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This year the Belgrave Harriers have honoured by election to the Presidential Chair the first of their members who attained a place among the fastest walkers of his day, and in return, he has honoured us by his acceptance of the position.

Until the year 1908 we had had no walker of outstanding ability, but on Good Friday of that year Harry, after working on hot cross buns for 37 hours in the bakehouse, won an open two-miles handicap at Stamford Bridge, and followed it up by being placed in every two-miles handicap he contested until 1911.

In those days Amateur athletics was not the clean sport that the watchful A.A.A. have now made it. Even at Stamford Bridge there was always a spot where an athlete could get a friend to put a little on either himself or a fancied rival. Entry forms, too, were different in those days, and the practice of working up a mark was easier and very prevalent. Harry would not countenance such a practice, and that he would have nothing to do with it is amply proved by the consistency with which his all-out efforts got him among the prize-winners. Cleanliness and fairness was to him the essence of sportsmanship, and this is his outstanding characteristic in a life-long connection with athletics.

Early in 1909 the Road Walking Association, then but recently founded, inaugurated a ten-miles Junior inter-team race. This blossomed, two years later, into the now well-known Junior Championship. Harry won this first race, and his time for the ten miles, 82 minutes 37 seconds, shows what a really fine walker he was. The course was a climb from the Thames Valley at Brentford over Hanger Hill, dropping to the Brent Valley, and back over the ridge again. In those days when motoring was in its infancy it was usual that about two miles of a ten-miles race would be on roads with a narrow strip of Tar-Macadam on its crown, while the rest of the journey would be over a much rougher surface. In making a comparison of the times then recorded and those of recent years allowance must certainly be made for this difference.

In the years 1909 to 1911, Harry gained six first-class standards in the A.A.A. Championships, three at two miles and three at seven. He likewise put up many fine performances on the road, particularly at seven miles.

As the champions during these years were G. E. Lerner, E. J. Webb and H. V. Ross, Harry was certainly a star at a time when the stars were exceptionally bright.

In the years 1912-14 his work prevented him from any serious racing, and just as he was ready to recommence, the War broke out. Harry joined the Forces and was soon in France. Early in 1929 he was back with the club however, and although he did not again reach his old form, he was a stalwart and useful performer for the club in team races at seven to ten miles. At these distances the club was now very strong. Bob Rickitts, the writer, Harry, Charlie Wells, Alec. Spendlove, Wil Hawker and Harry Hanger were a strong level seven, and during the next two winter seasons the club won almost every open team race at both distances. Harry was frequently in the scoring four and always well enough placed to add to the scores of our opponents. This successful team was not so strong as the more recent combination of the Churcher and Coleman brothers, Percy Wright, Colin Sutton, etc., but it brought the Club very much to the fore.

Up till now our attention had been given to shorter races, but for several years the writer had been drumming it into the others that, to make history as a road-walking club, we would have to turn to longer distance racing. At about this time (1920-1921) he succeeded, and in a

few years we had good team for the twenty-miles Championship and the Brighton race. Harry, however, was a few years older than the others, and could not find the necessary time to train for longer distances.

In 1921 he was elected to the list of Road Walking Association judges, and during twenty-one years he has enjoyed a reputation for sound judgement and fairness which is universally granted him by all,—Officials and Competitors alike. Frequently, too, he has judged at the A.A.A. championships. Many are the walkers, both in the Club and in the larger walking world who have profited by his judgment and advice. Indeed, it can be said with truth that all whom he has disqualified respect and admire him; so from all sides his election as President will be welcomed with the keenest pleasure.

For many years he served the club, first as Captain and later on the Committee. For the past ten years or so, however, night-work has prevented him from attending Committee meetings; otherwise he would certainly have held the Presidency of the Club before this. His tenure of the Office is in troubled times, but with the Club all is well; and he can rest assured that he will have the hearty support of all who are carrying its affairs on during the absence of the brother-members of whom we are so proud.

J. B. B.

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CONGRATULATIONS.

to Harry Evans and all good wishes on being elected President. I know I voice the feelings of many unable to be present at the A.G.M. when I write that many who were far away at the time, wish they could have been present to support the feeling of the meeting, and add their vote to the unanimity which honoured one of the hardest working members we have ever had. Harry was winning Championships in the Club name before many of those of the present day were born; and throughout the years he has been a valuable helper and one of the keenest of Club members. For years the nature of his job made it impossible for Harry to help our Committee or to take those honours which were rightfully his; but war time restrictions or night work in his trade gives us the opportunity to honour him as we should have liked to do years ago.

Harry has always worked hard for the Club in many unassuming ways. His Bozing Day Cake "swindles" will be remembered by many, his help to our social side has been tremendous, and his assistance as an official over many years has endeared him to all. Harry has the well-earned reputation of being one of the finest walking judges in the country (many would say "the finest"); and he has officiated at many A.A.A. Championships, and hundreds of other walks on track and road.

Harry Evans is a man of strong character and has a deep attachment for the Club of which he has been a member for so many years; and in knowing him, we honour ourselves. He is a very worthy addition to a worthy list of Presidents.

Congratulate also to our Committee who have kept the Club alive athletically; and in difficult days arranged fixtures and entered teams which have acquitted themselves well in the accustomed Belgrave tradition.

Congratulations too, to Les Cohen on his magnificent effort for the Club funds in difficult times. The Balance Sheet makes marvellous reading; and we are greatly indebted to Les and Mrs. Cohen for all their work on our behalf.

Renewed congratulations to Michael Broadbent on his magnificent dual Junior Championship wins, which are the pointers of greater things to come; and to Willie Nankeville upon his Junior Championship success in the 880 yards.

Congratulate to all who have done something towards keeping the Club-spirit, that we know so well, alive; and ready to welcome us on our return from these far places to which war has compelled us.—We are grateful.

A.A.H.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

To all Belgrave Harriers,—

I thank you for the great honour you have done me by electing me your President. I never thought when I joined your Club in 1907 that I should ever become the President. It has been a great pleasure to me to see the progress that our Club has made of late years. I only hope that we shall all continue that progress in the future, and keep up the Belgrave spirit.

H. EVANS.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Another war-time A.G.M. has come and gone—and perhaps a more important one than the last, as the meeting decided to change its President. To most of us it has been a matter of great regret that Frank Thompson, owing to continued ill health, has been unable to take his rightful place amongst us. Frank, a 100 per cent. Belgravian, must have felt it most acutely. One of the earliest of members, never a great runner, but an enthusiast, he could tell you Club history, from the foundation. He was a life member, had held most offices at various times; acted as Hon. Secretary a few years ago during a rather difficult period; became a Vice-President and lastly President. For some years he has been an elected member of the Southern Committee A.A.A., and had been through the Chair of the Road Walking Association. In latter years he had attached himself, during the winter season, to the walking side of the Club, and was well known throughout England as a top grade scoring judge.

During the summer months, when walking was more for the individual (apart from teams), Field events were his pet and he could always be found with the “strong men” on the track at Battersea Park on a Sunday morning, always willing to give of his experience. He has been a wonderfully fine worker for the Club, and for both the A.A.A. and R.W.A.—he was keen and thorough and worked well on all the branches of athletics with which he was connected.

All members will sincerely wish him a speedy recovery and a return to “Belgravian” life.—Frank—for what you have done, we thank you.

In his report, the Hon. Secretary stated that the Club had again had a most successful season, despite the difficult and very trying times. During the last winter season the runners had won all five cross country team events promoted by the Southern Counties' Association, and had followed this up by winning all the open team races on the track in which they had competed.

The walkers, on the other hand, had not been so successful as a team, but individually members had had a very fair share of the prizes in open events. The annual open walk had again been successfully presented, both athletically and financially, by Syd. Roberts. Some new blood was being introduced, and it was hoped that very soon the team would once again be on the top line. The summer track programme was necessarily very restricted and had almost resolved itself into North v. South of Thames competitions, under the very able guidance of Ernie Duffett. However, two junior fixtures have been carried out with success, and had unearthed much new talent, particularly in the way of high jumpers—sadly lacking in the past. Now we have several jumpers all around 5ft., and with the continued care of Charlie Jones it is hoped that 6 ft. will be reached by at least one, by next season. Three Southern Junior Championships had been won during the season, Michael Broadbent successfully annexing both the 100 and 220 Yards, and Willie Nankeville winning the Half-Mile event. Several members had competed in A.A.A. representative matches, the most successful perhaps being Len Herbert, who at the recent meeting at Portsmouth, clocked 9.32 for 2 miles, his own best figures, and the fastest 2 miles since the war.

Owing to the curtailment of travelling only a meagre fixture list has been arranged for the coming winter season.

The Polytechnic Harriers, both runners and walkers, have once again been invited to train from Belgrave Hall.

Tribute was paid to Les Cohen (and his wife) for their zeal and successful handling of the Supporters' Club.

Tribute was also paid to the untiring energy of Percy Wright in keeping the "Belgrave News Letter" right in front of all walking members.

Whilst it was not policy to pick out and mention individual members by name, Syd Jarlett is an exception perhaps, as all those who have seen him with "his school" on the track, will agree. He has many fine youngsters under his wing and who will, we sincerely hope, bring successes to the Club in the future.

Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Churcher, Bill Brunning and Joe Wilson for so willingly providing prizes for the Track Walk on August 29th. To Joe Turner and Charlie Cook for their timekeeping; Mr. Fell as starter; Dick Savage for his "all the year round" assistance; George Still as junior pack trainer, and a host of others.

Three new Vice-Presidents were elected. Alf. Harley, Jack Bidgood, and William Inge.

In proposing Frank Webb as a Life Member, Harry Shields paid tribute to his untiring efforts both as a Track Captain and an athlete. In track matches particularly, Frank had at various times been called upon to perform at most events from 100 yards up to 10 miles, also all the recognised field events, and had helped score many valuable and needed points.

The following were elected to the Committee:—E. Duffett, S. C. Roberts, L. Cohen, T. Morrell, T. Carter, T. C. Jones, G. Doubleday, R. J. Savage, H. Shields and A. E. Taylor.

At a subsequent Committee Meeting, Bob. Readman was elected Walking Captain; Tom Carter as Running Captain, and Tom Cotton as Auditor.

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Belgrave Hall is open for training every Saturday afternoon and Wednesday evenings.

Owing to the black-out it is very essential that white clothing should be worn during evening training.

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

- W. G. Nankeville—Woking.
- P. D. Nunn—Balham.
- P. W. Green—Rainham, Kent and R.A.F.
- E. A. Jury—Clanfield, Portsmouth.
- R. E. Burge—Putney.
- Gordon Lees—Streatham.
- Sydney Stone—Kennington.
- A. J. McKerracher—New Malden.
- S. R. J. Eeles—Wimbledon.
- A. A. Dunn—Clapham.
- S. W. Hoare—Gravesend and R.A.F.
- W. Lunn—Battersea.
- A. H. Boddy—Balham.
- W. P. Roberts—Earlsfield.
- N. Dyne—Streatham.
- J. Quinlan—Nunhead.
- J. W. Brown—Peckham.
- P. Ridge—Sanderstead and Irish Guards.
- G. Weston—Battersea.
- T. R. Jover—Streatham.
- R. A. Wise—Kingston.
- C. H. Rowe—Kingston.
- F. P. Adey—New Malden.
- S. J. J. Beer—Peckham.
- D. J. Main—Muswell Mill.

Ken. Sheail—Folkestone.
 G. T. Durrant—Battersea.
 G. W. Woodhead—Chelsea.
 J. E. Reynolds—Whitton.
 S. Goold—Whitehall.
 W. Spencer—Southfields.
 Norman C. T. Blackman—Battersea.
 George Glazier—Parsons Green.
 Arthur E. Bannister—Chelsea.
 Robert J. H. Rae—Fulham.
 Kenneth F. Cuff, Morden.
 D. J. May—(Born 16th April, 1942)—Bournemouth.
 A. T. Pritchard—(Born 21st March, 1938)—Battersea.

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

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Club communications have been returned through the post, for various reasons, from the undermentioned: Has any member news of their whereabouts?

E. J. Swift, Semley Place.
 W. J. Stagford, Fitzalan Street.
 C. E. Easterling, Heybridge Avenue.
 A. H. Lomas, Tybenham Road (also Rutlish).
 R. E. Wills, Bridgewater, Somerset.
 F. C. Hayemes, Warwick Way, S.W.2.
 Alec. Mewes, Kimbold Road, S.W.11.
 Fred Rickards, Kitchener Road.
 Robert Boyden, Redhill, Surrey.
 David Laing, Middlesex Regt. and Hilsea.

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LETTERS AND NEWS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

Charlie Churcher, at Maccabi Stadium, Middle East, walked 2nd to the Palestine Champion, Friedlander, in 3,000 metres race, at beginning of May, and a week later was again 2nd in a one mile event. He is still sending across almost day to day records of his doings in the Middle East, and pining to get back home.

Len. Coleman, now in British West Africa. Been in hospital but is now about again. Says the climate doesn't seem to permit cross country running. His letters are very cheery, and he talks of "The Brighton 1948," when he intends to leave brother Joe on the other side of the level crossing at Crawley! Also says in another letter: "Even out here I can remember when subs. are due."

Bert Clayton, out in Aden, says he is getting plenty of sun-tan, but would swap it all for a chance of a spin around the Common with the boys. Hopes to interest his Sports Committee in a short walk, and to get the claret and gold in front to stir the sporting blood and quicken the heartbeats of some of these stalwarts.

Arthur Beales, now in Trenton, Ontario, is very pleased to receive the B.N.L. Now training as a navigator. I don't know what Percy wrote him, but he says, "It was very amusing to read about the ladies, I sat laughing for about 10 minutes after reading that paragraph." Now Percy let's all hear about it in the next B.N.L.—of course only if it's a drawing-room one!

Bill Snell, now in the Middle East, "near a town famous in Biblical history": through miles of orange and lemon groves. Stopped at a "place" where we had eggs and onions twice a day! Whew!

Wishes to be remembered to all "the Boys" at Belgrave Hall. Keeping fit and enjoying a daily swim.

Joe Daly, in Malta, feeling like a dart board! And Jerry hasn't scored a "bull" yet!

Lionel Spooner, whom few of us know, and the last address was Egypt way back in 1939, has contacted Charlie Churcher in the Middle East.

Ken O'Kell, writing from the Midlands, sends his respects to all members, and says "it must be jolly fine to drop in at Belgrave Hall. It is probably taken for granted by the majority, but noticed most by those who appreciate what is being done for the Club and athletics in general."

Ken Sheail writes that he was getting nicely used to London when suddenly moved to the front line on the South-east Coast. Don't forget the next "Belgravian." I am looking forward to it. "I'd have liked to have met some of your peace time members. I guess you often had some fine times together."

Bill Merryman, still in Staffordshire, is hoping to once again bring a team south to run "around Joe Binks' houses." Has been winning prizes in his Unit sports.

Lawrence Jackson, writing from South Devon, says, "Oh! for the good times of old to return, Club runs, socials, etc." Managed to win the shot putt on Sports Day.

"*Stimmo*" (Stimpson) is back in England and now situate on the South Coast, and hopes to be able to get along frequently for team races.

Dick Norton, our "big" junior, has been very unlucky, having pulled a thigh muscle at the Whitgift meeting. Has had to rest, and this has kept him out of competition for the rest of the season. It is sincerely hoped it will not keep him away from his favourite pursuit, football, at which he is no mean performer, playing for one of London's leading amateur teams.

Sergeant Green's friends will be pleased to hear he has made a good recovery after his recent operation, and is out training again.

Len Marchant writes: "I've never realised before this what the "Belgravian" really meant. It's a breath of fresh air. I forget the times I've read and re-read it."

Teddy Reed, back from Canada, and now out on the West Coast of Africa. Had a jolly time on the way out; had a slight bout of malaria, but is now out of hospital. More news awaited.

Kenneth Talbot, one time a junior track champion, now a 2nd Lieutenant in the Queen's Regiment.

Fred Bradman, who, we understand, is awaiting his discharge to civilian life owing to wounds received at Dunkirk.

Tony Bellchambers, having read in the B.N.L. the doings by fellow members, has sent home for his shoes.

Rodney Stone was once again amongst us at the A.G.M. He has sent along several good juniors, including his own son. Believe me, Rodney has an eye for talent. Rodney has definitely promised that on "Reunion Night," after the war, he will sing "Sucking Cider Through a Straw." So book the date, boys!

Colin Sutton has just flown out to the Middle East and taken Charlie Churcher's address with him.

Bill Sutton is now a Lance/Corporal. Has attended several Schools of Instruction, some quite close home, but has failed to find time to contact "Belgravia." Shame Bill!

Frank Elson, now a Corporal. Congrats. Frank. Writes from "Somewhere in Southern England" that he is now a P.T. Instructor and wears the crossed swords, and has been doing some real Commando training! Has had "a few" with Tommy Green, and met an old Belgravian in Joe King. He proposes to start a Hampshire section (like Cadogan), with Green Junior and Senior, King, Clayton. Jury and any others he happens to meet. So what!

David Richards, who joined the Forces in 1939, is now "doing his bit" somewhere in the Middle East.

Charlie Redgrave writes: "The shoes are on again and I went for my first 5 miles' spin to-night. Skegness is so bracing"! Since when he has competed several times, and lately won the Northern Command 12-Miles Forces Race in 1.50.38 Being an unknown in the North he was liberally treated with 20 minutes in the handicap, and won a splendid electric clock with 12m.19 to spare!

Jim Tesh, stationed in the North of England, now sports 3 Pips. Congratulations, Jim.

Lieutenant Jack Flower, in the Middle East, sends his best wishes "To all my friends in the best Club in England." (How's that you fellahs!)

William Hewitt, who we last heard of in the Portsmouth district, whilst serving in the R.A.M.C., has turned up in Scotland (Dumfries). He says athletics in his unit are dead, but has got together a "school" who are doing a bit of training, including a native of Putney, who without any training did 15.6 for 3 miles. Bill says he hopes to have "a gallop left in me if this blinking war does not last too long."

Jack Bidgood, having relinquished the Chairmanship of the R.W.A. (Southern Committee), has been elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Stan. Botwright, now a Sergeant P.T. Instructor, R.A.F., in Berkshire ("Garden Cottage, The Grove." Lovely address!). Says (of the R.A.F.) athletics has not yet reached its rightful level. Doing some quiet training at Palmers Park, Reading.

Frank Abberton is another R.A.F. member stationed in the "wilds," 7 miles from the nearest village, having been moved from Blackpool where he had a great time. Although he joined as a plumber, but "up to now my war effort has been to turn some soil over and sow grass seeds." However, he is training and has won some races, including a nice silver cup.

Arthur Beaumont has also arrived in the Middle East.

Syd Jones, our weight putter, also arrived in the Middle East, with one stripe up.

Dennis Rodaway, we understand, has been commissioned in the Fleet Air Arm.

Joe Flower, posted as an Observer in the R.A.F.

Charlie Strange is in the dark blue uniform of the Royal Navy, trimmed with gold braid, in keeping with his friend Len Rollins.

Les Bennet, who, we understand, got away from Singapore to Batavia, and of whom more news is anxiously awaited.

Wally Ives, sunning himself in India, and wishes to be remembered to all his Club friends.

Charlie Smart writes that he has been dumped miles from nowhere—somewhere in the North of Norfolk, and is not likely to be able to help us during the winter.

Len Rollins, now a Lieutenant R.N.V.R., writes from Inverness: "I thoroughly enjoyed the meeting at Epsom and found the many 'old faces' good to look upon." Says he works 24 hours most days!

Bill Lucas—congratulations, Pilot Officer—also writes from Morayshire, "in a very uncivilised spot, but in extremely beautiful country." The nearest town of any size being 15 miles away. He hopes to be with us at Belgrave Hall shortly.

Alf. Miller, now a Corporal in the R.A.F. and in the front line "Somewhere in Kent."

Tom Scrimshaw, with the R.A.F. amongst the Scottish heather in Wigtownshire, and looking forward to early promotion.

Eric Keyworth, unrecognised by many, including the Editor, at the North v. South match at Tooting on May 23rd. Sporting "One Pip and a Sam Browne."

Charlie Speechley (junior) we hope will soon join our post-war team of youngsters.

Ted Elliott, for whom we put out an S.O.^s in the May Gazette, is about again after a bout of illness and by all accounts is a "Hell of a fellow," and puts the size of our hon. sec. in the shade (with apologies!). He is a sergeant in the Signals and married—but we still would like his address. We understand he is amongst the heather in the Highlands. Who knows?

Harry Timberlake, now discharged the Services through an accident which will keep him out of running again.

John Robert Gibb, of Morden, evacuated to Taunton, writes: "I very much appreciate receiving the 'Belgravian.' Many thanks John for your appreciation, especially your cheque. I wish a few more would write in the same strain."

Dick Towndrow has been home on leave from Ireland, and has competed in one or two long distance races.

Bill Jones, competing in the Batley Services Walk, writes: "I have every respect for a fellow who can race $12\frac{1}{2}$ miles in Army boots over one of the vilest cobbly and hilly courses I've ever seen—and like it!"

Percy Wright, once again a L/Bdr., and still down in Wales endeavouring to stir up some local interest in walking. Tribute was paid to Percy by several members at the A.G.M., for his great work in keeping in touch with his fellow walkers through the "Belgrave News Letter."

Bill Bowers, having passed his exams., is now a R.N. Signaller and posted to a ship in the Portsmouth area.

Ron. Ashman, now a Lieutenant in the R.A., and stationed somewhere in Bucks.

Frank Webb, pining to get back to England, has strained his heel and so kept out of training for the time being.

Jack Rutland's many friends will be pleased to hear he is now fully recovered from his illness and has passed his Artillery Clerk's course and has been posted to Wales. He hopes to be out in some of the open walks in London soon. Has been helping Percy produce the B.N.L.

Len. Herbert, who has run in many representative meetings, both for the R.A.F. and A.A.A., besides winning races in the district where he is stationed, has just been credited with the fastest 2 miles since the war, and also his own best.

When competing for the A.A.A. against the Navy at Portsmouth he clocked 9.32. This is Len's fastest 2 miles to-date, despite the fact that he wrote Carter he had done 8.53 at Bradford.

"Mike," otherwise R. G. Michael, now a full Lieutenant R.N., and Auxiliary Vessel Gunnery Officer, H.M.S. "Wildfire." Congratulations.

F. S. W. Wood, in the North of England, and gets no time for athletics and little time to visit London.

Tommy Green, still doing his bit down Hampshire way, and has successfully initiated his son into walking and prize-taking. Our thanks are due to you, Tommy, for your kindness in entertaining members who have called upon you. Much appreciated.

Megaphone Man Cook, writing from Blandford, Dorset, sends his regards to all his old friends, and hopes to see us at Christmas.

Stan. Blundon, having been invalided out of the Army, has been seen out training at Tooting, and won a fast half at the Ack Tab meeting at Croydon in August.

Francis Skelley, now recovered from his accident and stationed somewhere in Kent, and would like to hear from some of his old Club friends.

"Quack," out in "the States," still has time to write to England and sends a ponderous sports programme more like a general store catalogue. From what I can hear he will have a strange assortment of prizes to bring back to England. Recently finished 5th in the 6,000 metres American Junior Championship.

Rod. Patience, now a Captain in the L.A.A., R.A., and stationed in Morayshire. Congratulations on obtaining your third Pip! Writes: "Cross country is not a favourite sport up here—plenty of hill work with boggy soil, which would test *Young Bert* if he didn't disappear into one of the numerous pools"!!

Bert Footer writes to the Club a few weeks after his joining the Royal Marines:—

"At last I think I've landed in my final training spot; and what a spot—miles from anywhere and the wildest of camps you've ever seen—more like Klondike in the '80's. Nissen huts thrown up in an area of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile square, and the rest just mud. Everything is of the crudest—eat how you can—never use a plate at tea-time—and 'afters' just mixed with the grease on the dinner plate. My company are mostly Scots and Lancastrians, and are about the wildest crowd I've ever struck. Still I'll wait and see before I'll say anything about them. The last few days have been spent in field-craft, and if you can visualise me crawling along through gorse and heather with rifle, pack and twigs stuck all over me—and in me—down a steep hill through mud, sand and thicket, up trees, into ditches, without letting the enemy spot you; well, it's not very comfortable. We were taken out yesterday and marched about 4 miles and then told to find our way back—given $\frac{3}{4}$ hour to make it or lose our tea—I lost

it! We wandered into swamps, and I unlucky mutt fell into a lovely ditch. You ought to have seen us when we made for a farm after 1½ hours wandering. The women rushed in and shut the doors—thought we were Paratroops. They wouldn't dish up any tea, but I managed to cadge a glass of water from another farm, and landed up in camp after 2¼ hours wandering in the wilderness. Talk about hiking—that was pansy work to this. You ought to hear what the Officers and Sergeants call us on parade—My God—what did they teach you at your nursery—you so and so's.! The rest of the mob nearly faint when we tell them we volunteered. Grub is much better in quantity than at ———. We sleep 17 in a hut—a bit crowded and not much room for kit. I managed to win a cross-country race in record time—19.20 for 3¼ miles. I'd run over the course beforehand in 18.55. so that record was easy meat. Also my Squad won the team race out of six squads; 7 in 22, and had to wait for the last runner for the eighth and last scoring man to come in, and he arrived twenty minutes after the next man, the 58th position. You ought to have seen the old Brigadier's face when he appeared. He was just giving out the prizes and had called the winners. He didn't half create, and said that owing to an oversight there had been no time limit fixed for the scoring men. He seemed to think I was to blame for the 'wangle' as I'd got the boys out training occasionally, and they were fairly fit bar those last three men—jibbers—10 men ran, 8 scored—1—3—4—7—17—21—22 and 58—60 ran. So after we had got the 7th man home we couldn't lose unless the eighth man didn't finish. I think this race was the cause of all our troubles. We weren't very popular at ———, and that's why I think we've been sent to this God-forsaken hole. Still, here's to to-morrow. Hope the boys are still in pretty good trim. Remember me to all. Cheerio."

BERT.

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The addresses of all these members and their letters may be had upon application to the Hon. Secretary.

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It is the wish of the Committee to keep in touch with all members serving in the Forces, or who have been transferred for various reasons out of London.

Letters will be welcomed.

WALKING NOTES FROM SYD ROBERTS.

The current number of our Club magazine marks the opening of the fourth war-time winter season, and we look forward to an even more successful one than last year. Most of our walkers have been kept busy throughout the summer with the numerous walks both on the track and the road, largely due to the intensive "Stay at Home" scheme, and judging by the gallery at meetings confined solely to walking, it would seem that the sport is becoming increasingly popular.

In addition to a fair share in the "placings" in London events, news comes from all quarters of the globe of Belgrave walkers keeping the Club colours flying. From the Far East comes news of Charlie Churcher's dust up with the Palaestine champion over 3,000 metres and 1 mile. In Wales, Percy Wright is making a tremendous effort to popularise walking there; whilst Charlie Redgrave, stationed at Skegness, dashed off to Battley to get 3rd in a 12½ miles race, also winning the handicap and being the first Services man. His return to walking is greatly welcomed by all. He is endeavouring to come to London for as many walks as possible during the coming season and, on his present form, will be a great asset as a scratch team man. After training over very flat country, he put up an excellent performance over the Highgate hills in the R.W.A. 5-miles at the end of August, to finish 9th. With Mac. Percy Wright, Syd Roberts and Bob Readman, we shall be able to field a good team. Colin Sutton also is getting fit since his return from Canada and may also be able to help, duties permitting.

It is very pleasing to record that since our last issue we have enrolled two new walkers, and there are two or three more in the offing. Norman Dyne, of "A" Division Police, is quite a youngster and will help to build up our post-war Junior team. The second member is E. Jury, of South-down Motors. He has done quiet a fair amount of walking, especially over the longer distances, including the Brighton. Although living at Portsmouth, he hopes to get up to London as frequently as possible, duties permitting. Perhaps Tommy Green will take him in hand as he has done others of our walkers.

To both our new Club mates we give a hearty welcome and trust they will spend many happy days with the "Bels." Stan Gould is signing on again after a year's lapse, and Bob Readman has a couple of likely members.

Percy Wright continues his good work with the B.N.L., despite the difficulty in getting the copy typed. Members are again requested to ensure that it reaches as many as possible by passing it on as soon as they have noted its contents. The B.N.L. provides an excellent means of keeping our Services members in touch with current events, and this can only be made possible by the co-operation of all concerned.

We are once again represented on the Southern Committee by Jack Bidgood, who now holds the office of Vice-Chairman, and Syd Roberts.

The Services event held from our headquarters proved a huge success, attracting over 260 entrants, of whom 193 finished the course. Unfortunately, we only had one representative in the race, Jack Rutland, and he finished 4th.

Another busy season is before us, and we hope to see as many as possible beating the dust round Wimbledon Common. To those who are too far away to make the journey, we send our best wishes and trust it will not be long before they too are with us again.

TRACK SUCCESSES DURING THE SUMMER.

A.A.A. 2 MILES OPEN—Parliament Hill—6-6-42.

1. J. G. Watson 480 yards.

A.A.A. 2 MILES OPEN—Chiswick—20-6-42.

3. J. Wilson 445 yards.

FULHAM C. D. OPEN—Stamford Bridge—9-7-42.

3. F. Halls 410 yards.

HAMMERSMITH OPEN—White City—3-8-42

1. E. Jackman 410 yards.

LONDON FIRE FORCE CHAMPIONSHIP—8-8-42.

1. E. Jackman 15.48.8.

L.C.C. SOUTHERN AREA 1 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP—15-8-42.

2. S. Roberts.

CLUB HANDICAP—Tooting Bec.—29-8-42.

1. R. McMullen Scratch.

2. J. Wilson 250 yards.

3. F. Halls 150 yards.

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ROAD WALKS.

MET. W.C. 16 MILES—Regents Park—11-4-43.

1. D. H. Christie Murray 2.6.18.

8. A. Readman 2.13.50.

9. A. Webb 2.13.55.

20. F. Halls 2.21

29. J. Wilson 2.24

36. S. Roberts 2.37.34.

45. W. Brunning 2.33.43.

Handicap Team.—3rd Belgrave H.

(Wilson, Readman, Brunning).

B.W.S.A. 10 MILES OPEN—North Cheam—18.4.42.

1.	D. H. Christie Murray	79.34.
4.	R. McMullen	83.04.
6.	S. Roberts	84.01.
14.	F. Halls	87.44.
21.	P. Wrightt	89.24.
22.	J. Wilson	89.25.
26.	J. Watson	92.43.

Individual Hcp., 2nd., J. Wilson.
First Policeman, S. Roberts.

HIGHGATE H. 22 MILES OPEN—Parliament Hill—9.5.42.

1.	T. Llyd Johnson	2.59.16.
13.	A. Readman	3.7.54.
20.	J. Bidgood	3.12.21.
29.	J. Wilson	3.16.46.

L.T. CENTRL 'BUSES OPEN, at Walthamstow—27.6.42.

1.	E. Staker	35.51.
6.	R. McMullen	39.26.
31.	E. Jackman	41.58.
32.	F. Halls	42.2
42.	J. Watson	42.55.
52.	W. Redgrave	44.23.
54.	S. Goold	44.38.
61.	W. Brunning	46.7

R.W.A. 5 MILES OPEN, at Tooting—18.7.42.

1.	E. Staker	37.15.
4.	P. Wright	39.35.
7.	R. McMullen	39.53.
27.	S. Roberts	42.03.
28.	J. Bidgood	42.10.
36.	J. Wilson	43.10.
40.	J. Watson	43.30.
52.	C. Speechley	44.53.
61.	W. Brunning	46.51.

R.W.A. 5 MILES OPEN, Parliament Hill—22.8.42.

1.	E. Staker	38.06.
9.	C. Redgrave	40.07.
11.	P. Wright	40.56.
17.	S. Roberts	41.25.
20.	E. Jury	41.58.
23.	F. Halls	42.19.
33.	J. Watson	44.28.
42.	W. Brunning	45.22.

Individual Hcp.—W. Brunning 3rd. 37.02.

Team Handicap.—Belgrave 2nd.

(Brunning, Redgrave, Roberts).

FOR WALKERS.

We are now in the fourth year of war, and our walkers are scattered throughout the four corners of the globe. It must give a great deal of satisfaction to all of us that their interest in the Club is as high as ever, and what is more to the point, that interest is maintained by the more fortunate members still in the old country. A steady stream of letters go out each month to all those chaps far away, giving news and details of races, old pals, and new members. Several chaps have gone to much trouble and expense in seeing that these pals of ours do not want for walking news, and two members I have in mind made subscriptions to "Race-Walking Record," for those who were far away. That is the spirit of comradeship, fostered and built up over long years, and it will continue.

The war has been responsible for bringing many of our older members out of retirement, and in this respite we welcome back, among others:

Charlie Redgrave, Jarvis Boddington, Willis, Ted Jackman, and Goold. Tommy Green and Fred Rickards have also been seen out, and also Tommy's young son. They have not all been out in the "Opens," but never-the-less, they are active.

There are a few members who we have lost trace of since the war started, and we should welcome any details or news about them. They include Alan Bridger, N. Little, Ted Elliott and Bill True. We believe the latter is somewhere in Dorset.

During the last few weeks two new walkers have joined the Club: Norman Dyne, a young policeman who has already appeared in several "Opens." We expect big things from him, remembering past champions the police force have supplied us. Also sporting the maroon and old gold is Eddie Jury, who will be remembered for some of his Brighton walks. Eddie works for the Southdown Motors, and usually entered races under their name. He has given some very good performances, and will strengthen our team very considerably, especially over the longer distances. To both these lads the Belgrave offer a cordial welcome, and hope their stay will be a long and happy one. These days there is not a lot of new material available, but it is hoped that all members will keep their eyes open for any likely talent.

In closing, just a few words of thanks to those who have been such a help to me in producing the monthly B.N.L. Jack Rutland, Fred Brunning, Syd Roberts, Alf. Harley and others, have always been ready with help and advice, and have repeatedly made offers of cash interest. I wish it to be known that expenses in future are being borne by the Club, as I am assured it is the wish of the fellows. Every walker is entitled to read the B.N.L., and anyone who is not getting the opportunity, please let me know.

Well chaps, let's hope that shortly we shall be back at Belgrave Hall, fighting for a place in the bath-tub, and trying hard to borrow soap (unrationed). What tales we shall have to swop!

PERCY WRIGHT.

NORTH v. SOUTH.

The first of these contests for possession of the Cup awarded last season by the Lord Mayor of London, and at present held by the North, was held at Tooting Common Track on Saturday, May 23rd.

Neither side were at full strength owing to other fixtures on this day, but some enjoyable sport was witnessed by a good crowd of onlookers.

Maurice Wright, of the Polytechnic, scored a double in the sprints, while for the South, W. H. Watts ran well to gain second place in the 100, and J. H. Harding did creditably for a Junior by finishing second in the 220 Yards.

Syd Jarlett won the 440 Yards in fine style, with Watts once more close behind, and they beat the two T.V.H. boys, E. N. Day and G. F. Morris.

H. W. Pascoe, of N.L.H., ran well in beating Fred White in the 880 Yards with a newcomer in Sergt. K. Sheail, of the Hampshire Regiment taking third place for the South.

Les Cohen won the 1 Mile with a New Zealand runner, E. J. Johnson, taking second place for the South.

Charlie Smart ran a "brainy" race to win the 2 Miles, and he beat E. J. Nankivell, of Southgate.

In the Field Events our big Irish Guardsman, Pat Ridge, won both the Weight and Discus with very creditable efforts.

Charlie Melchior "obliged" once more in the Javelin Throw, and E. J. Higgins, another of our Juniors, did well to finish second.

J. L. Gowans, the Whitgift schoolboy, jumped well in the High Jump, actually doing 5 ft. 8 ins., the same height as the second man.

The 2 Miles Walk was won by E. A. Staker, of Highgate, with young R. D. McMullen second. In the team race, which counted for match purposes, each team scored 39 points.

The final event, the 1 Mile Medley Relay, saw Syd Jarlett give the South the lead, but our two Junior sprinters, E. H. Day and J. H. Harding, could not hold Wright and Chapman, and Watts was unable to make up the leeway although he made a valiant effort to do so.

Thus the match finished with the South of Thames scoring 66½ points to the North of Thames' 57½ points.

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—1, Wright (N); 2, Watts (S); 3, Chapman (N); 4, Day (S). Time: 11 secs.

230 Yards.—1, Wright (N); 2, Harding (S); 3, Pickard (S); 4, McLaren (N). Time: 24.3 secs.

440 Yards.—1, Jarlett (S); 2, Watts (S); 3, Day (N); 4, Morris (N). Time: 53.5 secs.

880 Yards.—1, Pascoe (N); 2, White (S); 3, Sheail (S). Time: 2 min. 5.4 secs.

1 Mile.—1, Cohen (S); 2, Johnson (S); 3, Forde (N); 4, Pascoe (N). Time: 4 mins. 37.3 secs.

2 Miles.—1, Smart (S); 2, Nankevell (N); 3, Wigmore (N). Time: 10 mins. 5.8 secs.

Weight Put.—1, Ridge (S); 2, Smith (N); 3, Quarton (S); 4, MacDonald (N). Distance: 37 ft. 7½ ins.

Discus.—1, Ridge (S); 2, McLennan (S); 3, MacDonald (N); 4, Smith (N). Distance: 127 ft. 5¼ ins.

Javelin.—1, Melchior (S); 2, Higgins (S); 3, Day (N); 4, McLaren (N). Distance: 154 ft. 3 ins.

High Jump.—1, MacDonald (N); 2, Wright (N); 3, Gowans (S); 4, Day (S). Height: 5 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump.—1, Latham (N); 2, Quarton (S). Distance: 20 ft. 10¼ ins.

2 Miles Team Walk.—1, North & South tied with 39 points each.

1 Mile Medley Relay.—1, North (Morris, Wright, Chapman, Day).

2, South (Jarlett, Day, Harding, Watts).

Result of Match.—1, South of Thames—66½ points.

2, North of Thames—57½ points.

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On Saturday, June 27th, we journeyed to Parliament Hill Track to take part in the second of these contests.

We were minus Botwright and Broadbent in the sprints, and both the 100 and 220 Yard races were won by Wigley, the T.V.H. boy.

Syd Jarlett ran well to win the 230 Yards, and he beat G. F. Morris, the Indoor Champion in a ding-dong finish, with Freddy White taking third place for the South.

The 1 Mile was won by Pascoe, of North London. Les Cohen finished second, and we took fourth place under the two a-side to score agreement.

E. N. Day, the T.V.H. runner, beat Wally Watts to win the 440 Yards with Thomas beating Ryan, of the Met. Police, for third place.

Pascoe astonished a big crowd by turning out again for the 2 Miles, and moreover winning it, and Nankivell, of Southgate, also beat Tom Carter, who does not yet appear to have found his previous track form.

The 1 Mile Medley Relay was an exciting race, and once again Wally Watts showed what a fighter he is by going off behind his man over the final quarter and then catching him and beating him down the straight to win the race for the South.

For the Field Events we were without Pat Ridge, but Quarton, of the London Paper Mills, did well by winning the Weight and gaining second place in the Discus Throw.

We had no High Jumpers present, and so Charlie Jones "obliged" by just jumping over for third place.

Charlie Melchior won the Javelin with a throw of 153 feet, and young Higgins gained third place in this event as he also did in the Discus.

Rugman, of Shaftesbury, won the Long Jump, with Quarton taking second place to finish off a busy afternoon's work as had the Met. Police athlete, J. McDonald, who won both the High Jump and Discus and also gained points for the North in the Javelin and Weight Put.

The North of Thames thus gained revenge for their reverse at Tooting in the first meeting, and we look forward to the next meeting in the series.

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—1, Wigley (N); 2, Betteridge (N); 3, Hayes (S); 4, Harding (S). Time: 10.6 secs.

Discus.—1, McDonald (N); 2, Quarton (S); 3, Higgins (S); 4, McFarlane (N). Distance: 97 ft. 4 ins.

High Jump.—1, McDonald (N); 2, Achille (N); 3, Jones (S). Height: 5 ft. 7 ins.

800 Yards.—1, Jarlett (S); 2, Morris (N); 3, White (S); 4, Hebbs (N). Time: 2 mins. 6 secs.

1 Mile.—1, Pascoe (N); 2, Cohen (S); 3, Forde (N); 4, Main (S). Time: 4 mins. 41 secs.

Weight.—1, Quarton (S); 2, Vanbegan (N); 3, McDonald (N); 4, Melchior (S). Distance: 36 ft. 1 in.

440 Yards.—1, Day (N); 2, Watts (S); 3, Thomas (S); 4, Ryan (N). Time: 54.4 secs.

220 Yards.—1, Wigley (N); 2, Lushey (N); 3, Harding (S); 4, Pickard (S). Time: 23.6 secs.

Long Jump.—1, Rugman (N); 3, Quarton (S); 3, Angus (N); 4, Pickard (S). Distance: 20 ft. 5 ins.

2 Miles.—1, Pascoe (N); 2, Nankivell (N); 3, Carter (S); 4, Speaight (S). Time: 10 mins. 3 secs.

Javelin.—1, Melchior (S); 2, McFarlane (N); 3, Higgins (S); 4, McDonald (N). Distance: 153 ft.

Medley Relay.—1, South of Thames; 2, North of Thames. Time: 3 mins. 50.9 secs.

Match Result.—1, North of Thames—71 points.

2, South of Thames—52 points.

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The third match was held at Tooting Bec. Track on Saturday, July 12th, and the rather inclement weather prevented a large crowd from witnessing a good afternoon's sport.

Jack Wigley, the T.V.H. sprinter, was the outstanding runner and he beat Tommy Iover in both the 100 and 220 Yards.

We were more than pleased to see Len Marchant and Frankie Webb at the meeting, and the former ran in excellent style in the 800 Yards, only to lose the race in the last few yards to G. F. Morris in quite good time. Ken Sheail, our new recruit, also ran well to gain third place.

Syd Jarlett proved what a sound asset he is to our team by winning the 440 Yards, and he beat D. H. Morris, the Met. policeman, with Wally Watts gaining third place.

F. F. Edwards, the former Southern Junior champion, ran well to win the 1 Mile race for the North, and Len Marchant sportingly turned out again in the race and moreover finished second by beating Pascoe, who seemed a little stale.

The 2 Miles was a good race, and it was not until half-a-lap from home that Nankivell went into the lead with Charlie Griffiths chasing him home in determined fashion. Tom Carter was third with R. H. Bryan taking fourth place for the South, and Harry Shields also showed a big improvement on his previous running this season.

Also held in conjunction with the meeting was a R.W.A. 5 Miles Road Walk Handicap, which started and finished on the track.

A huge field was seen out, but E. A. Staker, the Highgate "crack," took the lead from the start and was never headed.

Pat Ridge, our Irish Guardsman, won both the Weight Put and Discus Throw, and what a trio he, Syd Jones and Bill Sutton would make.

We were without Melchior in the Javelin, but B. W. Fleming, an old Belgrave member, stepped into the breach and won the event for the South. He also gained third place in the Long Jump.

The High Jump saw Atkinson, the Met. Police champion, clear 5 ft. 10 ins. to win the event for the North.

The Medley Relay once again proved most exciting, and after Syd Jarlett had given us the lead by beating G. F. Morris over the half-mile stage, Jack Wigley shattered our hopes by not only catching our first 220 man, but giving his team a 15 yards' lead. This was maintained over

the next 220 leg, so that Wally Watts was given the task of conceding 15 yards to Ryan, of the Met. Police, over the last quarter. Watts gradually gained on his man and actually drew level with him down the straight, only for Ryan to respond and win the race by inches.

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—1, Wigley (N); 2, Jover (S); 3, Gibbs (S); 4, Lushey (N).
Time: 10.6 secs.

Weight.—1, Ridge (S); 2, McDonald (N); 3, McLennan (S); 4, Powell (N). Distance: 38 ft. 9 ins.

880 Yards.—1, Morris, G. F. (N); 2, Marchant (S); 3, Sheail (S); 4, McLaren (N). Time: 2 mins. 1.8 secs.

High Jump.—1, Atkinson (N); 2, McDonald (N); 3, Beer (S); 4, Webb (S). Height: 5 ft. 10 ins.

440 Yards.—1, Jarlett (S); 2, Morris, D. (N); 3, Watts (S); 4, Ryan (N). Time: 53.7 secs.

Javelin.—1, Fleming (S); 2, Ridge (S); 3, Powell (N); 4, McDonald (N). Distance: 123 ft. 7 ins.

1 Mile.—1, Edwards (N); 2, Marchant (S); 3, Pascoe (N); 4, Main (S). Time: 4 mins. 36.8 secs.

Discus.—1, Ridge (S); 2, McLennan (S); 3, Powell (N); 4, McDonald (N). Distance: 116 ft. 9 ins.

220 Yards.—1, Wigley (N); 2, Jover (S); 3, Gibbs (S); 4, Lushey (N).
Time: 24.1 secs.

Long Jump.—1, Latham (N); 3, McDonald (N); 3, Fleming (S). Distance: 20 ft. 10 ins.

2 Miles.—1, Nankivell (N); 2, Griffiths (N); 3, Carter (S); 4, Bryan (S). Time: 9 mins. 57.4 secs.

Road Walk—1, North of Thames; 2, South of Thames.

1st man home, E. A. Staker (Highgate H.). Time: 37 mins. 15 secs.

Medley Relay.—1, North of Thames; 2, South of Thames. Time: 3 mins. 47.6 secs.

Match Result.—1, North of Thames—69 pts.

2, South of Thames—57 pts.

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FINAL NORTH v. SOUTH CONTEST.

This was held at Parliament Hill Track on Saturday, August 22nd, and once again the South were hard put in fielding teams of full strength.

The North of Thames won the match by 67 points to 57, and so retain possession of the Lord Mayor of London's Trophy.

Actually of the four contests held the North won three to the South's one, but no matter what the result we are pleased to have helped in providing active competition for the many athletes in the Services, and out, who have been able to take part.

That was the main reason in holding these contests, although this season there was a little dissension.

However, we hope that before next season's contests some hard and fast rules will be laid down so as to prevent any doubt as to qualifications arising.

To come back to the meeting on August 22nd, H. C. Wickerson, the Highgate and Army sprinter, won both the 100 and 220 for the North, and our own W. H. Bowers, on leave from the Navy, running third in both races.

E. N. Day, of Thames Valley, won the 440 Yards with G. F. Morris, also of T.V.H., taking the 880 Yards event.

Doug. Wilson, of the Polytechnic, beat Frank Close in the 1 Mile, but a club mate of the latter, J. S. Hines ran well to win the 2 Miles race for the South.

The North won the 1 Mile Medley Relay and also the Team race held in connection with the 5 Miles Road Walk.

In the Field Events the South made a better show and, aided by D. L. Grigg and A. W. Lewis, they had the first two places in both the Weight and Discus.

Josling, of Mitcham, won the Long Jump for the South, and also took third place in the High Jump.

Charlie Melchior and Ron Jeal finished first and second in the Javelin event, and the former has been throwing in consistent style throughout the season.

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—1, Wickerson (N); 2, Chapman (N); 3, Bowers (S). Time: 10.9 secs.

220 Yards.—1, Wickerson (N); 2, Chapman (N); 3, Bowers (S); 4, White (S). Time: 23.9 secs.

440 Yards.—1, Day (N); 2, Watts (S); 3, Sheail (S). Time: 56.3 secs.

880 Yards.—2, Morris (N); 2, White (S); 3, Stapleton (N); 4, Main (S). Time: 2 mins. 0.2 secs.

1 Mile.—1, Wilson (N); 2, Close (S); 3, Pascoe (N); 4, Beer (S). Time: 4 mins. 31.4 secs.

2 Miles.—1, Hines (S); 2, Nankivell (N); 3, Carter (S); 4, Pascoe (N). Time: 9 mins. 44.8 secs.

Medley Relay.—1, North of Thames.

Road Walk.—1, North of Thames.

Weight Put.—1, Grigg (S); 2, Lewis (S); 3, McDonald (N); 4, Achille (N). Distance: 36 ft. 20½ ins.

Discus Throw.—1, Grigg (S); 2, Lewis (S); 3, McDonald (N); 4, Day (N). Distance: 122 ft.

High Jump.—1, Smith (N); 2, McDonald (N); 3, Josling (S); 4, Lewis (S). Height: 5 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump.—1, Josling (S); 2, Smith (N); 3, Agar (N). Distance: 20 ft. 6 ins.

Javelin.—1, Melchior (S); 2, Jeal (S); 3, Day (N); 4, McDonald (N). Distance: 165 ft. 1 in.

Result of Match.—1, North of Thames—67 pts.

2, South of Thames—57 pts.

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Match with Metropolitan Police A.C., a combined team by Tyrian A.C. and Southampton University, at Imber Court, May 30th.

4 x 200 Yards (Shuttle).—1, Police; 2, Belgrave (Hayes, Harding, Metcalfe and Wright).—43.4.

4 x 220 Relay.—1, Police; 2, Belgrave (Hayes, Harding, Metcalfe and Wright).—1. 35.6.

440 Yards.—2, Jarlett (Bel.); 3, Watts (Bel.). 63.6.

880 Yards.—1, Pettit (Bel.); 2, Sheail (Bel.).—2.34.

1 Mile.—1, Police; 2, Cohen (Bel.); 4, Morrell.—4.40.

2 Miles.—1, Smart (Bel.); 3, Green (Bel.); 4, Speaight (Bel.); 5, Clinton (Bel.); 8, Shields (Bel.); 12, Kemp (Bel.).—10.10.

Mile Medley Relay.—1, Belgrave (220. Keyworth and Wright; 440. Watts; 880, Jarlett).—3.51.

Javelin.—1, Melchior (Bel.), 177 ft. 6 ins.; 3, Powell (Bel.), 149 ft. 4 ins.

Weight.—1, Ridge (Bel.), 36 ft. 8½ ins.

Discus.—1, Police, 135 ft. 4 ins.; 2, Ridge (Bel.), 126 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump.—1, Police, 19 ft. 7¼ ins.; 4, Pack (Bel.), 19 ft. 0¼ in.

Points ((5.3.1) Police, 51; Belgrave, 46.

MATCH v. WHITGIFT MIDDLE SCHOOL.

This was held on the School ground at Croydon, on Wednesday evening, June 20th, and was a very well contested meeting. We had to make up our team with a few Senior runners and for quite a number of our Juniors, this was the first effort at competitive running.

R. W. V. Norton, who has recently joined the Club, won the 100 Yards in good style, with George Hayes finishing third.

In the 880 Yards the Whitgift boys were too good for our Juniors, of whom however, Brown ran very promisingly.

Legg, of Whitgift, won the 220 Yards in impressive style and he beat both Hayes and Watts, while in the 440, Whitgift scored another win, although E. P. George ran well for us and should improve with further racing experience.

The 1 Mile saw Harry Shields, Syd Jarlett and Bill Speaight opposed to two Whitgift boys, and they naturally finished well ahead of the school-boys.

In the Field Events, Guyer did well for us in winning the Weight Put (12 lbs.), but our lad was outclassed in the High Jump.

The Long Jump provided some fun and also a surprise when "Tiny" nearly cleared the pit in his final jump to win the event.

With one event, the 4 x 220 Relay, to be decided the score was 24 points each! and although Watts gave us the lead, which was held by Hayes, George lost ground on his relay but Norton still went off about 4 yards to the good. Legg running for Whitgift caught his man however, and although Norton fought hard he was beaten by inches, and this gave Whitgift the race and the match. Well done!

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—1, Norton (B); 2, Legg (W); 3, Hayes (B). Time: 10.8 secs.

220 Yards.—1, Legg (W); 2, Hayes (B); 3, Watts (B). Time: 23.8 secs.

440 Yards.—1, Pearce (W); 2, George (B); 3, Wakeling (W). Time: 55.8 secs.

880 Yards.—1, Slicer (W); 2, Wakeling (W); 3, Brown (B). Time: 2 mins. 14.6 secs.

2 Miles.—1, Jarlett (B); 2, Speaight (B); 3, Drew (W). Time: 6 mins. 1 secs.

Weight.—1, Guyer (B); 2, Withey (W); 3, Yowans (W). Distance: 25 ft. 6 ins.

High Jump.—1, Bowans (W); 2, Tuck (W); 3, Simmons (B). Height: 5 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump.—1, Jarlett (B); 2, Hayes (B); 3, Withey (W). Distance: 19 ft. 0 in.

Relay.—1, Whitgift M.S.; 2, Belgrave H. Time: 1 min. 39.7 secs.

Result of Match.—1, Whitgift Middle School—27 pts.

2, Belgrave Harriers—24 pts.

MATCH v. LONDON FIRE FORCE.

On Saturday, June 13th, at the Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick, a combined Belgrave and Polytechnic team met a side from the N.F.S. in a series of track and field events.

The two sprint races brought to light a very promising young Polytechnic runner named Brant, who ran second in both events and beat some seasoned runners in doing so.

We were pleased to see Stan Botwright getting back to something like his old form in winning the 220 Yards.

Doug. Wilson, the Poly "star" miler, ran in both the 880 Yards and 2 Miles, and in the former he won in easy fashion, while in the longer race he dead-heated with Les Cohen for first place.

Les Cohen also won the 1 Mile, in which he beat G. Hoath, of the N.F.S., who is also a member of the "Bels."

W. H. Watts won the 440 Yards for us, while Charlie Melchior threw 169 ft. 10 ins. to win the Javelin Throw.

The Weight and Discus were won by L. J. Worrad, of the N.F.S., who will be remembered as an old-time member, and our promising Junior member, L. J. Higgins, also secured places in each of the field events.

A 2 Miles Walk was also included in the programme and these were all N.F.S. men, although E. A. Jackman, a member of the "Bels," walked for us in order to make a race of it.

Scoring was on the basis of 3—2—1 in each event, and the combined Belgrave-Polytechnic team scored 41 points to the N.F.S. total of 25. However, the result mattered little so long as all those competing enjoyed their sport, and actually the 2 Miles field was reminiscent of the Cross Country season with such as, Les Cohen, Bill Speaight, Harry Shields, Alf Taylor, Dick Tobin, Tom Morrell.

TOOTING, AUGUST 29th.

We had been looking forward to a big day for our last track meeting, but unfortunately neither the Police or the Fire Service were able to field teams in strength so the result was rather one sided, the final points being "Bels" 65 points, Police 28 and N.F.S. 25.

Our team had turned up in strength so we were able to "lend" our opponents competitors to help them along and some good racing was witnessed by the spectators.

Our Canadian friend Page scored a double by winning the 100 and 220 yds. In the former he was chased home by the Fire Services champion Rowe and in the 220 our own Dumbrill was 2nd and Rowe 3rd. Dumbrill, now a sergt. P.T. instructor, is stationed in the north of England and has not been able to give us any help during the season.

In the 440 yards Day (lent to the N.F.S.) won this event for them, beating Waits after a great effort. Another fine race was that between Morris (Police) and Syd Jarlett in the 880, the Policeman just winning after a great effort by Syd. Allen (N.F.S.), the old Highgate International had the measure of the field in the mile which was perhaps the best race of the afternoon, with Hines 2nd, Forde 3rd and Freddy White 4th, in the excellent time of 4.36. Pascoe the North Londoner ran one of his great races to beat both Carter and Cohen in the 2 miles.

There were no outstanding performances in the field events, although the competitors were very keen. The javelin event had to be cancelled as our opponents had no performers.

Ridge completed a double by winning the discus and shot and S. Joselyn also scored a double by winning both the high and long jumps. Wise, a new comer, cleared 5ft. 3ins. and will improve with training.

The junior match with Dorking St. Pauls was a much better contested affair. For the eleven events the final scores were 53-43 in favour of the "Bels."

Dorking have several really good members—Read completing a triple win by taking the 100 and 220 yds. and the long jump at 18ft. Harrold won the quarter in 53 which was only 3/5ths slower than the senior quarter. Brody, their star half-miler, had an off day and could finish no nearer than 3rd to Nankville (B) in 2.5. Perhaps he has done a little too much racing during the season.

The mile found the Bels in the first three places, Cohen's protege, Main, winning in 4.42 from Head (of Sutton) and Durrant (Syd Jarlett's School) 3rd. Higgins also won three events by taking the weight, discus and javelin. The high jump brought out several new "Bels," some of whom we hope will turn out real good jumpers. Wise, who jumped 5ft. 4ins. for the seniors, won at 5ft. 1in., Savage cleared 4ft. 11in., and Leigh 4ft. 10in. All are keen and with training should greatly improve.

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SENIOR MATCH. RESULTS.

100 Yards.—1, Page (BH); 2, Rowe (NFS); 3, Dumbrill (BH). Time 10.8s.

220 Yards.—1, Page (BH); 2, Dumbrill (BH); 3, Rowe (NFS). Time 24s.

440 Yards.—1, Dav (NFS); 2, Watts (BH); 3, Ryan (MP). Time 52.6s.

880 Yards.—1, Morris (FP); 2, Jarlett (BH); 3, Sheail (BH). Time 2m. 3.5s.

1 Mile.—1, Allen (NFS); 2, Hines (MP); 3, Forde (BH). Time 4m. 36s.

2 Miles.—1, Pascoe (NFS); 2, Carter (BH); 3, Cohen (BH). Time 9m. 52s.

Weight.—1, Ridge (BH), 37ft. 9ins.; 2, Quarton (BH), 35ft. 7ins.; 3, Smith, (MP), 34ft. 14ins.

Discus.—1, Ridge (BH), 120ft 9ins.; 2, Quarton (BH), 92ft. 9½ins.; 3, Smith (MP), 85ft. 7ins.

High Jump.—1, Joselyn (BH), 2, Clarke (MP), 3, Wise (BH).

Long Jump.—1, Joselyn (BH), 19ft. 6½ins.; 2, Clarke (MP), 19ft. 6ins.; 3, Quarton (BH), 19ft. 2½ins.

Medley Relay.—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Met. Police; 3, N.F.S. Time 3m. 46s.

Result of Match.—1, Belgrave H.: 65 pts.; 2, Metropolitan Police: 28 pts.; 3, London Fire Service: 26 pts.

JUNIOR MATCH. RESULTS.

- 100 Yards.—1, Read (Dkg.); 2, Harding (BH); 3, Adey (BH). Time 11.2s.
 220 Yards.—1, Read (Dkg.); 2, Harding (BH); 3, Fuller (Dkg.). Time 24.4s.
 440 Yards.—1, Harrold (Dkg.); 2, George (BH); 3, Birch (Dkg.). Time 53s.
 880 Yards.—1, Nankeville (BH); 2, Teede (Dkg.); 3, Broyd (Dkg.). Time 2m. 5s.
 1 Mile.—1, Main (BH); 2, Head (BH); 3, Durrant (BH). Time 4m. 42s.
 Weight.—1, Higgins (BH), 34ft. 4½ins.; 2, Wiley (BH), 30ft. 10ins.; 3, Broyd (Dkg.), 30ft. 4ins.
 Discus.—1, Higgins (BH), 108ft. 1in.; 2, George (BH), 82ft. 3½ins.; 3, Broyd (Dkg.), 79ft. 7ins.
 Javelin.—1, Higgins (BH), 132ft. 6ins.; 2, Stedman (Dkg.), 129ft. 6ins.; 3, Farmer (Dkg.), 06ft. 11ins.
 High Jump.—1, Wise (BH), 5ft. 1½ins.; 2, Reynolds (Dkg.), 5ft.; 3, Savage (BH), 4ft. 11ins.
 Long Jump.—1, Read (Dkg.), 18ft.; 2, Carter (Dkg.), 17ft. 0ins.; 3, Simons (BH), 17ft. 8½.
 Medley Relay.—1, Dorkine St. Paul's; 2, Belgrave H.
 Result of Match.—1, Belgrave H. : 53 pts.; 2, Dorking St. Paul's : 43 pts.

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The Exiles Club, Twickenham, on Saturday, September 12th, on the occasion of the local "C.D." sports, was also the occasion of a meeting of several "old" Belgravians. There was Alf. Hartley, looking very fit and well after a spot of "earth pounding" around Dorking, Charlie Jones, Dick Savage, Jack Chapple, Oscar Harwood and others. It is not often nowadays we have the pleasure of seeing Oscar, and who we thought was not looking quite himself. His business in the City was twice completely "blitzed" and his son is amongst those missing in the Malaya. Those racing included Tom Wiley, Jack Harding, C. R. Woodhard, Bill Watts, Ambrose Readman and E. A. Jackman. Of those who were successful were Jack Halls, who was second in the 2 miles walk, and George Hoath, who revels in hard work: he won the "C.D." Mile, Open Mile and was 4th in the 2 miles Team Race. Our old rival Hines, of Surrey A.C., Stockport, Epsom, Banstead, C.T.C., etc., etc., ran away with the 2 miles in 9.44. Les Cohen, Tom Carter and Alf. Taylor, in that order, won the team race with the lowest possible score of 6 points with 3 scoring, ably backed up by Harry Shields who made a gallant and desperate attempt in the last lap to catch Alf: but as Alf wanted a hair brush there was nothing doing. For the same reason Arthur Penny did not turn up!

Our Mitcham friend Watts, after gaining a second in the half, won a well-judged quarter. George Powell, with a spectacular "run up," threw the cricket ball further than anyone else (97yds. 7½ins.) to win a set of very handsome darts.

A.A.A. HANDICAP MEETINGS.

Tooling, May 16th.

- Weight: 1, N. J. Higgins (7ft. 6ins.) 37ft. 8½ins.
 Javelin: 1, N. J. Higgins (76ft.) 202ft. 11ins.
 880 Yards: 2, Nankeville (70); Jarlett (40) 4th.
 3 Miles: 3, Cohen (150).

Parliament Hill, June 7th.

- 880 Yards: 2, Nankeville (64).
 Weight: 1, Ridge (Scr.) 38ft. 3ins.; 2, Worrard (2ft.) 37ft. 6½ins.
 Long Jump: 2, Worrard (3ft. 6ins.) 23ft. 5ins.
 3 Miles: 1, Hoath (460) 14m. 58.6s.,
 220 Yards: 2, Botwright (12) 1yd. outside 22.6.
 3 Miles Walk: 1, Watson (480) 14.16.

Charlton Park, July 4th.

- 100 Yards: 1, Botwright (5) 10.1.
 220 Yards:—2, Botwright (11).
 Weight: 5, Ridge (Scr.) 37ft. 9½ins.
 Discus: 2, Ridge (Scr.) 139ft. 6ins.
 3 Miles: 5, Cohen; 6, Speaight.

Teams "A" 1st 8 points
 "B" 4th 23 points
 2 Miles Walk :—1, Jackman (410).
 880 Yards Handicap :—2, Jarlett (40); 3, Sheail (60).
 1 Mile Handicap :—1, F. White (120); 2, F. W. Brown; 4, Main; 6,
 Durrant. 4.12.

Kodak Sports. Harrow, 1st August.

3 Miles Team :—4, Morrell; 5, Walker; 8, Taylor.

Team—1st. 17 points.

880 Yards Handicap :—1, Nankeville (60); 2, Sheail (65).

Edmonton Council. 1st August.

2 Miles Team :—2, Cohen; 3, Carter; 4, Penny; 5, D. Patience;

9, Speaight. Team 1st. 17 points.

1 Mile Handicap :—2, Main.

Ack Tab. Croydon, 8th August.

2 Miles Team :—2, Carteh; 3, Patience; 4, Penny; 6, Speaight; 7,

Beer; 8, Murrell; 11, Doubleday.

Teams "A" 1st 9 points

"B" 3rd 23 points

880 Yards Handicap :—1, Blundon (65) 1m. 53.8s.

London Fire Force Championships Chiswick, 8th August.

L. Worrad wins 4 events: Long Jump 19ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.; Discus 97ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Shot 36ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. and Hurdles 10.7s.

2 Miles Walk :—1, Jackman 15m. 47s.

1 Mile :—2, Hoath.

Team Race :—1, Belgrave.

1, Cohen; 2, Shields; 4, Taylor. 9.59.

Merton and Morden. August 3rd.

1 Mile Walk: 1, Doubleday. 8m. 22s.

1 Mile Run: 1, Doubleday. 6m. 10s.

Veterans: E. Jessop.

High Jump :—2, Adey.

100 Yards :—3, Bates.

2 Miles Scratch :—3, Beer; 4, Morrell; 5, Walker; 6, McDonald;

7, Flatt; 8, Owen.

Imber Court. June 10th.

100 Yards and 220 Yards :—1, E. Jarvis.

1 Mile Walk :—3, East.

Walton. August 3rd.

T. Wiley 1st in 100 yards, 220 yards and Long Jump.

220 Yards :—2, Harding.

100 Yards :—4, Harding.

5 Miles Road :—1, Hoath.

Bradford. 3rd August.

2 Miles :—1, Len Herbert. 8.53!

Shrewsbury. August.

1 Mile Cup Race :—1, Abberton.

$\frac{3}{4}$ Mile :—2, Herbert.

L.C.C. Championships.

880 Yards :—1, Woodard. 2.11.

1 Mile: 1, Hoath. 4.61.

Guards Brigade Championships.

1 Mile and 3 Miles :—Dan Patience.

3 Miles :—2 Handley.

A Brigade Championship on the South Coast.

1 Mile: Ken Sheail.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES.

Enfield. 11th July.

100 Yards:—3, Botwright. 10.0s.
 220 Yards: 1, Botwright. 24s.
 440 Yards: 1, Jarlett. 50s.
 Javelin:—1, Melchoir. 150ft. 7ins.
 Discus:—1, Ridge. 130ft. 6ins.

Rugby. 16th July.

100 Yards:—4, Botwright.
 220 Yards:—3, Botwright.
 3 Miles Team:—1, Herbert 15m. 9s.; 4, Smart; 6, Cohen.

Epsom. 25th July.

2 Miles Team:—1, Herbert 9m. 34s.

Portsmouth. 12th September.

2 Miles:—1, Herbert 9m. 32s.; 2, Cohen.
 Javelin:—2, Melchoir 168ft. 7½ins.
 Discus:—3, Ridge 126ft. 20½ins.
 Shot:—4, Ridge 38ft. 8½ins.

FIELD EVENTS REVIEW, 1942.

The past season has again seen us without the services of many members who have been called to the forces. In particular we have missed Bill Sutton, one of our most popular and valued exponents. Ron Jeal also has not been able to turn out until the last few matches.

We have been glad to welcome a new member in the person of Pat Ridge of the Irish Guards, whose shot putting and discus throwing are first class and have been extremely useful in gaining us first places in several matches. His outstanding efforts have been 38ft. 0ins. in the shot at the third North v. South match and 127ft. 5½ins. for the discus at the first North v. South match.

Charlie Melchior has again been our outstanding javelin thrower. His best efforts have been 177ft. 5ins. at Imber Court against the Police and 169ft. 10ins. against the N.F.S. at Chiswick. Melchior has also given good support in the shot and discus. Ron Jeal on his first appearance of the season pulled out a good throw of 163ft. 0ins. to get second to Melchior in the last North v. South match. George Powell has again lent valuable assistance when circumstances permitted.

One of our most promising field events exponents, L. J. Higgins, has again shown excellent form and improvement on his last season's performances. His javelin efforts have shown most improvement. At the last North v. South match when he showed 147ft. 0ins., an improvement of over 20ft. in the season was very good. Higgins has repeated his successes in the A.A.A. Open Handicaps and must also be congratulated on winning all three throwing events in the junior match v. Dorking St. Paul's A.C.

We have missed the services of Frank Simmons and our Field Events Captain in these events.

The high jump is another event in which we have been short. We have had the help of Gowans, the Whitgift schoolboy, in a few matches and his best effort was 6ft. 8ins. in the 1st North v. South match.

We have, however, during the season enrolled a number of junior members, among whom there are several who are interested in Field Events.

Amongst these are Wise, Adey, Savage and Leigh, who are definitely interested in high jumping, an event for which in the past we have had no exponents, but with these recruits it is hoped that the Club will soon take its rightful place amongst high jumpers.

I shall be very pleased to meet any of these younger members and help them to the best of my ability.

T. C. JONES.

JUNIORS.

Quite a number of juniors having joined lately, Dick Savage thought the time opportune to once again stage the "Savage Shield" race. It having been decided at the commencement of hostilities to suspend ALL championships until after the war, it has been decided to hold a "substitute" race only. Dick has offered to provide the first medal and Tom Carte and Les Cohen have offered medals for second and third places. The usual 5 miles course will be used and competitors must be under 21 years on the day of the race. The proposed date is December 19th. A sealed handicap will be held in conjunction.

It has also been decided to hold another junior race on February 13th, when it is hoped that other junior clubs may join in.

The Southern Counties C.C.A. will hold their junior team race on March 6th at Whetstone, from the quarters of the Shaftesbury Harriers. The age limit for this race is under 20 years on day of race.

OBITUARY.

We have to record with regret that Cyril Martin, of Worcester Park, was killed at sea whilst serving with the Royal Navy. He was in his 20th year.

Introduced by Norman Shrubbs in April, 1940, Martin had a fine record as an athlete at school and it was confidently expected he had a great future, particularly as a half miler.

Alen Jerman—who met with a fatal cycling accident. Alen was a sergeant gunner in the R.A.F. and had been on the first "1000 bomber" raid to Germany. Alen joined us from Salford Harriers in 1937 and had performed consistently well over the country, and it had been hoped would have had a great athletic future.

Arthur Allum who had been discharged from the army owing to continued ill-health. Arthur joined us in October, 1928. First won the 3 miles track championship in 1930 and won both 7 and 10 miles cross country championship in both 1931 and 1932. In 1931 he was 2nd in the "Southern" and 5th in the National at Kettering and so became our first cross country international. In the International race which was held at Dublin he finished 9th, being the 6th Englishman. In 1932 he underwent an operation for mastoid.

FIXTURE LIST.

- Oct. 3. Home Opening Run and A.G.M
 10. Home 3 Miles Rum Handicap and R.W.A. 3 Miles Open Road
 Walk Handicap.
 17. Home S.C.C.C.A. 5 Miles Race.
 24. Away *v.* London Fire Force at Hayes (Kent).
 31. Home *v.* Thames H. & H.
- Nov. 7.
 14. Away S.C.C.C.A. 5 Miles Race at Ruislip.
 28. Away *v.* Metropolitan Police at Rayes (Kent).
- Dec. 6. Away *v.* Thames Valley H. at Cranford.
 12. Away S.C.C.C.A. 5 Miles Race at Epsom.
 12. Home N.F.S. Open 5 Miles Walk.
 19. Home Savage Shield 5 Miles Junior (21 age) and Sealed Handicap
 26. Home S.W.C. Open 5 Miles Walk.
- Jan. 2. County Races
 9. Home *v.* Thames Valley H.
 16. Away *v.* Thames H. & H. at Roehampton.
 23. Home Army Units.
 30. Away Metropolitan Police 7 Miles Open Walk.
 30. Home *v.* Metropolitan Police.
- Feb. 6. Away *v.* Fitchley H. at Ruislip.
 13. Home Junior Inter Clubs Walton A.C., etc.
 20. Away S.C.C.C.A. 7½ Miles Race at Chingford.
 20. Away Woodford Green 7 Miles Open Walk.
- Mar. 6. Away S.C.C.C.A. Junior 6 Miles Race at Shaftesbury H.
 13. Home *v.* London Fire Force.
 „ Home Club Open 7 Miles Walk.
 27. Away S.C.C.C.A. 7½ Miles Race at Hayes.
 20. County Walks.
- Apr. 3. Away British Workers' 10 Miles Open.

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