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EDITORIAL.

It has been decided to number each edition of the "Belgravian," and after delving into past issues it has been decided that this is the 95th edition, which number appears on the cover. This will enable members to check up whether they accidentally miss a copy.

Many years ago there were typewritten publications of Club news, notably in the days of Bob Ricketts. The first regular printed "Belgravian" was one of the many fine jobs which Harry Hare did for the Club. Ben Knifton and Alf Harley continued the good work, and when the present editor took over, the Gazette was a well-established part of the Club. Its scope is the recording of results with personal anecdotes and experiences and topical articles by members on athletics and Club topics.

When the war came the Committee decided to maintain its production as it afforded the chief means of contact between members. Thanks to members keeping us informed of their movements the Club, although its members are scattered across the globe, still retains its unity. That the gazette is appreciated is obvious from the letters we continually get from members, and they all express satisfaction and gratitude at what is being done to keep Belgrave going.

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Another winter season is over, and the popularity of our sport has continued. After five winters of black-out, rationing, increased duties and less leisure, runners and walkers have found time and opportunities for training and racing. And what racing it has been! In general a high level of performance has been shown in all events, and some close racing has resulted. To this general well-being our runners and walkers have made a large contribution.

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Our C.C. team had an unbeaten record in Senior matches, but in the Southern Counties races, where only four men counted, they were beaten in both the 7½ miles events after winning the three 5 miles events. The walkers, thanks again to our strong Police contingent have done well against strong teams. Our successes were largely due to the leadership of our two captains, Tom Carter and Bob Readman. Both have set their respective sections fine examples by brilliant individual performances.

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We have had a number of Junior fixtures, mostly with the newer clubs. The Juniors have performed with great credit, and tribute must be paid to the excellent running of Derrick Burfitt. Still in his middle 'teens he has a formidable series of wins to his name. In the Middlesex Junior he decisively beat the holder, a much older and bigger youth, but most unfortunately in the Middlesex pre-Services championship he went off the course about a quarter of a mile from the finish when out all on his own.

Kent Cuff is another brilliant youngster who should develop. He was the Surrey pre-Services championship comfortably.

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Elsewhere will be found "bouquets" from the Hon. Sec. to the various members who comprise the "back-room boys" of the Club. As number one of this hardworking band Harry Parker deserves our warmest thanks. When in the post-war years we look back on how the Club carried on during the difficult times of war, we will remember his excellent work with gratitude.

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The Hon. Treasurer was most pleased to receive a subscription from a serving member thousands of miles away, and who hasn't been to the Hall for three or four years. Bill Webb hopes that this sporting gesture will prick the consciences of those many other members who are fortunate in being able to make full use of the Club's amenities.

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Once again an appeal is made for members not to discard nor destroy any old programmes, Press-cuttings, etc., dealing with the Club's early days. A few members are interesting themselves in the early history of the Club, and, at a later date, may be glad to have access to such material. Therefore, please retain them, or, if desperate, send them along. It is preferable, in view of air-raided risks, that there should not be a lot of papers, etc., at any one place, so don't send them unless the only alternative is the salvage box.

A truly amazing admission was made at a recent committee meeting by a well-known cross-country runner, an energetic Club official, and one who is on the staff of H.M. Government, that he did not know that Percy Wright was collecting airgraphs in order to raise funds for the "Overseas Cup."

This is one of Percy's many brainwaves, and he has some, believe me! So it's up to ALL of us, whether walkers, runners or field events men to HELP. So don't destroy your airgraphs when finished with, but hand them over to the Hon. Sec., or send direct to Percy. If possible send the envelope also.

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Upon making what I believed to be an ordinary sort of enquiry, I was sharply reminded by the Editor of the B.N.L. that it goes to Press at least a month ahead of publication. This is another reason why you should read your copy and pass it on immediately.

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One Saturday afternoon recently a member in the Somerset Light Infantry, stationed in the neighbourhood of Hythe (Kent) paid us a visit at Belgrave Hall. He appeared to be known to the Hon. Treasurer, but his name cannot be recollected. If the member reads this will he please send his name and address to the Hon. Sec. Meanwhile our apologies for the bother.

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The Hon. Sec. wishes to thank Dick Savage for the help he has so ungrudgingly given during the last winter season, both as timekeeper and trail layer, also to George Clay, Norman Dewberry and Will Inge.

Neither must we overlook Charlie Jones. He so impressed a certain Club official with his ability in organising a holiday tour last summer that he was invited to use those same talents in organising our first war-time dance. This he did with such success that he was asked to promote a second one. Our thanks and congratulations to Charlie as the first Social Organiser to make a profit for a number of years!

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In passing we must not forget to thank Sir Harry for the very able manner in which he has carried on the job of team secretary during the last season. Despite his many long journeys away from town he is always up to date with his job. Few members realise the amount of work which devolves upon Club officials, particularly nowadays when meetings are held on Saturdays only. It behoves all members to assist Club Officers to the best of their ability.

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Similarly we give thanks to the Walking Secretary, Syd Roberts. With the numbers of walkers further diminished he has got teams together for "Opens" and Club Matches. The success of our teams in Open Handicaps are largely due to his skill in team selection. This in turn depends upon up-to-the-minute knowledge of each individual's performance on handicap. We thank Syd for his efforts and for his wisdom. Once again he was responsible for another successful Open Walk.

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Les Cohen, with the aid of his wife, is still doing a grand job of work with the Supporters' Club, and hopes to be able to accept many more members next season.

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In passing thanks to all those who have so ably helped during the last winter season. The Hon. Sec. hopes that none will take offence if their name has not been mentioned individually.

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Vests have been received from the following, with many thanks: Bob Boyden, Len Rollins and Ken O'Kell. Still more vests are required for new members, and any member having more than one who wishes to assist, please send to the Hon. Sec.

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The Hon. Sec. apologises and would explain that owing to a breakdown in arrangements Club Christmas Cards were not available last season.

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Members eligible for the Southern Junior Championships, which are being held on June 17th at Chiswick, should advise Fred Clay (Junior Leader) or the Hon. Sec. For the purpose of these championships a Junior is over the age of sixteen and under nineteen on the day of the race. There are "standards" to all events, so that although you may have no chance of winning, you can have a go at the standard time (or distance for field events).

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WANTED. An enthusiastic Belgravian who has a liking for journalism to undertake writing weekly news paragraphs of the Club's activities for local papers. Applicant should be a live wire. Wages—the usual (grouses if no notes appear, and no thanks if they do!) Further particulars of this honorary work from the Hon. Sec.

Ernie Duffett is already doing a good job of work in this respect with the Croydon local papers. Charlie Jones is also doing a share. The above really applies to the Wimbledon, Putney, Barnes, Wandsworth and Hammersmith districts.

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A new member writes: "Thank you for your letter containing the Belgrave Harriers meetings. Unfortunately on the 9th (October) I have to go to Scotland and at present do not know how long it will be necessary to stay there. Last Saturday, October 2nd, I ran in the Three Miles

Road Race and enjoyed it very much. As soon as I return to London I will let you know. There really is not much else to say except to thank you all for the kindness you and all the members I have so far met have extended to me." Such letters are greatly appreciated by Club officials.

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Our congratulations to our old friend Dennis Brickwood, of Mitcham fame, on his recent marriage to Betty Lock, also well known to many of our members. Dennis is a Lieutenant in the "Recce" and Betty is in the W.A.A.F. Dennis will be remembered as having beaten Arthur Allum "up the straight" in that memorable finish to the Brighton Relay in April, 1937.

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Track training will be held at Tooting Bec Track and Club nights will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. Belgrave Hall will remain open on Saturday afternoons for road work and distance training.

The Polytechnic Harriers invite members to train at their Stadium at Grove Park, Chiswick, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6.0 p.m.

Belgrave Hall will remain open on Saturday afternoons for those who like road and distance training.

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Christinas Greetings were received from the following members and friends: Charlie Churcher (M.E.F.), Cyril Pateman (Ceylon), R.S.M. Bretherick (C.M.F.), Alf Orton (M.E.F.), Will Rispin (C.M.F.), Jimmy Kemp (B.W.A.), Harry Titherley (C.M.F.), Ken Sheail (C.M.F.), Bill Hewitt (B.N.A.F.), Alec Ball (R.N. Iceland), Frank Halls (B.N.A.F.), Jack Watts (Tripoli), Roy Day (H.M.S. Tyrian), Norman Shrubbs (India), Joe Flower (B.W.A.), Arthur Beaumont (C.M.F.), Alf Miller (C.M.F.), Bill Snell (M.E.F.), Bill Sutton (C.M.F.), Len Coleman (W. Africa), Colin Sutton (India), Wally Ives (India), Bert Clayton (Aden), Lionel Spooner (M.E.F.), Max Quackenbos (U.S.A.), Alf Harley, Dick Towndrow, Stan Botwright, Fred Bradnum, Len Herbert, Art Penny, Ben and Audrey May, Jack and Mrs. Chappell, George Durrant, Megaphone Man Cook, W. Percy Roberts, Ken and Mrs. Margaret O'Kell, Norman Graves, Jack Field, Laurie Jackson, Frank Elson, Joe Coleman, Ted Jury, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Murphy, John Frost, "Lillian" (bless her heart!), Hon. Sec. Wirral, A.C., Bill Butler and the M.P.A.A., Albert Dale and the L.F.F., Harry Hall and the Southern Counties C.C.A.

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NEW MEMBERS.

The undermentioned have joined since the last issue, and we wish them all a successful and happy association with the Club:

R. J. R. Bates, West Croydon; A. R. Botwright (born 20/8/42); G. W. Clay, New Malden; K. J. Child, Thornton Heath; M. T. Edwards, S.W.19; R. J. Edwards, S.W.18; R. W. Farrington, S.W.15; E. Gailly, S.W.7; H. J. Garrett, S.W.20; R. W. D. Higgins, S.W.20; P. J. Kirk, S.W.6; P. Larking, S.W.7; E. G. McKeown (E. Molesey); T. H. Morrell, Rainham, Essex; R. Margetti, Thornton Heath; D. Pollard, S.W.4; G. M. Pearson, W.4; A. O. Tookey, Bromley; J. Wakefield, S.W.6; M. P. G. Wright (born 29/2/44—Cwmarn).

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

This feature, so greatly appreciated by the lads away from home, is only made possible by members keeping in touch with the Club, so please help by writing to the Hon. Secretary when there's some news—especially if you change your address. A lot of returned correspondence, "Gone Away," "Not Known," etc., would be avoided if this small detail was fulfilled. A new method of arranging News of Members is being tried. Broadly speaking, it is Overseas first, followed by Home Forces, then Civilians; i.e., the farther you are away from home, the higher up the list you should be!

Arthur Beales (Pilot Officer) brought down in a raid on Germany. Has found his way into the cookhouse of the prison camp where he now is. Trust a Belgrave man to find his way to the food!

Les Bennett. No further news has been received since we heard that he was a P.O.W. in Japan.

Frank Halls was posted missing from Anzio. It has since been heard that he was wounded and is now a P.O.W.

Charles Churcher still with the M.E.F. and has recently been moved to Shandhour. He has been well to the fore in Palestine walking events. On January 31st he won a 3,000 metres walk from scratch in 14mins. 07.5secs.—31 seconds better than the existing record held by Friedlander. Earlier, in December, he won a Seven Miles Road Walk, organised by the Paymasters, by nearly 3 minutes in 59mins. 15secs. An old rival, Maurice Horton (Surrey W.C.), was third, and Bruton, of Enfield, was another of the 23 competitors. Charlie received a medal, "quite a nice thing," from the Colonel's wife. Then followed tea, where the walkers were waited on by the Major and Officers. Charlie pays tribute to Len Spooner, who put in some hard work in connection with the race. Later in the day Charlie, Len, Horton, Bruton, and friends spent a convivial evening talking of walking and drinking wine. Horton gave a toast to Belgrave, and Charlie replied with a toast to Surrey W.C.

Congratulations, Charlie, especially as you have added a Palestine record to your fine achievements. We all hope that you will be able to repeat your performances at your new abode.

"**Quack,**" or as his American friends call him, Max Quackenbos (Jnr.), sends an interesting letter giving news of the American Indoor Season. Dodds won five One Mile Races, slowest 4.10.6, fastest 4.08.3. The coloured boys almost monopolised the sprints. The best 880yds. was 1.53. In the absence of Rice the Two Miles went to Hunter in 9.20, with veteran McCluskey doing 9.25. The High Jump and Pole Vault went at 6ft. 6in. and 14ft. respectively. Regarding his own prowess, he has been competing in the Two Miles Events and clocking about 9.50 for fifth or sixth place. In a Two Miles Handicap he went through the field from scratch, but was beaten by another scratch man by inches in 9.37.5. Well run, Quack, you've certainly got a lot faster since you left here, you must come over and stir up some of our Two-Milers—and the handicapper!

Frank Webb, although nearly a veteran, is now overseas and further information is awaited as to his destination. Says he had a good trip out. We have since heard that he is in South Africa.

Bill Sutton is finding Italy to his liking and has found a good billet with good food (nice work!). Spent a night in the mountains and enjoyed a fall of snow. Is becoming an authority on Ancient Italian History. Gets plenty of walking on his "job." Longingly thinks of socials with piles of cream buns.

Bill Snell is very busy in the Middle East, even when "off duty," as his mates have discovered that Bill is a tailor. He sends his congratulations to all the boys who are helping to keep Belgrave to the fore, and to everybody he sends his best wishes. Has been doing some track running.

Bert Clayton, out in Aden, has had a short stay in hospital. Is keeping fit with a little horse riding and swimming, and is keeping his weight below eleven stones.

Jack Watts, another Eastleigh lad, and has also been "in dock," having spent about two months there. Has been doing a little training. For some time we lost touch with Jack, but he is now in Italy. Looks forward to seeing the chaps again.

Teddy Read is still in India, and, according to Lilian, has just gained his first ring and become a Pilot Officer. Congrats., Teddy.

Norman Shrubbs, also in India, and doing his best to enjoy himself (and successfully we hope). He is after promotion, and is now awaiting the result of an interview.

Len Coleman, still getting around, and is now, we believe, in S. Africa. Entered a One Mile Handicap with hopes of a novice mark, and found himself on scratch, giving away up to 200 yards. Fame will out!

Colin Sutton reports the following walking results from an Indian Provincial Championship meeting: 5,000 metres: 1 Dutta, 26m. 14s.; 2 Sutton, 27.14 (the winner is the Indian record-holder). 50 kilos: 1 Sinha, 5h. 47m.; 2 Sutton, 5h. 55m., the distance had been altered to 35 miles. Colin was chosen to represent the Province in the All-India Championships. He concludes by saying that they think his style is just perfect—judges please note!

The Belchamber Brothers' latest news is that Tony has left Algiers, destination unknown, and Francis has left Madagascar for E. Africa.

Lionel Spooner having been away from these shores for some years he is hoping to be HOME on leave shortly. We hope that we shall soon be getting a first-hand account of walking in Palestine.

Alan Lomas whom we have not heard of for some time now, is, presumably, still in Canada and busy with Flying Courses. His father writes that he sends him news of the Club's doings.

Jack Edwards writes from Libya how glad he was to receive the "Belgravian" with news of all his old friends. "Congratulations to all those at home in keeping the name of Belgrave well to the front, and when conversation out here turns to athletics you should hear me tell them about the best Club in the British Isles." He wants his son, Michael, to become a "Bel" and visualises a 3 miles road race in 1964 with young Edwards giving old Edwards half an hour's start—what a day! (What you really mean, Jack, is—what a headache for the handicapper).

Strinmo's brother, R.N., is with a patrol vessel stationed in the Faoes, half-way between here and the North Pole. Not much chance of running out there, except to keep warm.

Fred Bradnum (otherwise known as Brad) writes a very long and interesting letter of hush-hush matter, and promises to give details when "this show" is over. Says his life this last year has been very adventurous, having been behind the scenes in North Africa and in enemy-occupied countries.

Jack Shotter, now a Captain in command of an Indian training establishment, with 800 to keep an eye on. Sends a most interesting letter—hockey, hunting wild animals, and showing a clean pair of heels to the Sepoys. Has been in India since 1941, been in nearly every province, and his next place will be Arakan.

Roy Day sends a very interesting letter from the Mediterranean and hopes we have noticed the exploits of his ship, H.M.S. Tyrian, in the Adriatic and Sicilian regions, and has been unable to get in any running training in consequence. Hopes soon to be back to enjoy his Sunday mornings on the track at Battersea. Later: In hospital, having a good time.

George Long after touring England and Scotland is now on a world tour. Having visited India he is now in Ceylon, and appears to be enjoying himself. He says, "After a month in India I had a week's journey in an Indian carriage which reminded me of the annual trip to Ilford in the celebrated cattle-trucks." (What will the L.N.E.R. say to that?) He had three week's leave in five, and is 6,000 feet up in a wonderful climate—with plenty of facilities for training. Saw part of the Ceylon A.A.A. championships with a 2.8 half and 16.27 three miles, also he intends to give his spikes an airing "and have a go." Sends his best wishes to all the boys, and hopes the team it still winning.

Frank King is another in India, but further details are lacking.

Dan Patience, after being wounded in N. Africa, came home for a while and had a few runs for the Club. He now has an addition to his Club vest—the African Ribbon, which was remarked upon by one Press commentator. He is now back in Italy with his brother Alec. We wish them both the best of luck and a speedy and safe return.

Alf Miller, writing from Italy, says: "We have knocked up a few miles and been places. The weather has alternated between very nice and very bad, so that we have sampled everything—including Italian vino, but give ME a pint from the "Barley Mow." The very best to all, and may this show soon be over, so that we can have a good social with the interval sprint to "The Swan."

Peter George is, we understand, still in Canada undergoing his air training.

Jimmy Kemp is climbing the ladder of promotion and is now acting sergeant. He is also "Seeing the World at the Government's expense," for his last letter is dated from E. Africa. He bemoans the fact that he is losing the best time of his life from a running viewpoint, "for the only exercise that is at all welcome is swimming." He says he's going native and has to learn Swahili. Hope he doesn't try it on us on his return, for we shouldn't know whether he was swearing or telling the truth!

Jim Beer, now in India, has been doing some racing and gained a third in both the half and one mile. He was chasing Manley, of Woodford Green. How small the world is nowadays! Of the "Belgravian" he writes, "I got a grand kick out of it when I read about the boys, give them all my best regards."

Arthur Beaumont writes from Italy: It's pouring down outside, you can hardly get your plates of meat out of the mud. I'll never look the five miles course at Wimbledon in the face again after all this mud. We're in a smashing place. The Ities do our washing, and there is a town a few miles away where we can see a film and an E.N.S.A. show every so often. Just returned from the Eighth Army Rest Camp. Went into Bari to hear the opera. We spent most of our time between the films and the vino. We arrived back very refreshed. Met "Spud" (B. D.) Taylor, who was a Club sprinter, at the A.P.O. there.

Alf Harley forms a convenient link with members abroad and at home by being on his way overseas at the time of going to press. Best of Luck and Bon Voyage to you, Alf, and may we soon be seeing you home again. Meanwhile, we shall miss him, for he always turned up whenever he was on leave, and the Committee will miss his wise counsel, for Alf was always

in touch wherever he was. Perhaps he will be meeting some of his Club friends overseas—if there are any athletes his way he's sure to nose them out. No doubt he will have many interesting experiences to tell of, and we are eagerly awaiting to hear of his whereabouts.

His address is Flt.-Lt. A. A. Harley, 87918, A9867, R.A.F., c/o A.P.O. 6525.

Bert Foster, stationed at a kicking-off place for the Invasion, is now a Corporal in the R.M. Commandoes. Congrats. on the second stripe, Bert. He has paid several welcome visits to the Hall and has told us in vivid detail of the hard life and training of a Commando. Suffice it to say that it all sounded like the pains and heartrendings of training for the "National." He looked very fit on it and gave us all his Best Wishes. A member returned from overseas writes "he's the right type for that job—unlimited guts and the cussedness of ten men. I'll always remember the little devil's grit and determination in his cross-country runs." Good old Bert.

Percy Wright presents us with a new member, Martin Percy George, born 29th February. Three new members in five years, a Club war-time record at least. Our congratulations to Ma, Pa, and Martin and a welcome to Belgrave. Further congrats. to Percy on the third birthday of his other child the B.N.L. Every B.N.L. which goes overseas (twelve a month) is accompanied by a letter. Month by month the B.N.L. regularly appears with up-to-the-minute news of our walkers both at home and overseas. He has earned and gained the wholehearted thanks of the walkers. Percy, in turn, passes thanks, and so do we, to his two hard-working assistants, Charlie Redgrave and Jack Rutland. We are not surprised when we see Percy up to town for an "Open," but when he tells us that he has taken part in the Cycle Hill Climbing Contests with the Cwmcarn Paragon C.C. it just leaves you flat. I believe that's what Percy said about the hills he had to tackle!

Charlie Redgrave also finds time for producing first-rate shows for the Forces in Skegness. He has often earned high commendations from the "Higher-ups." Well done! Charlie, keep it going.

Jack Rutland still in Wales and trying to arrange for more walking races in those parts. Occasionally gets up for an "Open Walk" and is a great asset to our teams.

John Flower "for ever more" and back in England after sixteen months' sojourn in the "White man's grave," and has now one ring on his sleeve to his credit. Congratulations, Pilot Officer. He is now at Cranwell, and sends a most interesting letter. Says he was appointed Sports Officer, and got things cracking, 14 events in 3 hours last November, and got the A.O.C. down from H.Q. Of the "Belgravian" he says it is really a tonic, and brings back pleasant memories hearing about all one's old friends, and wishes all the newcomers as happy an association with the Club as he has had. Nicely said, Joe.

Len Rollins, R.N.V.R., "on board" H.M.S. Lochaibort, writes congratulatory messages to all those concerned in producing such a wonderful October "Belgravian." He says that running is part of his routine training, but as he is usually in the first three the standard must be low! I suggest he has considerably reduced his "middle-age spread" and is very fit (handicappers please do not note). "Give my kind regards to all."

Bill Lucas very much "browned off" at being stuck in the North of Scotland on instructional work. However, he is doing a bit of cross-country training and has managed to get several more interested, and hopes for a little competition with other centres.

Stan Botwright writes a most interesting letter from Staffordshire—inspired by the last “Belgravian”—which he describes as bearing the unmistakable trait of good comradeship—the binding link between those abroad and those at home. “What happy memories are re-born, the social evenings, dances, dinners, “Dicky” Bird, Percy Wright, and a host of others.” Is the proud father of a 1960 team member, Alan Raymond, born August 20th, 1942. Congratulations to both father and son (not a word about poor mother!). We also congratulate Stan on his promotion to “Flight.”

Laurie Jackson writes from Folkestone “Wishing all members a very Happy New Year, and may 1944 bring Peace!” He has been transferred from the “Buffs” to the “Die Hards.” Frequently hears from Bill Sutton and they intend to have the railings by the putting circle or the track, at Battersea Park, shifted a bit, thanks to Army training.

Len Marchant has moved on again and is now stationed in Lincolnshire. He is still training assiduously, and Jack Crump has already nosed him out!

Jack Field, now a gunner in a H.A.A. camp in N. Wales, sends best wishes to all his old Club pals.

“**Stimmo**,” some say “Good old Sarge,” is now happily married, having taken unto himself a wife on July 17th. Congrats. to you both. Says he has retired from running as he finds he’s too old at 28! Whew!

John Quinlan now transferred to the I.O.M. (not the M.O.I.) and is enjoying the sea breezes at Douglas, and learning all about many funny things. Says of the last “Belgravian” “the best publication I have read since leaving the old firm.”

George Durrant, back with the R.A.C. after his illness last year, reports very fit. Our sympathies are with George, as he had his home bombed during November. His mother is now out of hospital.

Bill True is still at Sandhurst. He met with an accident in a tank, but has since recovered. Often visits the Hall, but unfortunately missed our Open Walk. Was out in the Surrey County Road Walk.

Will Rispin, home on leave from Italy and looking very bronzed and fit, has been to the Hall and enjoyed an outing on the Common.

Tommy Scrimshaw has left Scotland and now does his R.A.F. duties in London and is now billeted at home. Has been to the Hall to chat over old times and to cast his eye on some of our younger talent.

Teddy Greenwood now in the veteran stage. Paid a visit to the Hall when on short leave and gave his shoes an airing. He is stationed at Bicester, and owing to pressure of work finds little time for running.

G.H.M.S. Jones rarely misses an opportunity of a training jaunt when on leave from Derby.

Doug. Woodhead, now a Sergeant in the R.A.F. and stationed in Oxfordshire, sends greetings. Says he has now passed out as a Navigator and will soon be going on operations. Our best wishes go with you Doug.—but be careful!

Harry Owen, of whom we had not heard for some considerable time, now writes from Southampton and says he is in the Navy and considers it a grand life. He has been doing some racing, and was recently second in a 4½ miles race. Well done, Harry!

David Laing, stationed near the Cheviots, finds the "ups and downs" too awe-inspiring to attempt any running, and longs for the grassy flats of Wimbledon. The hills also frightened a colleague, who promptly discarded his spikes. Dave has claimed these and sent them South for disposal. What offers?

Charlie Smart is stationed some distance from a railway station, and finds travelling to Belgrave Hall a difficult matter. He has managed it once or twice, and joined the party travelling to Halton in January for the match v. the R.A.F. He was obviously short of training and below his usual form and we appreciate that sporting spirit which took him many miles to help the Club.

Jimmy Green, who has been laying off this winter in order to give his legs a rest, is reporting O.K. and is looking forward to a good summer season. Has ambitions to promote a pukka sports meeting in the Medway towns immediately after peace is declared, and would like the full support of all members.

Will Applebee, now a P.O. Telegraphist on H.M.S. Berry, writes his thanks for the "Belgravian" which keeps him supplied with news of other members, and at week-ends he often thinks of the enjoyable times he has had.

Ray Dunford now in the R.A.F. and stationed in Cornwall. More news is awaited.

Jeff Dickinson is another who is now with the R.A.F., and was last heard of in the Cambridge district, further news is awaited.

Bill Jones still up in Yorkshire, where he gets an occasional race. We were all pleased to see him "take his bashing" in the Club Open.

Don Brown is still in the Sussex Weald, but gets no opportunity for training. It is learned that his son, now aged five, walks just like his father. Another champion, we hope!

Frank Elson is very busy with a lot of training on his hands. He is fit and well and sends good wishes to all Belgravians—of whom he has many good words to say.

Frank Abberton is still stationed in one of the beauty spots in England, but unable to find time to do any running. Perhaps a counter-attraction—who knows?

Roy Woodhead having completed his initial training as a "foot-slogger" has now settled down in Salop for a period of more intensive training. He has been promoted to Lance-Corporal. He is now learning to drive lorries and mortar carriers and has been nicknamed "Killer," so Jerry had better look out for himself! For the time being athletics is out of the question.

Forrester, Gunner A., writes asking for the whereabouts of Jacky Gifford. Any information to the Hon. Sec. please.

Michael Broadbent we understand is now stationed in Leicestershire, but gets little opportunity for running.

Norman Graves has started travelling again and, this time is at Banff, in Scotland. For the uninitiated Banff is 587 miles from London on the N.E. Coast of Scotland, so that puts paid to hitch-hiking to London for awhile.

Megaphone Man Cook writes that he has been moved from his comfortable barracks to another part of Dorset, where recreation is unheard of, and hopes to be moving again shortly. Says he has passed his W.O.S.B. (sounds like ITMA) for a Commission.

Alec Mewes, we understand, is home on leave from the M.E.F. Alec is on our list of lost contacts, so can anybody furnish particulars of his present whereabouts please.

Len Herbert is still in Staffs. and gets along occasionally. We hope to be seeing him more frequently this summer.

Eric Herbert also stationed far away, and enjoys a run when home on leave.

Dick Michael (Lieut. R.N.) is, we understand, on board H.M.S. Sidmouth and enjoying cruising around the English Coast.

Joe Daly, we understand, is home on leave from Malta, G.M., but has failed to find his way to Wimbledon. Has any member news?

Jack Bidgood having been posted to C.O. hopes to resume serious training and competition. Many were the surreptitious looks his way when he appeared in uniform at the Hall recently.

Fred Rickards, whom we lost contact, writes from Bow and wants to know how we found him—he ought to know, seeing he is a policeman! He has been away from duty sick, but is now back again. "Please give my kind regards to all."

Jock Martin has recently moved to Hounslow West. Hopes to get along and meet some of his old friends. Jock was responsible for introducing Percy Wright to the Club, and spent a lot of time coaching him.

Fireman Tom Cotton, now stationed at Wimbledon, sends greetings and regrets he has not been able to get to the Hall recently. We are sorry to hear his wife is in hospital and sincerely trust she will soon be back home. Our sympathies, Tom.

Ernie Duffett, whose job as a "copper" keeps him away from the Hall, has a most unthankful job as a Club Handicapper, but to be paid a compliment by the cross-country member is indeed a feather in his cap. Twice this season when the results of handicaps have been worked out it has been said, "A damned fine handicap."

Arthur Bannister is now on a "beat" in the Isle of Man, looking after internees we presume.

George Glazier is finishing his Infantry Training in Ireland.

Pat Larking writes that he feels that his association with the Club will be a happy one, and that Sergeant Bob Readman has been most encouraging (good old "Sarge").

Reg Elson has been transferred from the Fire Force to a war factory, having nearly become a sailor in the process.

Ken O'Kell, upon receiving the Gazette, writes from Manchester: "Hearty congrats. on the catalogue layout—it's great to hear smatterings of news of all the chaps I think so much of." Thanks, Ken, and thanks for the Christmas box for the Club you enclosed. It is sincerely hoped that other members will follow your example.

Harry Thaxter, still at the Sun Inn, Diss, Norfolk, will be pleased to welcome any Belgravian visiting his district. It is understood that he has plenty of beer!

Dick Murphy, having spotted the Hon. Sec. gazing wistfully at Utility pyjamas in the Strand, felt it was time he wrote, and sends New Year Greetings to all the Boys and THE Club! How many present-day members remember the toffee Mrs. Murphy used to make, the proceeds from the sale of thereof being thrown in the hat to help pay the club's expenses account! (How many would like a piece of the same sort of toffee to-day?)

Ernie Musselbrook, who will be remembered by some of the "old 'uns" as a team stalwart of "Great War" days, and who rejoined the Forces again for this War, writes that the Army has at last found him too old, so he has once again returned to civilian life. How many remember Chas. Graves' cartoon of Ernie in his "tea cosy" cap in the "Sporting Life" of March, 1914, on the occasion of the Southern at Guildford? Memories! He is very proud of his unbroken membership which dates back to the summer of 1911, and would like to know how many who are still attached can beat this period.

George Still, our oldest competitive cross-country runner, who joined us in November, 1899, is indeed to be heartily congratulated on winning a prize in his 67th year in the Three Miles Road Handicap in October. George did all his racing with the Wandle, Unity and Highgate Harriers, and has won International, National and Southern medals galore. For some years now he has made a regular habit of doing his three, four or five (or even more) miles every Saturday afternoon, always willing to take along any youngsters with him. Many of our members, also the Club itself, have much to thank George for. Always willing to help, a cheery word, and a world of advice. Never so happy as when recounting anecdotes of famous handicap meetings and encounters with Joe Binks, Bill Pepper and others. For many years, both winter and summer, walked to work from Battersea to Long Acre and was an all-the-year-round open-air swimmer.

Albert Chetland, another enthusiastic veteran, writes upon receiving the "Belgravian": "Many thanks for the Glad Tidings—I can almost see the postscript, 'You have not paid your subscription!'"

Charlie Specchley, our evergreen walker, was not feeling up to the mark and so had to miss "Our Open," much to his regret. Few members know that Charlie is also (or has been) an accomplished swimmer and diver, and some years ago very narrowly missed his Olympic Colours. Time rolls inexorably on, Charlie!

Bill Speaight suffered from leg strain last season and gave up racing this winter. He had started training again and is looking very fit.

Eddie Jury regrets he has not been along lately because of long hours of work. He is keeping fit and hopes to make a visit shortly. Has gained two second places in road walks down Portsmouth way.

Frank Thomson officiated at the "Open Walk," but was far from well. Frank has been most unfortunate with his health recently, and we all hope that we shall soon see him completely restored.

Percy Roberts, who met with an accident to his leg, writes that he has made a good recovery and hopes to be sprinting again next summer.

Fred Ford (senior) paid a visit to Belgrave Hall to see the protégé of his son win the Savage Shield in convincing style. He has been seriously ill and in and out of hospital for nearly twelve months. We hope we shall be seeing him more frequently in the near future.

A. Harley (senior), perhaps better known as Alf's father, has recovered from a recent illness. He is a keen Belgravian and is one of our best supporters.

Bill Fish. We have no recent news of Bill's progress after his illness. We hope to be seeing him during the summer at some of the meetings.

Wally Jewell will have the sympathy and congratulations of all members on his recent "incident." To have an H.E. with a D.A. right through one's house, burying itself 20 feet in the foundations, whilst still in it, and get away with it is indeed a most miraculous experience.

Joe Turner is another who has suffered from the effects of severe blast in a recent raid.

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WITH THE WALKERS

The passing year has seen still more of our walkers being absorbed in the Armed Forces, but despite this handicap and the increasing difficulty of getting leave at the right time, the Club continues to give a good account of itself in the face of quite strong opposition. The activities of our absent members appear elsewhere.

For the first time since the war started we held the "Horwood Cup" Race. Unfortunately, for various unavoidable reasons, the field didn't prove so big as was expected, but it gave us the opportunity of seeing some of our Juniors out on their own. The Club Open once again proved a success, and although the entry was slightly less than last year it was a little above the average of other Opens. We were not so fortunate with our own members, neither Harry Churcher nor Percy Wright being able to turn out, and scratch honours went mostly to Surrey W.C. with first and third and scratch team. We have had both individual and team successes in Open Handicaps. The County Races produced better results than last year. Bob Readman walked splendidly to finish second to Staker in the Middlesex. Had the race been over the pre-war distance of ten miles, Bob may have done even better. Bob improved on his last year's time in once again winning the Police Ten Miles Championship, only 21secs. outside the record for the event; Syd Roberts was third. Since then he has made a "double" of it by being first home in the Seven Miles Police Championship.

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RESULTS

SURREY W.C. OPEN 5 MILES, SOUTH CROYDON 25th SEPTEMBER

1 N. A. L. Burt (S.W.C.), 37.53; 11 A. Readman, 40.00; 13 H. J. Rouse, 40.10; 23 J. H. A. Robins, 41.30; 35 J. Wilson, 42.25; 45 C. Speechley, 43.00; 59 W. Brunning, 44.57; 64 S. Spencer, 45.22; 68 A. F. Joels, 45.42; 69 N. Blackman, 45.45; 75 Pte. Wilson, 46.50.

Team Handicap: Belgravia 3rd (Bunning, Speechley, Rouse) 108.22

RED CROSS HOUR WALK, PARLIAMENT HILL 2nd OCTOBER

Bob Readman as our only walker to complete 7 miles in the hour. H. Rouse was only 120yds. outside. Others who completed over 6 miles were J. Wilson, W. Brunning, S. G. Spencer, A. F. Joels, A. H. East, N. Blackman.

CLUB HANDICAP, 5 MILES, BELGRAVE HALL 9th OCTOBER

1 A. Readman, 37.54; 2 P. G. Wright, 38.52; 3 H. J. Rouse, 39.24; 4 G. S. Doubleday, 39.49; 5 C. H. Speechley, 40.00; 6 J. H. Robins, 40.09; 7 R. D. McMullen, 40.39; 8 J. Wilson, 40.43; 9 C. Redgrave, 41.18; 10 A. F. Joels, 42.50; 11 W. Brunning, 43.34; 12 S. Spencer, 43.50; 13 N. Blackman, 43.52; 14 A. East, 44.21; 15 W. True, 44.33; 16 A. Martin, 45.13; 17 Pte. Wilson, 46.14; 18 A. Mellish, 47.10.

Handicap: 1 C. Speechley (5.0), 2 G. Doubleday (4.0), 3 S Spencer (7.30).

HIGHGATE OPEN, 7 MILES, PARLIAMENT HILL

23rd OCTOBER

1 C. Megnin (H.H.), 54.58; 13 S. Roberts, 58.57; 14 J. Rutland, 58.59; 20 H. Rouse, 60.03; 22 G. Doubleday, 60.22; 26, J. Robins, 60.37; 40 J. Wilson, 62.57; 67 G. Speechley, 66.23; 69 W. Brunning, 66.27; 75 N. Blackman, 67.33; 77 Pte. Jones, 67.39; 82 A. Mellish, 71.02.

ENFIELD A.C. OPEN, 7 MILES, ENFIELD

6th NOVEMBER

1 C. Megnin (Highgate H.), 56.35; 7 J. Rutland, 57.39; 9 A. Readman, 57.48; 16 S. Roberts, 59.04; 22 H. Rouse, 60.45; 24 J. Robins, 61.11; 43 J. Wilson, 63.03; 55 G. Speechley, 64.28; 67 W. Brunning, 66.58; 73 S. Spencer, 68.06; 78 A. Mellish, 68.45; 85 Pte. Wilson 71.59.

Scratch Team Race: 3rd Belgrave H., 32 points.

MATCH v. SURREY A.C. and W.C., 5 MILES

BELGRAVE HALL, 13th NOVEMBER

1 N. Burt (S.W.C.), 39.59; 2 A. Readman, 41.05; 3 H. Rouse, 41.28; 4 S. Roberts, 42.00; 5 R. McMullen, 42.10; 7 G. Doubleday, 42.38; 16 S. Spencer, 47.12; 17 W. Brunning 47.26; 18 A. Mellish, 48.41; 20 R. Rae, 51.05.

Belgrave H. 59 points; Surrey Club 77 points (8-a-side).

MATCH v. HIGHGATE, 5 MILES, BELGRAVE HALL

27th NOVEMBER

1 E. Staker (H.H.), 38.32; 7 A. Readman, 40.30; 8 R. McMullen, 40.55; 10 H. Rouse, 41.25; 11 G. Doubleday, 41.35; 12 J. Robins, 42.43; 16 C. Speechley, 43.17; 17 A. Tookey, 43.45; 25 S. Spencer, 46.33; 26 W. Brunning, 47.20; 28 R. Rae, 49.15; 29 J. Watson, 55.35; 30 J. Wakefield, 55.36; 31 P. Larkin, 55.36.

Highgate H. 180 points; Belgrave 226 points.

MATCH v. L.F.F., 5 MILES, BELGRAVE HALL

4th DECEMBER

1 E. A. Staker (H.H.), 40.07; 5 R. D. McMullen, 41.28; 7 A. Readman, 41.55; 11 H. J. Rouse, 42.30; 13 G. S. Doubleday, 43.28; 16 J. H. A. Robbins, 44.10; 30 A. F. Joels, 45.41; 32, C. H. Speechley, 45.45; 41 S. G. Spencer, 48.31; 45 W. F. Brunning, 49.10; 47 F. W. Chandler, 49.53; 49 J. G. Watson, 50.33; 50 J. H. Rae, 50.47.

Teams: 1 Highgate H., 27 points; 2 Belgrave H., 36 points.

L.F.F. OPEN 5½ MILES, BELGRAVE HALL

11th DECEMBER

1 D. H. A. Christie-Murray (S.W.C.), 42.27; 12 R. D. McMullen, 44.09; 13 A. Readman, 44.14; 20 H. J. Rouse, 45.49; 21 G. S. Doubleday, 45.51; 28, J. H. A. Robbins, 46.25; 39, A. F. Joels, 47.27; 56, J. Wilson, 48.36; 62 J. C. Bidgood, 49.05; 70 S. G. Spencer, 50.17; 78 A. Mellish, 58.08; 79 F. W. Chandler, 52.11; 80 W. F. Brunning, 52.23; 82 J. H. Rae, 52.50; 85 A. H. East, 53.30; 87 J. Wakefield, 53.57; 88 A. Martin, 54.58.

First Fire Force (taking no other award) A. F. Joels.

SURREY W.C., 5 MILES OPEN HANDICAP, BELGRAVE HALL
1st JANUARY

1 W. J. Heather (S.W.C.) (4.10), 38.54; 5 S. G. Spencer (9.10), 39.22; 16 A. Readman (2.35), 40.10; 28 C. H. Speechley (6.20), 40.58; 32 R. D. McMullen (2.00), 41.16; 37 J. Wilson (5.30), 41.38; 42 H. J. Rouse (3.15), 41.57; 54 J. C. Bidgood (3.20), 43.43; 55 A. Martin (8.00), 43.48; 57 P. Wilson (6.40), 44.55; 58 J. Wakefield (6.20), 46.57; 59 P. Larking (6.00), 47.53.

BELGRAVE and POLY. v. COMBINED CLUBS, 7 MILES
BELGRAVE HALL, 22nd JANUARY

1 N. Burt (S.W.C.), 58.16; 3 R. McMullen, 59.13; 4 A. Readman, 59.52; 6 S. Last, 61.28; 7 G. Doubleday, 61.34; 8 A. Tookey, 62.52; 9 H. Rouse, 64.05; 11 J. Bidgood, 64.42; 13, W. Merrett, 65.06; 16 C. Speechley, 65.30; 19 S. Spencer, 66.59; 23 F. Chandler, 69.49; 26 W. Brunning, 77.19; 27 P. L. Larkin, 78.13.

Belgrave and Poly. 171 points; Combined Clubs 190 points.

MET. POLICE OPEN, 7 MILES, IMBER COURT
29th JANUARY

1 W. Burgess (S.W.C.) 53.43; 4 A. Readman, 54.59; 14 S. Roberts, 57.55; 22 R. McMullen, 59.39; 36 J. Robins, 60.46; 37 J. Bidgood, 60.46; 44 F. Joels, 61.58; 49, C. Speechley, 62.33; 55 S. Spencer, 63.31; 56 J. Wilson, 63.34; 63 Pte. Jones, 64.55; 66 F. W. Chandler, 65.22; 72 A. Mellish, 66.14; 76 W. Brunning, 67.07; 81 J. Wakefield 70.13; 86 Pte. Wilson 73.13.

Handicap: 1st S. Spencer, 50.41.

Team Handicap: Belgrave (Spencer, Readman, Joels) 154.43.

HORWOOD CUP, 7 MILES, BELGRAVE HALL
12th FEBRUARY

(for members with R.W.A. "Junior" qualification)

1. R. McMullen 61.38; 2 J. Robins, 62.57; F. Joels, 63.55; J. Wilson, 64.36; 5 S. Spencer, 67.50; 6 W. Brunning, 69.12.

Oscar, unfortunately, was unable to be present. He and Syd Roberts very sportingly supplied awards for the first two to finish.

TRAMWAYS OPEN 7 MILES, BELLINGHAM
19th FEBRUARY

1 E. A. Staker (H.H.) 54.18; 30 J. H. A. Robbins, 62.26; 37 A. F. Joels, 63.22; 38 J. Wilson, 63.31; 45 S. G. Spencer, 64.52; 55 C. H. Speechley, 66.43; F. J. Wakefield, 72.17.

WOODFORD GREEN, 7 MILES OPEN, WOODFORD
26th FEBRUARY

1 W. L. Burgess (S.W.C.), 54.34; 40 J. H. A. Robbins, 61.46; 51 S. G. Spencer, 64.26; 62 W. F. Brunning, 68.04.

BELGRAVE OPEN 7 MILES, BELGRAVE HALL

11th MARCH

1 E. Staker (Highgate H.), 53.13; 8 J. Rutland, 55.57; 9 A. Readman, 56.036; 12 S. Roberts, 57.31; 18 H. Rouse, 58.33; 20 G. Doubleday, 58.45; 41 J. Robins, 61.35; 42 F. Joels, 61.35; 53 J. Wilson, 63.25; 54 S. Spencer, 63.35; 56 W. Jones, 64.27; 64 F. Chandler, 66.23; 65 A. Mellish, 66.35; 67 A. Wakefield, 68.12; 69 A. Martin, 69.32; 70 P. Larkin 69.45; 71 P. Wilson, 71.13.

Scratch Race : Belgrave 3rd, 29 points.

Handicap : 2nd, G. Doubleday, 51.55.

Handicap Team : 2nd (Doubleday, Joels, Readman) 157.58.

1st Service man : J. Rutland.

1st Belgrave member : S. Roberts (unplaced).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, 7 MILES, ENFIELD

25th MARCH

1 E. Staker (H.H.), 55.12; 2 A. Readman, 56.05; 12 S. Roberts, 59.41; 29 S. Spencer, 65.00.

SURREY COUNTY, 10 MILES, CHEAM

25th MARCH

1 N. Burt (S.W.C.) 81.54; 3 R. McMullen, 84.02; 6 G. Doubleday, 84.56; 9 H. Rouse, 86.09; 12 J. Wilson, 90.32; 14 F. Chandler, 92.46.

1 Surrey W.C., 18 points; 2 Surrey A.C. and Belgrave, each 30 points.

B.W.S.A. 10 MILES, CHEAM

1st APRIL

1 W. Burgess (S.W.C.) 77.09; 11 S. Roberts, 81.09; 15 R. McMullen, 84.18; 16 P. Wright, 84.26; 20 G. Doubleday, 85.01, 21 H. J. Rouse, 85.10; 37 J. Robins, 89.41; 39 S. Spencer, 90.04; 41 J. Wilson, 90.13; 50 F. Chandler, 95.30; 52 W. Brunning, 97.03; 60 P. Larkin, 112.12.

Individual Handicap : S. Roberts 1, 75.19 (all. 5.50).

Team Handicap : Belgrave 1 (Roberts, Spencer, Rouse) 229.53.

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RUNNING RESULTS

SOUTHERN COUNTIES. 5 MILES, BELGRAVE HALL

16th OCTOBER

1, Gosney (Eastleigh), 30.40; 2 Herbert, 30.52; 3 Hoath, 30.57; 4 Carter, 31.21; 7 Cohen, 31.55; 8 Main, 31.56; 10 Bryan, 32.00; 13 Smart, 32.10; 15 Shaw, 32.28; 18 Ring, 32.40; 19 Beer, 32.45; 23 Brown, 32.53; 25 Clay, 33.4; 28 Jarlett, 33.8; 31 Morrell, 33.19; 32 Tobin, 33.21; 37 Lucas, G. F., 33.27; 40 Doubleday, 33.48; 43 Peck, 33.54; 49 Shields, 34.7; 53 Cuff, 34.12; 55 Mitchell, 34.17; 63 Taylor, 34.44; 75 White, F. C., 35.6; 76 Eeles, 35.7; 79 McDonald, 35.11; 80 Boyden, 35.12; 82 Woodhead, 35.15; 91 Holt, 35.28; 94 Barfitt, 35.32; 98 Harding, 35.39; 111 Boddy, 36.5; 113 Bishop, 36.17; 126 Jannaway, 37.26; 133 Daniels, 38.25; 136 White, L. W., 35.58; 137 Walker, N. P.; 142 Still; 145 Gray, A.; 153 Griffin.

Teams : 1 A 21 points; 4 B 90 points; 9 C 246 points; 16 D 308 points.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES, 5 MILES, DARTFORD
13th NOVEMBER

1, Hoath, 27.18; 2 Carter, 27.28; 3 Herbert, 27.37; 7 Beer, 28.37; 11 Tobin, 29.15; 14 Clay, 29.32; 15 Lucas, 29.36; 20 Shields, 29.50; 27 Cohen, 30.15; 32 Taylor, 30.32; 34 Mitchell, 30.37; 35 Cuff, 30.45; 40 Ring, 30.59; 41 Eeles, 31.3; 46 Harding, 31.10; 54 Boyden, 31.28; 75 Dewberry 32.34; 79 Sagado, 33.1; 80 Smith, F., 33.5; 84 Walker, N., 33.32.

108 started. A Team 1st, 21 points.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES, 5 MILES, RUISLIP
11th DECEMBER

1 Nankeville (Southgate H.), 31.34; 2 Herbert, 31.52; 4 Hoath, 31.59; 6 Carter, 32.27; 7 Cohen, 32.31; 9 Bryan, 32.38; 18 Patience, 33.00; 22 Beer, 33.20; 26 Graves, 33.34; 30 Tobin, 33.44; 31 Shields, 33.46; 33 Ring, 33.57; 36 Peck, 34.10; 43 Morrell, 34.28; 45 Mitchell, A.F., 34.33; 46 Clay, 34.40; 51 Smart, 34.50; 63 Lucas, 35.21; 66 Pearson, 35.33; 67 Cuff, 35.34; 70 Boyden, 35.50; 72 Holt, 35.51; 79 White, F., 36.14; 91 Dewberry, 37.22; 92 Nankeville, 37.30; 108 Bishop, 37.55.

Teams: 1st A Team, 37 points; 5th B Team, 132 points; 15th C Team, 307 points.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES, 7½ MILES, HAYES (KENT)
19th FEBRUARY

1 Gosney, 45.9; 2 Hoath, 45.31; 4 Carter, 46.44; 12 Bryan, 47.54; 13 Towndrow, 47.56; 24 Graves, 49.49; 25 Cohen, 49.49; 26 Peck, 49.52; 27 Mitchell, W., 49.54; 33 Mains, 50.34; 37 Rawlinson, 50.59; 44 Doubleday, 52.6; 45 Ring, 52.6; 46 Holt, 52.18; 54 Boyden, 53.31; 58 Walker, N., 54.14; 61 Dewberry, 55.30; 62 Eeles, 55.47.

1st Finchley, 40 points; 7th Belgrave, 80 points.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES, 7½ MILES, EPSOM
25th MARCH

1 Gosney, 40.7; 2 Hoath, 40.34; 3 Carter, 41.19; 10 Rawlinson, 42.54; 15 Bryan, 43.22; 18 Walker, F.A., 43.29; 21 Lucas, 43.53; 26 Shields, 44.28; 30 Tobin, 44.51; 31 Beer, 44.59; 37 Lear, 45.24; 38 Marchant, 45.32; 39 Walker, N., 45.35; 41 Gailley, 45.44; 42 White, F., 45.49; 44 Boyden, 46.7; 57 Harding, 48.21.

3rd A Team, 68 points; 9th B Team, 127 points.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES v. ARMY UNITS, WIMBLEDON
15th APRIL

This was held over the usual five miles course, and the following Belgrave men took part. Carter dead-headed with Hughes (Poly.) for first place. Hoath 3rd, Rawlinson 10th, Shields 19th, McDonald 23rd, Gailley 25th, Shaw 26th and Spencer 28th.

3 MILES ROAD RACE
2nd OCTOBER

A large field turned out for an annual 3 Miles Road Handicap race and many newcomers were seen, also some old familiar faces, including many of our "Service" members who came along for the race.

The winner proved to be D. R. Burfitt, a lad of 16, a protege of F. G. Ford's, and he should be a useful asset to our Junior cross-country teams. He made good use of his start, and won by a clear margin in good style.

In second place was none other than George Still, who is 66, just 50 years older than the winner, and George is to be congratulated on his running and must be the envy of many who are years younger than he is.

F. Clay, better known as a sprinter on the track, was third, and although he finished all-in, he deserves mention for what was his first effort at distance running.

Tom Carter made fastest actual time, with young Dave Main doing next best and they were well in front of the rest of the field on actual times.

The number competing speaks well for our chances over the country, and we hope they will all keep up the good work.

POSTN.	NAME.	HCP.	ACT.	HCP.
		TIME.	TIME.	POSTN.
1	D. R. Burfitt	14.17	2.30	8
2	G. Still	14.37	5.30	32
3	F. Clay	14.41	2.25	13
4	S. R. J. Eeles	14.49	2.15	12
5	F. G. White	14.53	2.30	15
6	G. S. Doubleday	14.56	2. 0	10
7	P. J. Garner	14.57	1.45	5*
8	A. R. Shaw	15. 3	1.40	7
9	T. F. Morrell	15. 7	1.35	5*
10	R. P. Woodhead	15. 8	2.10	14
11	S. Jarlett	15.15	1.35	9
12	D. J. Main	15.19	1. 0	2
13	C. T. Carter	15.21	0.20	1
14	K. F. Cuff	15.25	2.20	18*
15	A. H. Boddy	15.29	2.25	23
16	H. W. Shields	15.31	1.30	11
17	A. T. A. Jordan	15.35	2.15	22
18	J. McDonald	15.37	2.10	21
19	J. Rowland	15.43	1.55	17
20	R. Boyden	15.45	2. 0	18*
21	A. H. Bishop	15.46	2.30	24
22	L. Marchant	15.56	0.45	3*
23	E. Constable	16. 1	1.25	16
24	N. P. Walker	16. 4	2.25	25
25	A. F. Mitchell	16. 6	1.40	20
26	A. W. Jannaway	16.15	2.45	30
27	P. R. Lear	16.18	2.15	26
28	A. Smith	16.20	2.20	27
29	L. Daniels	16.20	2.25	28
30	N. R. Dewberry	16.29	2.20	29
31	L. W. Herbert	16.31	0.10	3*
32	L. A. White	17.16	2. 0	31
33	T. Pritchard	17.18	3. 0	33
34	G. H. Powell	19.42	3. 0	34

* Dead-heat.

MATCH v. TYRIAN CLUB, 5 MILES, BELGRAVE HALL 23rd OCTOBER

1 Carter, 31.35; 2 Cree (Tyrian), 31.56; 3 Beer, 32.5; 5 Clay, 32.46; 6 Tobin, 32.59; 8 Brown, 33.9; 9 Morrell, 33.16; 10 Shields, 33.21; 11 Taylor, 33.30; 12 Mitchell, 33.33; 13 Eeles, 33.34; 17 Cuff, 33.42; 18 Burfitt, 34.25; 19 White, F., 34.49; 20 Holt, 34.52; 21 Bishop, 35.7; 24 Dewberry, 35.47; 25 Spencer, 36.23; 26 Clinton, 36.23; 27 Daniels, 37.30; 28 Marchant, 39.00; 29 Gray, 39.00.

Belgrave 32 point; Tyrian 46 points.

MATCH v. FINCHLEY H, 5 MILES, RUISLIP
30th OCTOBER

1 Carter, 31.1; 2 Towndrow, 31.2; 3 Cohen, 31.4; 7 Main, 32.19; 9 Morrell, 32.49; 10 Tobin, 32.58; 11 Clay, 33.14; 13, Shields, 33.32; 14 Doubleday, 33.46; 15 Taylor, 34.2; 16 Wilson (Poly), 34.43; 17 Eeles, 35.14; 20 Rawlinson, 35.46; 21 Burfitt, 35.48; 24 Dewberry, 36.24; 28 Sagado, 36.47.

Teams—10-a-side scoring.

Belgrave 85 points; Finchley 125 points.

5 MILE HANDICAP 6th NOVEMBER

POSTN.	NAME.	HCP. TIME.	START.	ACT. TIME.	HCP. POSTN.
1	Carter	30.40	.30	30.10	11*
2	Ring	32. 9	2.15	29.54	5
3	Tobin	32.13	2.20	29.53	4
4	Lucas	32.14	2.15	29.59	7*
5	Shields	32.15	2.40	29.35	1
6	Morrell	32.18	2.30	29.48	2
7	Brown	32.32	2.30	30. 2	9
8	Cohen	32.22	1. 0	31.33	30
9	Clay	32.36	2.25	30.11	13
10	Peck	32.37	2.45	29.52	3
11	Shaw	32.40	2.15	30.25	16
12	Marchant	32.44	2.45	29.59	7*
13	Jarlett	33. 2	2.35	30.27	17
14	Eeles	33. 5	3.10	29.55	6
15	Doubleday	33. 9	2.50	30.19	14
16	Graves	33.19	2.45	30.45	19
17	Mitchell	33.22	2.50	30.32	18
18	Cuff	33.38	3.15	30.23	15
19	Burfitt	33.40	3.30	30.10	11*
20	Taylor	34. 9	2.55	31.14	25
21	McDonald	34.15	4.10	30. 5	10
22	Speaight	34.20	2.25	31.55	33
23	White, F.	34.48	4. 0	30.48	21
24	Holt	34.59	4. 0	30.59	23
25	Bishop	35. 1	4.15	30.46	20
26	Rawlinson	35.12	3.45	31.27	28
27	Boddy	35.32	4.15	31.17	26
28	Sagado	35.49	5. 0	30.49	22
29	Dewberry	35.56	4.30	31.26	27
30	Jones	36.31	5. 0	31.31	29
31	Daniels	37.22	5.30	31.52	32
32	Gray	38. 8	6.30	31.38	31
33	Woodhead	39.18	4.10	35. 8	35
34	Still	39.25	8.20	31. 5	24
35	McColvin	39.45	6. 0	33.45	34

* Dead-heat.

MATCH v. TYRIAN CLUB, ROEHAMPTON
27th NOVEMBER

1 Carter, 27.4; 2 Beer, 27.35; 3 Cohen, 27.36; 5 Peck, 27.57; 7 Shields, 27.39; 8 Clay 28.11; 9 Mitchell, 28.12; 10 Shaw, 28.25; 11 Morrell, 28.53; 13 Morris, 28.5; 14 Eeles, 28.9; 16 Boyden, 29.25; 17 Burfitt, 28.37; 19 Taylor, 29.52; 20 McDonalld, 30.3; 22 Boddy, 30.42; 23 Dewberry, 30.49, 30 Gray, 33.29.

Belgrave 150 points; Tyrian 256 points (14 a-side scoring).

MATCH v. FINCHLEY HARRIERS
18th DECEMBER

1 Carter, 31.8; 2 Cohen, 31.44; 4 Clay, 32.7; 8 Mitchell, 32.38; 9 Shields, 33.18; 11 Marchant, 33.44; 12 Morrell, 33.54; 13 Pearson, 34.37, 14 White, F., 34.52; 16 Eeles, 35.34; 17 Dewberry, 35.59; 19 Gray, 37.40; 20 Janaway, 38.1; 21 Daniels, 39.5.

Belgrave H. 35 points; Finchley 43 points (six a-side scoring).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (SUBSTITUTE) CHAMPIONSHIPS
1st JANUARY

The Senior and Junior events were held over the same course. D. Burfitt won the Junior event from M. J. Chard (T.V.H.) in 32.09, and he has three more years to go as a Junior. Which makes his performance all the more remarkable. We turned out the minimum number in the Senior race, in which credit must be given to Rawlinson on good team work after a recent bout of 'flu. Dan Patience made a welcome appearance and gave his usual sound performance. His brother Rod was there as a spectator.

SENIOR RACE RESULT

1 G. T. Cree (Tyrians), 31.23; 5 D. Patience, 31.58; 10 H. W. Shields, 33.20; 16 G. A. Rawlinson, 37.28.

Teams: 1 Finchley H., 8 points; 2 Cadogan A.C. and T.V.H. tied with 31 points. Cadogan were placed second on aggregate time. 36 starters. (N.B.—Surrey County did not hold a race.)

HIGHGATE HARRIERS OPEN TEN MILES ROAD RACE
8th JANUARY

This was held from Parliament Hill Track, two laps including the stiff climb up West Hill. There were 58 starters, which shows the popularity of the distance, which is perhaps a good omen. George Still gave us a performance of which many a younger man might be proud. The times suggest that it was a short course. Result:

1 G. Hoath, 52.56; 2 C. T. Carter, 54.29; 5 R. H. Bryan, 57.04; 6 H. W. Shields, 57.35; 8 D. Patience, 57.47; 12 A. F. Mitchell, 58.45; 15 G. S. Doubleday, 59.08; 31 R. Boyden, 62.57; 32 S. T. Ring, 62.59; 50 J. G. Watson, 69.59; 54 G. Still, 73.45.

1st Belgrave (2.5.6) 13 points.

MATCH v. R.A.F. (HALTON)
22nd JANUARY

1 Hughes and Carter, 31.53; 5 Beer, 32.35; 7 Cohen, 32.39; 8 Mitchell, 32.41; 9 Shields, 32.45; 10 Rawlinson, 32.49; 11 Wilson, 33.05; 12 Main, 33.06; 13 Clay, 33.07; 17 Smart, 33.48; 28 Boyden, 36.30; 29 Morrell, 38.20; 30 Eeles, 38.47.

Scoring 12-a-side. Belgrave 116 points; R.A.F. 184 points.

SEVEN MILES CLUB HANDICAP

29th JANUARY

There was also a match v. M.P.A.A. in conjunction, and owing to many policemen having been called to the Services they had only a weak team. It was a fine day and the ground was firm. Arthur Penny, hero of many Blackstaffe Shield races of pre-war days acted as starter, and got the large field away to a good start. The handicapper did his work well and had ten men home within a minute of the winner.

POSTN.	NAME.	HCP. TIME.	START.	ACT. TIME.	HCP. POSTN.
1	Carter	40. 0	0.30	39.30	17*
2	Towndrow	40.18	1.10	39. 8	15
3	Cohen	41. 8	1. 0	40. 8	22
4	Brown	41.25	3.30	37.55	6
5	Peck	41.28	3.10	38.18	8*
6	Shields	41.33	2.55	38.38	12
7	Rawlinson	41.38	4.15	37.23	1
8	Mitchell, A.	41.43	4.15	37.28	3
9	Walker, F. A.	42. 0	3. 0	39. 0	14
10	Doubleday	42.11	4.30	37.41	4
11	Ring	43.21	3. 0	40.21	24
12	Marchant	43.23	3.45	39.38	19
13	Lear	43.24	5. 0	38.24	11
14	Pearson	43.35	5.30	38. 5	7
15	Holt	43.41	6.15	37.26	2
16	Boyden	44. 5	6.15	37.50	5
17	Morrell	44. 5	3.15	40.50	27
18	White, F.	44.18	6. 0	38.18	8*
19	Freshwater	44.22	6. 0	38.22	10
20	Spencer	44.47	5.30	39.17	16
21	Bates	44.57	6.15	38.42	13
22	Eeles	45.53	4.15	41.38	24
23	Taylor	46.10	4.30	41.40	26
24	Walker, N.	46.25	6.45	39.40	20
25	Boddy	46.30	6.15	40.15	23
26	Dewberry	46.45	7.15	39.30	17*
27	Bishop	49.15	6.30	42.45	29
28	Gray	49.50	8.30	41.20	28
29	Still	52.35	12.30	40. 5	21

* Denotes dead-heat.

Team Scores (6-a-side scoring) : Belgrave 21 points ; Police 57 points.

MATCH v. R.A.C., O.C.T.U., SANDHURST, CAMBERLEY 11th MARCH

A new course was being tried out by our hosts and unfortunately the leaders overran the marksmen, and in consequence only went about 3½ miles. Owing to the exigencies of the Service the O.C.T.U. were unable to field a very strong representative team. The run was enjoyed by all who travelled and we must thank our hosts for the entertainment after the race. Result :

1 Carter and Hughes (17.30), 4 Clay, 5 Lucas, 7 Beer, 9 Walker (N.), 10 Morrell. Scoring 6-a-side, we won with a score of 29 points to 52.

SAVAGE SHIELD (SUBSTITUTE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP)

This was decided over a short 5 miles course on 18th December. It was a mild day with rain in the air, and the ground was just comfortable for spikes to get a good hold.

The entry was not as good as had been anticipated, and the donor got the six entrants away to a good start. Derrick Burfitt, John Brown and Ken Cuff kept together until about half-way, when Burfitt gradually went away to win a good race from John Brown. The Club is indebted to Dick Savage, Harry Shields and George Powell, who kindly gave the medals.

Result:

1 Burfitt, 28.33; 2 Brown, 29.00; 3 Cuff, 29.27; 4 Boddy, 30.33; 5 Bishop, 32.05; 6 Walker (N.), 32.15.

MATCH v. A.C., AT ESHER 17th NOVEMBER

The first A team match of the season. The course of approximately 4½ miles of grassland and road, and which included a local "Spion Kop."

1 Ruddick (Walton), 28.6; 2 Cuff and Burfitt, 28.34; 4 Harding, 29.14; 6 Boddy, 30.4; 7 White, F., 30.7; 8 Nankeville, 31.10; 10 Dewberry, 31.20; 12 Jones, C. T., 31.23; 13 Gray, 33.00.

Six-a-side scoring: Walton 43 points; Belgrave 36 points.

MATCH v. SUTTON & CHEAM HARRIERS, 3½ MILES at CHEAM 29th JANUARY

The field of 65 was drawn mainly from Youth Clubs and pre-Service Units. Ken Cuff led from the start and beat the local favourite, H. Rouse (whose father is one of our walkers), by four seconds in 20mins. 22secs. Other Belgravians were: Heathfield 18th, Hopes 41st, Machell 58th, Collis 62nd and O'Malley 64th. Finally our thanks to Ken Cuff's father, who looked after our lads.

MATCH v. WALTON A.C., AT ESHER. APPROX. 4 MILES 12th FEBRUARY

1 Burfitt, 25.30; 2 Ruddick (Walton), 26.00; 3 Cuff and Lear, 26.20; 6 Pearson, 26.55; 7 Harding, 27.43; 8 Walker, N., 27.52; 9 Boddy, 28.5; 13 Bishop, 28.41; 14 Dewberry, 28.52; 16 Heathfield, 29.3; 17 Janaway, 29.15; 19 Jones, C. T., 29.55; 22 Daniels, 30.10.

1 Belgrave (4-a-side scoring), 14 points; 2 Walton, 26 points.

MATCH v. EPSOM HARRIERS, AT EPSOM 25th FEBRUARY

When only ¾ miles from home Cuff, Lear and Bates went off the course and lost places. This, according to the Walton Secretary, spoiled our chances of winning. Result:

1 Ruddick (Walton), 30.59; 2 Harding, 32.38; 3 Walker (N.), 32.48; 4 McDonald, 32.54; 15 Jannaway, 35.00; 18 Daniels, 35.39; 19 Lear, 36.32; 20 Cuff, 36.33; 22 Bates, 36.35.

Teams: 1 Walton A.C., 27 points; 3 Belgrave 59 points.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES 5 MILES JUNIOR RACE, AT BELGRAVE HALL 4th MARCH

Our Juniors crowned the season's good work by winning. Burfitt led all the way to win by 45 seconds; Cuff and Brown helped one another along. Walker ran one of his best races, gaining many places over the second half of the race; 77 runners finished; and when the scores were reckoned (3-a-side) some close figures resulted, the first teams being:

1 Belgrave H., 25 points; 2 Reading A.C., 26 points; 3 S.L.H. and T.V.H. tied with 28 points each.

Individual placings: 1 D. Burfitt, 28.22; 11 J. Brown, 30.14; 13 K. Cuff, 30.24; 22 N. Walker, 30.41; 49 A. Heathfield, 32.22; 54 A. H. Boddy, 32.33.

MATCH v. WALTON A.C., AT ESHER
18th MARCH

Held over Walton's new one-lap course, which included some tough ploughland. Our boys enjoyed the run, and our thanks are due to Peter Harding for the very welcome cup of tea after the race. Result:

1 Ruddick (W.), 29.38; 2 Cuff, 30.53; 3 Walker (N.), 31.17; 4 Lear, 31.31; 7 Boyden, 31.50; 10 Eeles, 32.27; 18 Dewberry, 34.12; 20 Boddy, 34.33; 24 Gray, 36.49.

Teams (6-a-side): 1 Belgrave H., 44 points; 2 Walton A.C., 59 points.

MATCH v. SUTTON & CHEAM, AT CHEAM
8th APRIL

1 Rouse (S.), 20.10; 2 Brown, 20.16; 3 Pearson, 20.32; 5 McDonald, 22.52; 8 Heathfield, 21.32; 14 Daniels, 23.48.

Result: 1 Belgrave (4-a-side scoring): 18 points.

THE COMING TRACK SEASON

After a very successful winter season we now come to our track programme and from the list of fixtures, which you will find at the back of the Gazette, you will see that we have a very busy time ahead for both senior and junior members.

The season, so far as we are concerned, opens on May 20th when we hold our first meeting at the Tooting Common track. We have both senior and junior matches on this day and are breaking fresh ground in meeting the Reidsig A.C., which is a combination of Hawker's and the Reid & Sigrist Sports Club, and as the latter club includes Jack Frost, the Fire Force sprint champion, and Fred Clay, our very promising young sprinter, it will be seen that they will provide our lads with some stiff opposition.

On the following Friday evening we have a Junior fixture at Croydon with the Whitgift Middle School and those who supported this fixture last season will remember the pleasant time that was had, and I trust we shall receive the same support this season.

On June 3rd there are the A.A.A. open handicap events being held on our own "dung-heap," and I hope our members will support the governing body's promotion and thus show them that these events are appreciated by the majority of athletes.

The following Saturday we are again at Tooting when we have our second club meeting, and senior and junior events will comprise the programme.

June 17th is Southern Junior day and this meeting will again be held at Chiswick and will include the Poly Marathon race as part of the lengthy list of events.

I have arranged a B team fixture on this day versus the Reidsig A.C., which will take place on their ground at New Malden and this should interest those members not engaged at the Poly. meeting.

On June 24th we have an Inter-Club match at Broomfield Park, Palmers Green, and in addition to the match events they are holding some open handicaps and a scratch team race.

July 8th is the day of the Acc. & Tab. meeting at Croydon and the prizes here are good and the meeting one well worth supporting.

On July 12th we have a mid-week meeting at New Malden with the Reidsig A.C., and the London Fire Force, commence at 7 p.m.

July 15th is a big day, for then it is that a combined Belgrave-Poly. team are to meet a selected A.A.A. team, at the Poly. Stadium at Chiswick. The meeting will be run for the benefit of Red Cross Funds—so that it is hoped that all members will roll up and help the gate along.

Our third Club meeting will be held at Tooting Common on July 29th, and we are also holding the Surrey County 880 Yards race at this meeting. Entry is free for the County event and entry forms can be had on application to myself. Competitors must be over 16 and under 19 on the day of competition.

We are travelling to Sandhurst on August 5th for a match with the R.A.C. Officer Cadet Training Unit, and I hope that as many members as possible will make the journey.

August 12th we have another Club meeting and again have senior and junior matches on the programme.

The following Saturday we are away at Dartford, where we meet the local harriers in senior and junior matches.

August 26th is the *second* big day, when a combined Belgrave-Poly. team will meet a team representing the Army, also to be held at the Poly. Stadium, Chiswick.

On September 2nd we are away at Walton-on-Thames in a match against the local Walton A.C. and they have quite a good cinder track at their Stompond Lane ground.

The following week we are at Imber Court visiting the Metropolitan Police, my employers, so go easy with them, boys!

September 16th sees our final club meeting at Tooting and it has been decided by your Committee to devote this meeting entirely to club handicaps, so roll up with your entries, there will be a full list of track and field events, and as all the events are to be decided on handicap lines everyone will stand a chance, at least, so says the Handicapper!

Thus it will be seen that there is plenty of competition for our members and I sincerely hope that should any of our Service members be fortunate enough to be on leave on any of the above dates, that they will come along and either take part in the events or just turn up to have a chat about old times.

We were very pleased to see our old sprinter George Basford at some of our last season's meetings and hope that other old-time members will do their best to come along and see what talent there is at present wearing the "claret and gold" and am sure they will not be disappointed.

E. A. DUFFETT.

JUNIORS

With the large influx of new members last year we should be able to turn out still stronger junior sides than last year. It will be interesting to see how Derrick Burfitt acquits himself on the track at whatever distance he decides to try after his very successful season on the country.

In addition to the junior matches fixed up by the Club there are also the Southern Junior Championships at Chiswick on June 17th.

The Surrey County A.A.A. are putting on a series of junior races for those between the ages of 16 and 19. The venues and dates of which are:

June 24th, Epsom—440 Yards and Shot Putt.

July 8th, Walton—Mile, Mile Walk, 220 Yards.

July 8th, Acc.-Tab. A.C.—High Jump.

July 15th, Sutton—100 Yards and Long Jump.

And on the 29th July we shall be staging the 880 Yards at our meeting at Tooting.

FIELD EVENTS

This coming season it looks, once again, as if we shall have to rely upon the old stagers. Charlie Melchoir and George Powell will form a strong Javelin duo and will have Frank Simmons to back them up. Jerry Thompson will be our star in the Shot and Discus, assisted by Melchoir and Powell. On last season's showing it is hoped that Jerry may improve still more and reach 42 feet on occasions. George Weston will also, it is hoped, give us his assistance in this event.

In the two jumps we shall feel the pinch most, although Tom Wiley should be good enough to gain us a few first places in the Long Jump. If Frank Simmons only had the opportunity to concentrate on this event he might pull out something good. In any case we shall have his backing and also that of the Field Events Captain. Unless we can find some high jumpers among our large number of new members we shall be very badly off here. Guy Hendry, who showed great promise last season, is now in the R.A.F. and it is doubtful whether he will have the opportunity to continue his study of the "Western Roll" technique.

It looks as if it is up to the juniors to come along and show what they can do. Charlie Jones will be only too glad to give any assistance he can to budding field event exponents.

COMMENTS ON INTER-CLUB AND TEAM RACES

All members will appreciate the considerable work and time involved in the arranging and entering of teams for competition. Time which can be ill afforded. I do appeal to members, out of common courtesy, to advise their respective section leaders should they be unable to turn up for any event for which they are chosen. An individual card takes a matter of seconds to write, but the section leader or captain has probably spent hours over the necessary entering and advising the teams.

It is not difficult to imagine the disappointment when, after spending much time for the common good, in an absolutely honorary capacity, only 25 per cent. turn up.

As an example, on one occasion none were advised and only three turned up, just sufficient to make a team. No word was received from the other six. This sort of thing is not nearly good enough, and out of interest for the sport members should play the game by their respective leaders.

H. W. SHIELDS.

SOCIAL NOTES

At the last Annual General Meeting it was felt that the Club should once again endeavour to put on some social events which had been discontinued since the outbreak of War.

After numerous enquiries had been made it was found difficult to obtain the use of a hall in a central position on a Saturday evening except at a prohibitive price. This being so an evening date in mid-week was arranged for a Dance at the Victoria Coach Station. With the help of Teddy Fretwell and his Band and with Eddie Pack doing his stuff as M.C. over a hundred and sixty dancers took the floor at various times during the evening. The whole evening seemed to be voted a success and a further date was fixed.

At this second Dance on the 27th March a smaller but just as merry a throng gathered and had an enjoyable evening with the help of the same band. Eddie Pack, owing to a cycle accident, was unable to be there, but we are indebted to Norman Dewberry, who took on the M.C.'s job at very short notice.

It is hoped that now these social events have been re-started it will be possible to continue them. A further Dance will, it is hoped, be held some time in June or July, so look out for the date.

T. C. JONES.

ARE YOU BELGRAVE-MINDED?

Always remember the Club is yours. If you have any suggestions to make put them in writing for the Committee to consider. Have you any criticisms to make, constructive or destructive? Don't be afraid to voice them, *in the right quarter*. If you have accepted Office, in any capacity, carry out the job to the best of your ability. When you find the job is too much for you to do in conjunction with your civil and personal duties, don't be afraid to retire in favour of someone better placed. Don't hang on to the job with the excuse "I'm too busy at work—this, that or the other." You are failing both to yourself, the Club and your fellow members, putting extra work on the shoulders of others who have quite sufficient to do in the office which they have accepted. Help one another and do your level best to attend all Club functions.

RACING DAYS—AND AFTER

... 120 yards to go, and you still hold the lead, but only by inches. You can hear the laboured breathing of your opponents as they strive to overtake you, hear the desperate grunting note that creeps into it, hear the crunching of spikes meeting cinders.

Your heart's pounding away, you gulp down more breath—more oxygen keep them moving rhythmically, balancing the action of the even wearier legs which mercifully continue to stride out, but at whose command you scarcely know. "How much further?" you think. "How I wish I'd done a little more training. What a fool I was to have those beers last weekend." The lifetime the drowning man is supposed to have pass before him is nothing to this.

Your heart's pounding away, you gulp down more breath—more oxygen to keep the body moving. The windpipes seem red-hot and it feels as though there are glowing coals in the lungs; and there's a tightness across the lower ribs. There's a numb aching in the biceps and the leg muscles are tiring fast. A tendency to nod the head has to be corrected; and every atom of concentration is required to keep the form and style you have aimed at and striven for in weeks of preparation.

A hundred yards to go, and still you lead. But now you are approaching the last bend of the track and previous experience has taught you that the advantage of inside position has gone immediately you get into the straight, the straight that is now only a few strides away.

The crowd are bawling. They're shouting for Tom, for Ginger, for Harry, for you—and you wonder whether you'll ever finish the course. The sweat is in your eyes, stinging away; and you are conscious of a figure at your shoulder, almost level. So you swing into the straight with other pounding feet and straining lungs immediately behind. Sixty yards in front you can see the knot of officials, timekeepers, etc., which indicate the finishing point.

Now your opponent has drawn level, he's inches in front, determined to be first if ever a man was. "I won't lose now," you think to yourself, "after leading so far. I will win, I will win!" Your stride shortens slightly and you strive to force those tired legs at a faster rate. Simultaneously those near-breaking arms are made to do their work; and the reluctant body nears the finishing tape.

"Is it worth it?" you think, "I'll find something easier than this"—but still the will to win dominates everything, still determination carries you on, still the body protests, but past training and the overpowering desire to strike that tape first keeps you going.

Your opponent is slackening, you think—no, he's going ahead—no! I'm holding him—hell! there's somebody coming up on the outside!

There's the worsted—it's twenty yards away, fifteen, ten only. You call on the body for a superhuman effort and your call is not unanswered. Your opponent's head is sawing up and down, and his teeth are clenched. The rhythm of his stride has gone, but his will-power still drives the body along.

The crowd is roaring, but the confused babel means nothing to you. You recall you've been told to run right through the finish, never to slacken off—and, if anything, you quicken-up in the last three or four strides and you're past the winning-post, a foot to the good, you think, with the third man close up—but you can't be sure. Yes, you've won! The thrill of the race is over, and there's nothing quite like it.

You run on automatically, slowing down gradually, then on to the grass. Head down now, chest relaxed while you gasp for air and wipe the back of the hand across your brow. Up come the second and third men, followed by the others, with their handshakes and congratulations. "Grand race," stammers the second man. "Thanks! thought you had me," you gasp. "Your turn next time!"

Slowly you walk back to the starting-point to retrieve your training suit. It's lovely to be sauntering at about a mile an hour, to have the race over, and to have won. "I can do with a drink," you feel. "But first for a shower and a slow towel-down. Suppose I shall get a barometer which won't work; or a salad bowl which the wife will smash in the kitchen sink."

But the recollection of the occasion will not easily be smashed; the years will roll on, but the memory will not fail to work. And you'll think of the grand crowd of fellows who trained and raced with you, of the sprinters and walkers—in fact the whole crowd—of that splendid group of officials who organised and made possible your racing in fair or foul weather. And of the week-ends together, of Bert's wisecracks, of Bob's waywardness, of Bill's impetuosities.

And you'll think, "What became of Harry?" "I wonder where Jim is now?" "I suppose all the old uns still turn out every Saturday." "Oid Tom was a lad, I wonder if he's still about"

If we all make up our minds that we can get a deal of pleasure out of one another's company even when racing days are over; that we can re-live other days in retrospect, that we can give a hand as judges, or advisers, or marksmen, or pointsmen; then our Club can mean even more to us in the future than it has done in the past. Domestic and business reasons will prevent many from showing up weekly; but if we can have recognised re-union get-together days, and are prepared to make a special effort on such days, we can meet again, re-living the past with our contemporaries, and share in the triumphs of the present day wearers of the Claret and Gold. The Club has given us much in experiences, pleasures, and companionships; and it is a duty to help the Club by our support, our help, and our encouragement. It is a duty which will be 100 per cent. pleasure.

If we continue to pay a subscription—it need not be a tremendous one—we can continue to receive the fixture cards and "Belgravians" and carry on in the spirit of good-fellowship and sportsmanship that has become synonymous with Belgrave Harriers. Let's resolve never to lose that very live force that has long flourished and long will continue to flourish—the Belgrave Harriers.

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Every letter received from absent members, particularly those serving overseas, mentions the Reunions to come. Why not Reunions every year—days specially earmarked for all members to attend Club quarters if they can possibly manage to do so?

It is hoped that when our Committee plans its post-war programme, it will seriously consider the idea of fixing, say, six or eight dates in the year as "Reunion days" when all members, active and inactive, should make a really special effort to attend. It would be ideal, of course, for every member to turn up every week; but this will always prove impossible; and so certain dates, specially indicated in the fixture cards, should be chosen when every member should do his utmost to be present. On these days a special register for signatures and addresses should be available; and whenever possible be followed by a Tea and Social evening. It is thought that the Daily Press would co-operate in announcing these dates in advance, and result in the re-appearance of some of those members with whom we have lost touch. The opportunity should also be taken of introducing some of the older Club members to the younger element, so that the younger athletes should know the men who have helped to establish the Club's name; and have only been names on the records to them previously.

It is not possible to forecast the post-war athletic programme; but assuming it is similar to that we knew four or five years ago, the following fixtures are among those suggested to be specially indicated as Reunion days.

Last Saturday in September.—Opening Run and Walk Handicaps. Possibly

Club photograph. Social.

First Saturday in December.—Club 7 Miles Run. Junior Walk Championship.

Last Saturday in January.—Club 10 Miles Run and Walk Championships.

A Saturday in March.—5 Miles Road Race.

Last Saturday in April.—Opening Track Meeting and possibly Club Dinner-Dance.

Third or Fourth Saturday in July.—Club Track Championships.

September.—Club Annual General Meeting.

In addition to these fixtures, the maximum number of supporters will always be welcome at the various Championship gatherings during the winter months, and at Club meetings throughout the summer.

It is further suggested that two other reunions, more of a social character should be arranged. One during the summer should take the form of a gathering or outing as has been enjoyed previously; the other, during the winter, of a Reunion Stroll (probably over familiar ground, Ranmore way) of all strollers, past and present.

It is hoped that these suggestions will receive full consideration at the appropriate times as it is thought that such Reunions will do much to bring old friends together fairly frequently, and intensify their interest in Club affairs; and will also serve to establish the Club more firmly than ever as a leading club in the World of Sport.

A. A. HARLEY,

June, 1943.

OBITUARY

We learn with deep regret that Henry David Brown has been posted missing from air operations over Germany, and is presumed dead. Brown joined the Club in 1930 and showed great promise as a Junior. Although he did not reach Championship Class he won a number of handicaps over 880 yards and one mile. He had a cheerful personality and was a good clubman.

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SUMMER FIXTURES, 1944

May	20.	Tooting Common.	Junior Match v. Dartford Harriers. Senior Match v. L.F.F. Reidsig A.C., Dartford.
	26.	Croydon.	Junior Match. v. Whitgift Middle Sch.
	27.	Parliament Hill. Dartford.	Middx. County Junior Championships. Red Cross Open Handicap Meeting.
	29.	White City.	"News of the World" Open Meeting.
June	3.	Tooting Common.	A.A.A. Open Handicap Meeting.
	10.	Tooting Common.	Junior Match v. Whitgift M.S., Dorking St. Paul's. Senior Match v. M.P.A.C., West Middx. Triangle and Southgate Harriers.
	17.	Chiswick. New Malden.	Southern Junior Championships. Match v. Reidsig A.C.
	24.	Bromfield Park.	Inter-Club Match v. Southgate Harriers.
	29.	Stamford Bridge.	C.D. Open Handicap Meeting.
July	1.	Parliament Hill. Harrow.	A.A.A. Open Handicap Meeting. C.D. Open Handicap Meeting.
	5.	White City.	C.D. Open Handicap Meeting.
	8.	Croydon.	Ack-Tab Meeting.
	12.	New Malden.	Match v. Reidsig A.C. L.F.F.
	15.	Chiswick. Charlton Park.	Match—Poly-Belgrave v. A.A.A. L.C.C. Open Handicap Meeting.
	22.	Epsom.	A.A.A. v. United Services.
	29.	Tooting Common. Parliament Hill.	Club Meeting. L.C.C. Open Handicap Meeting.
Aug.	5.	Sandhurst. Charlton Park.	Match v. R.A.C. (O.C.T.U.), A.A.A. Open Handicap Meeting.
	7.	White City.	C.D. Open Meeting.
	12.	Tooting Common. Victoria Park.	Junior Match v. Dorking St. Paul's. Senior Match v. Walton A.C. L.C.C. Open Handicap Meeting.
	19.	Dartford.	Junior and Senior Match v. Dartford H.
	26.	Chiswick.	Match—Poly-Belgrave v. Army Units.
Sept.	2.	Walton-on-Thames.	Match v. Walton A.C.
	9.	Imber Court. Tooting Common.	Match v. Metropolitan Police A.C. L.C.C. Open Handicap Meeting.
	16.	Tooting Common.	Club Handicap Meeting (Members and Poly).

SUMMER FIXTURES, 1941

Date	Event	Location
18	Testing Commencement	White City
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