); 20, Abberton (30.3); 12, Shields (30.8); 14, Footer (30.8); 13, Rispin (30.8); 16, Penny (30.12); 18, Peck (30.16); 21, Marchant (30.32); 30, Ring (31.15); 44, A. Patience (31.50); 46, Fletcher (31.55); 54, Lindsay (32.36); 55, Speaight (32.37); 70, Morrell (32.44); 106, Gray (36.5).

Teams: 1st, BELGRAVE "A"—22 Pts.  
8th, BELGRAVE "B"—157 Pts.

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The third race was held on December 13th, at Ruislip, under the auspices of Finchley Harriers, over a 5-miles' course.

Although 14 teams had entered, not more than about 80 runners faced the starter. Our fast men have not yet got the measure of Bingham, who over his own course ran home comfortably to win in 32.32, despite a great effort on the part of Les. Cohen, who finished up about 50 yards behind.

A sporting gesture on the part of Les. Cohen and Tom Carter, who having won several of the special awards for those races, each passed his medal on to the first two men of the "B" team, who did not gain a medal in this race, Lindsay and Morrell.

2, Cohen (32.42); 3, Carter (33.5); 5, Penny (33.29); 8, Shields (33.51); 10, Peck (33.55); 11, Marchant (34.0); 12, Footer (34.22); 14, Walker (34.35); 17, Tobin (34.58); 19, Ring (35.4); 40, Lindsay (36.59); 43, Morrell (37.15); 53, Taylor (38.8).

Teams: 1st, "A" Team—18 Pts.  
3rd, "B" Team—61 Pts.

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The fourth race, which was to have been held at Cranbrook, was transferred to Caversham under the direction of Reading A.C., and was held on February 21st.

The course was 5 miles over hilly country, which gave the spectators splendid views of the race. Owing to the inaccessibility of the venue and a bitterly cold day, only a few keen supporters were present.

The race was a "carve up" from the commencement between Bingham, Bryan and Carter; all three hanging on, and it was very obvious in the second lap that Bryan, who was forcing the pace, had the measure of the other two. Coming up the hill to the starting field for the last half mile, both Bryan and Carter passed Bingham, Bryan eventually winning by about 20 yards.

1, Bryan (29.35); 2, Carter (29.39); 6, Cohen (30.20); 7, Penny (30.21); 13, Tobin (30.57); 15, Herbert (31.19); 23, Shields (31.55); 32, Morrell (32.59).

Team: 1st, BELGRAVE—27 Pts.

The last race was held on March 28th, over a  $7\frac{1}{4}$ -miles' course from the Headquarters of the Blackheath Harriers, at Hayes.

Once again Bingham proved his mettle to win in 43.52, about 90 yards in front of the second man.

3, Carter (44.15); 4, Dan Patience (45.51); 6, Cohen (46.15); 8, Tobin (47.8).

Team: 1st, BELGRAVE—15 Pts.

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### COUNTY RACES.

The Surrey Association held a 5-miles' race from Belgrave Hall on January 3rd. Five teams, comprising about 50 runners, turned out. Flight-Sergt. Lucas, home on leave, turned up in this race and finished 24th.

1 (tie), Carter, Cohen and Penny (30.36); 8, Peck (30.11); 9, Marchant (31.37); 12, Walker (32.8); 15, Footer (32.24); 16, Speaight (32.27); 19, Lindsay (33.40); 22, Mitchell (33.45); 24, Lucas (34.3); 25, Morrell (34.17); Dumbrill (34.44); 29, Lomas (35.7); 30, Fletcher (35.8); 33, K. J. Webb (36.8).

Team: 1st, BELGRAVE—14 Pts.

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A County Race for Juniors (not over 21 on day of race) was held over a 5-miles' course on January 17th, from Belgrave Hall. Len Marchant did not run quite so well as on January 3rd, and was eventually beaten by Kendall, of Epsom, by 33 secs., and which time was 14 secs. slower than he clocked previously.

2, Marchant (31.51); 4, Lomas (34.16); 6, Matheson (35.37); 9, Harding (37.10).

Team: 1st, BELGRAVE—21 Pts.

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Middlesex County promoted a 5-miles' championship race, at Ruislip, on January 3rd. This was won by Dan Patience, competing in the colours of Cadogan A.C., in 32.36; and the team scoring 23 points, 5 more than the winners, was placed second.

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### NEWS OF WORLD RELAY.

Postponed from November 22nd, owing to lack of entries, and held at Mitcham on December 6th.

This date clashed with the Southern Counties' fixture with the Army and other Units at Hayes, and incidentally robbed us of the services of our team who were selected for the race at Hayes.

In consequence the race looked a certainty for our rivals "Mitcham," more especially as their representatives selected to run at Hayes decided to support their Club. However "there's many a slip twix cup and lip." Mitcham won the first leg, with Tobin taking 3rd place. The next lap went to Epsom, with Bert Mitchell 3rd. Lindsay took the next lap and went up one. We were in for a surprise in the next lap. When the runners came in sight climbing the slope up the railway bridge, it was seen that Marchant was out on his own; down the other side and round the pond Len was running grand, and his long and easy stride brought him home 1 m. 33 secs. in front of the second man—clocking 14.30 for his leg, a time only beaten by two internationals, Close and Fox.

Speaight went away on the next leg full of running, and taking a "bashing" raced home all out, but still in the lead and clocking 15.42. Tom Morrell went off for the last lap with a do or die look on his face, and to the cheers of our supporters.

Excitement was now very high, Mitcham, with Fox, being only 1.30 behind. But Tom made every mile post a winning post and, putting every ounce into his effort, ran home a winner, clocking 15.33. Tom was all out but he got there! Congratulations. It was very pleasing to see Dick Tobin again, back from Ireland. Also Corporal Dumbrill, who was in the R.E.'s team from Hampshire. Also Frank Jeffries, who was with the R.A.M.C. team, from Hampshire.

It was a pity that only four of the "B" team turned up. As it was they went up from 17th to 12th place before packing up.

"A" Team.—3, Tobin (15.18); 3, Mitchell (15.22); 2, Lindsay (15.49); 1, MARCHANT (14.30); 1, Speaight (15.42); 1, Morrell (15.33)—92—14.

"B" Team.—17, Gray (17.40); 16, Jarrett (16.24), 13, Jeffries (16.41); 12, Taylor (16.18).

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Extract from a letter from Charlie Smart, regarding the success of the reserve team in winning the "News of the World" Relay Race, at Mitcham, on December 6th. :—"Our win was the best bit of news I have received for a long time. I felt like doing a dance."

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### SOUTHERN COUNTIES RELAY RACE.

Held from Belgrave Hall, on April 4th, over a course of about 28½ miles, comprising 6 laps of Wimbledon Common.

"A" Team, 1st.—3, Marchant (24.12); 2, Dan Patience (21.40 (short lap); 1, Shields (24.13); 1, Penny (24.3); 1, Cohen (24.52); 1, Carter (23.27)—1 hr. 22 m. 39 s.

"B" Team, 5th.—5, Hoath (24.57); 6, Taylor (24.27); 5, Speaight (25.25); 5, Merryman (27.3); 5, Alec Patience (25.14); 5, Tobin (24.22)—1 hr. 31 m. 28 s.

Fastest lap time was made by Dan Brickwood, in the last lap, 23.15.

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### CANADIANS.

On February 14th, 1942, more Club history was made. In the past we have entertained at Belgrave Hall many champions and many champion teams, including teams from Paris and Cambridge University. The war gave us the opportunity of inviting the Canadian Army in England to meet us in a C.C. match. A very representative team was sent, accompanied by many officers, including Lt.-Col. R. R. La Blatt, and a large party of supporters. The runners appeared very enthusiastic, but their star man, Elliott, was unable to compete, having just recovered from an attack of influenza.

The usual 5-miles' course was used, and twelve aside to score. The day was fine with a sharp wind and a bright sun. Lt.-Col. R. R. La Blatt started the field of 35, and which included 17 Canadians.

This result was a win for the Club with a score of 91 points to 209.

1, Carter (31.10); 2 (tie), Cohen and Penny (31.31); 4, Peck (31.39); 6, Abberton (32.12); 7, Abell (Can.) (32.16); 8, Tobin (32.36); 9, Footer (32.37); 10, McDonald (Can.) (32.37); 11, Rispin (33.0); 12, Marchant (33.17); 14, Shields (33.35); 16, Speaight (33.39); 19, Mitchell (33.39); 32, Morrell (35.29).

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### OTHER RACES.

Versus the Metropolitan Police A.C., at Hayes, on January 24th, over 5 miles.

1, Carter (26.40); 2, Peck (27.0); 4, Marchant; 7, Shields; 8, Clinton; 9, Abberton; 10, Mitchell; 12, Johnson; 16, Morrell.

1, BELGRAVE—69 Pts.

2, POLICE—102 Pts.

Warship Week, at New Malden, on March 7th. Road Team Race of about 3½ miles.

Arthur Penny, running for the Home Guard, won in 21.55.

2, Abberton (21.56); 6, Walker (22.55); 7, Mitchell (23.10); 8, Morrell (23.15); 12, Harding (24.45); 15, Ockendon.

Teams: 1st, MET. POLICE A.C.—21 Pts.

2nd, BELGRAVE—23 Pts.

The Southern Counties C.C. Association v. The Army, at Hayes, Kent, on December 6th, over 7 miles.

1, Bingham (Army) (38.23); 2, Carter (38.45); 3, D. Patience (38.58); 6, Penny (39.53); 8, Cohen (40.10); 10, Peck (40.18); 14, Rispin (40.33); 15, Herbert (40.35); 17, Footer (40.45); 22, Abberton (41.22); 24, Shields (41.27); 41, A. Patience (41.57).

The English Cross Country Union v. Services, at West Bromwich, on March 14th, over 7½ miles.

5, Carter (47.49); 11, Bryan (48.42); 12, Herbert (R.A.F.) (48.46); 13, Patience (Army) (48.53); and 22, Cohen (50.8).

International Race, at Belfast, on March 21st, over 6½ miles. 35 teams, 315 competitors.

5, Dan Patience (Army); Townsend, 32 (N.I.); 90, Frank Webb (R.A.F.) 90.

### INTER-COUNTIES RACE.

The Southern Counties C.C. Association promoted a 7-Miles Inter Counties race on January 10th, from Belgrave Hall, over our usual 7-miles course.

The course was one of two laps, and first time round the leading bunch included Carter, Dan Patience, Draper and Bryan. With about a mile to go Tom Carter was leading Dan by about 30 yards, with Draper about the same distance behind, and Bryan fourth. This order was maintained to the finish, and Tom Carter showed that he was back to his previous season's running when he won 13 races right off the reel.

Dan Patience, who had won the Middlesex title a week before, also ran well to finish second, and Army life seems to suit him well.

R. H. Bryan ran his usual plucky and determined race to finish fourth, and by so doing he gained first place in the Club handicap which was held in conjunction.

It had been originally decided to hold the handicap over a 5-miles course on December 20th, but owing to weather conditions it had to be postponed, so it was decided to hold it in conjunction with this race, and 18 Belgrave and 4 Polytechnic members supported the event. Second place in the handicap was taken by A. W. G. Peck, of the "Poly," who is running very well this season, and he actually beat Les Cohen in the scratch race. Third place went to Dan Patience, who beat that "little-un" Bert Footer by one second! You should have heard what Bert said!!!

Len Marchant was unlucky enough to have another runner's spike through his heel in the first lap of the race and so had to retire.

#### RESULT.

Postn.	Name	Club	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Postn. in Hcp.
1	C. T. Carter	B.	38.28	Scr.	38.38	5
2	D. Patience	"	38.34	0.15	38.29	3
4	R. H. Bryan	"	38.47	1.15	37.32	1
7	A. W. G. Peck	P.	39.19	1.30	37.49	2
8	L. J. Cohen	B.	39.33	0.30	39.03	8*
10	H. E. Footer	"	39.35	1.15	38.20	4
18	R. W. Tobin	"	40.25	1.50	38.35	6
24	P. Caddy	P.	41.04	1.15	39.49	12
26	S. S. Yarrow	"	41.18	1.45	39.33	22
34	A. Patience	B.	41.59	3. 0	38.59	7
35	W. H. Speaight	"	42.08	3. 0	39.08	10
37	A. R. Shaw	"	42.28	2.30	39.58	14
39	A. S. Lindsey	"	42.33	3.30	39.03	8*
40	A. F. Mitchell	"	42.35	2.45	39.50	13
51	A. F. Clements	"	41.07	3.30	40.37	15
54	A. H. Lomas	"	44.45	3.45	41. 0	26
55	T. F. Morrell	"	45. 0	3.15	41.45	17*
59	V. Selwyn	P.	45.15	3.30	41.45	17*
63	A. E. Taylor	B.	46.53	3.45	43.08	20
65	A. Blandford	"	48.46	6.30	42.16	19
66	H. J. Fletcher	"	48.51	3.15	45.36	21

## NORTH v. SOUTH, 1942.

Last season our members will remember that we held a series of contests on the Track between sides representing the North of Thames clubs and the South of Thames clubs.

These contests first came into being owing to a Club fixture falling through at the last moment, and as the first fixture proved so successful it was decided to hold others, finally culminating in a fixture at the Enfield Stadium at which the Lord Mayor of London was present; and he also gave a Cup to be awarded to the winning team, which was secured by the North after a very close contest.

This season we are again holding a series of matches, two being at Tooting Bec., and two at Parliament Hill Fields.

There will be running events from 100 Yards up to 2 Miles, also several Field Events, and the R.W.A. are also co-operating by putting on a 2-Miles Walk at each meeting.

What I want to impress on all our members, including those in the Services, that they must look upon these meetings as Club fixtures as indeed they are, and all those who can come along on these dates will be more than welcome and can be sure of turning out for some active competition.

It is practically impossible these days to arrange the old-time Inter-Club matches, and so it was thought that a contest on these lines would ensure a full programme of events being carried out and would also give a chance to those athletes belonging to less fortunate clubs than our own, to turn out and get a spot of some real competition.

I understand that the Middlesex County are supporting the North in their endeavours to turn out a tip-top team, and although we cannot claim any such support, I am sure we would welcome the assistance of any athlete who belongs to a South of Thames club and who would like to come along and lend the South team a hand, or should it be feet?

Our Track Captain is Harry Shields, who is still plugging away with the best of 'em, and his address is: 37, Hudson Road, Bexley Heath, Kent, and I am sure he would be very pleased to hear from any of our Service members who may be able to get to Tooting Track for a Saturday afternoon meeting.

So don't forget, do your best to come along to all these meetings, whether home or away, and we will see if this time we can capture the Cup from the North; and in any case no matter what the results so long as all those competing enjoy their afternoon's sport, then those promoting and officiating at these contests will think their efforts well rewarded.

ERNIE DUFFETT.

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### TRACK FIXTURES FOR 1942.

- May 16th. Tooting Bec.—A.A.A. Handicap Meeting.
- May 23rd. Tooting Bec.—North v. South Contest.
- May 30th. Imber Court.—Metropolitan Police A.C.
- June 7th. Parliament Hill.—A.A.A. Handicap Meeting.
- June 10th. Whitgift Middle School, Croydon.
- June 20th. Chiswick (Poly.).—Southern Junior & Marathon Meeting.
- June 27th. Parliament Hill.—North v. South Contest.
- July 4th. Charlton Park.—A.A.A. Handicap Meeting.
- July 18th. Tooting Bec.—North v. South Contest.
- Aug. 1st. Tooting Bec.—A.A.A. Handicap Meeting.
- Aug. 15th. Tooting Bec.—Club Meeting.
- Aug. 22nd. Parliament Hill.—North v. South Contest.
- Aug. 39th. Tooting Bec.—Metropolitan Police A.C.

Tooting Bec. Track is available for training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Sunday mornings.