

sent over a stronger team, which included Commander (S) Stevens, and this match also ended in a draw 1-1, "Woolwich" scoring during the last minute of the match.

At the time of going to press our "A" team have played 4 matches, winning 2 and losing 2.

The "B" team have played 5 matches, winning 3 and losing 2. This team was most unfortunate in losing to the Petty Officers as we were two goals up at half time.

"B" team was very thrilled with the result of its match against the Officers, and it was nice to be served up with two easy goals on a silver salver.

No mention is made of the result of a challenge against the rest of the S. & S. Division as it is believed that reference to this match is still rather painful to the Catering Officer as it is suspected that he had to pay for a lot of beer after the match and that he has not quite forgiven the team yet.

The team is very grateful for the games that other teams have given them, and especially to Commissioned Gunner Monaghan for arranging matches against Drake Division, often at short notice.

Hockey. This has not been our strong point, having lost all four matches that have been played. We hope for better results in the future.

Rifle Shooting. We have quite a number of ratings interested and as a result have a team in the Nore Postal League. Results are not yet known as we have only just started.

Boat Pulling. The Stewards and Cooks (0) raised two whalers' crews to pull against two crews of H.M.S. "Bleasdale." Experience and weight were on the side of "Bleasdale" and although our crews tried very hard and pulled most gamely, "Bleasdale" saw us off.

ENVOI.

Alas! that this is the last term we shall have Captain (S) R. H. Johnson, C.B.E., A.D.C., with us. Early in the New Year he leaves the Service for a well earned retirement. We appreciate the thought for our well being that he has shown so often during the year he has been with us, and feel that the whole of the Establishment has been the richer for his joining, and the Service will be the poorer for his leaving.

We heartily wish both him and his lady a happy retirement and hope that there will be many an occasion of seeing him again when he visits us in the future with the Incogniti cricket team.

The famous explorer was describing his hair-raising adventures in the jungle. "I could see the whole tribe of savages rushing towards me," he said. "I stood there, unarmed and alone. They drew nearer and nearer, yelling and waving their terrible spears. I held my breath."

"Yes," interrupted his excited listener, "and what happened then?"

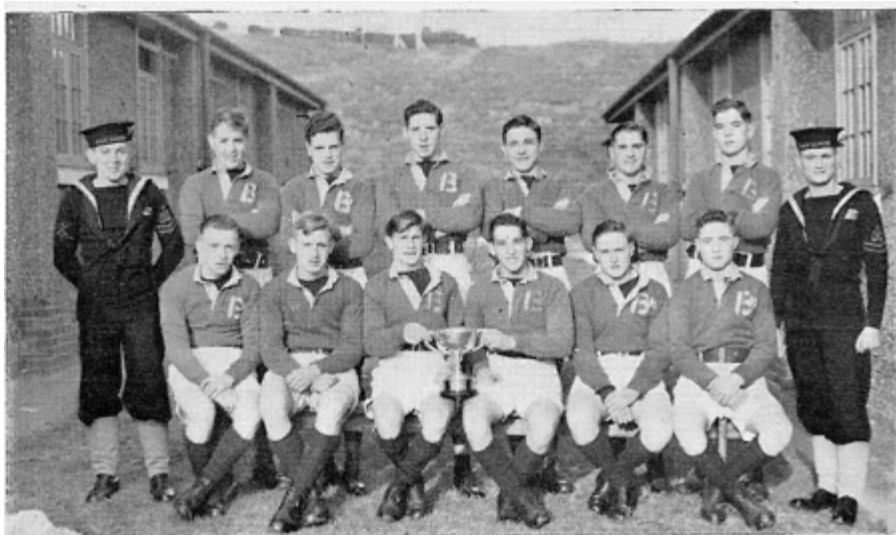
"I held my breath so long," replied the great man, "that I became black in the face, and they mistook me for one of themselves."

Boy Roeton, Rodney Division.

River and Seamanship Notes

Although the summer is generally regarded as being the best time for sailing and river work, it often happens that the early part of the Christmas term provides those days for which sailing enthusiasts yearn—a sunny day, just a hint of crispness in the air, and a spanking breeze. This term, these conditions did not occur as frequently as we should have liked, but this did not prevent us from taking part in some very enjoyable races.

We entered 6 cutters in the Felixstowe Carnival Regatta, 6 whalers and 3 dinghies in the Orwell and Stour Regatta, and the Pin Mill Sailing Club ran a special race for service boats on the last day of their week. All the races were well supported, and our boats made a good showing.



BENBOW DIVISION RACING WHALERS' CREWS.

(Basilisk and Boadicea Messes)

(1st and 2nd-Inter-Divisional Whaler Pulling Regatta).

Back Row—P.O. Salmon, Marshall, P.O. Boy. Middleton, Lindsay, Ldg. Boy Buckby, Standing, Partridge, P.O. Garnham.

Front Row—Margetts, Green, Burnett (Coxn.), Ldg. **Boy** Fraser (Coxn.), P.O. Boy Lee, Lowthe.

We continued the Saturday inter-Divisional sailing races until October 14th, when the claims of the Pulling Regatta led to the whalers being allocated for pulling practice. Even if sailing is now (December) restricted to cutters on "Boats I." days, enthusiasts will be glad to know that the whalers are all going through the boat shed where they are being refitted for next season.

On Wednesday, October 18th, we had a short pulling match with "Bleasdale." In the first race each ship produced two officers' crews; in the second, two "open" crews, and in the third race, which was for Chief and Petty Officers, "Ganges" entered two crews, and "Bleasdale" one. The result was a most enjoyable afternoon's sport, with honours even.

The Whaler Pulling Regatta took place in early November. The weather was exceptionally kind, and the races were pulled in an atmosphere of mounting enthusiasm. Benbow, Collingwood and Blake were neck and neck until the semi-finals, when Blake dropped astern. Benbow established a firm lead after the

second semi-final, and finished easy winners. Collingwood was second, and Blake third.

The inter-Divisional Piping Competition (won by Drake), and the Silver Call (won by Boy Burke), were followed by the last seamanship event of the term: the Heaving Line Competition. Benbow, who have been riding on the crest of a wave this term, proved easy winners, although the individual prize for the longest throw went to Boy Andrews, of Anson Division.

Field Gun Competition

This was the first Competition of the Term, and training started a week after return from leave.

The course was similar to last year's, except that the wall was heightened and it was essential now to give a proper lift to get the gun and limber over.

During the three weeks' training, each team had 3 or 4 practices a week, and the crews soon realised how much team work played a part, and how essential it was for every one to know his job exactly. Rain stopped practice once or twice and the tracks became a quagmire, but, with a plentiful supply of cinders available, training was quickly restarted, and we were lucky to have a spell of fine weather for the Competition itself.

On both. Competition days, each Division ran twice, once on either track. At the end of the first day Grenville were leading with an aggregate time of 6 mins. 20 3/5 secs., and also held the fastest time of 3 mins. 6 2/5 secs. Close behind came Collingwood with 6 mins. 32 1/5 secs., and Duncan with 6 mins. 37 1/5 secs.

Next day, after the first runs, Grenville still led with an aggregate time of 9 mins. 28 4/5 secs., but Duncan had stepped into second place with 9 mins. 39 3/5 secs., and lowered the fastest time to 2 mins. 59 3/5 secs. By a lucky chance, these two teams had drawn to run against each other in the last run of the day, and provided an exciting finish to the Competition. Grenville went ahead in this run and returned the excellent time of 2 mins. 52 4/5 secs., thereby ensuring the Field Gun Cup and Trophy, for aggregate and fastest times. Duncan had to run two spare numbers on the limber but put up a very good fight, though they ceded second place for the aggregate to Collingwood as a result of this race.

Congratulations to the Grenville team and their Instructors, Petty Officers Robinson and Powers, for winning both Cups and maintaining a high standard throughout. Credit must also go to Collingwood for coming second, after starting off with a bare 50 Boys due to retard leave parties being away.

Several features were apparent during the Competition.

Firstly — Penalties. Crews made great efforts to eradicate these completely, and as a result the runs were much cleaner and there were far less penalties than last year.

Secondly — the breakages that occurred during training and in the Competition were comparatively few, but we were nearing the end of supplies, and our thanks are due to the Barrack-master and his staff for keeping us topped up, so that we never had to stop because of lack of equipment.

Thirdly — a very good spirit prevailed throughout the Competition. Manoeuvring the guns calls for physical effort and guts and it was gratifying to see plenty of these in evidence. Well done all crews, and especially Boy Bowers of Rodney and those who came up against the guns.

The next time the Field Guns are seen will be for K.B.R. when they will receive more dignified treatment than they did this time, and we hear that they may even appear at next year's Ipswich Fete — but that is still a long way off.

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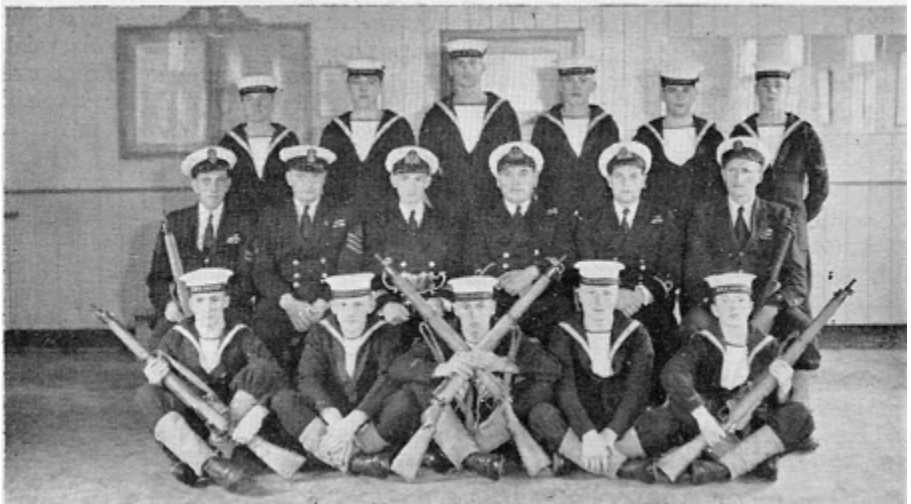
Rifle Club

The Club had its first taste of objective and competitive shooting at the end of the Summer Term, when for the Suffolk Annual Rifle Meeting at Bromeswell we entered two teams of six Boys each, and a Ship's Company team of six, for the Courtenay Warner Cup — an all comers event.

The Boys entered as individuals for the Dunwich Cup, Boy Tate (Benbow Division) gaining distinction by winning the prize for "under eighteens."

All "Ganges" competitors shot at 200, 500 and 600 yards and, considering the light breeze and soft grey light prevailing throughout the day; they did not do too badly.

The .22 shooting is going well and the .303 contingent is slowly but surely growing.



"Ganges" Rifle Club.

Nore Command .22 Competitions take place during the next few months, and so far there has been no difficulty in finding a team.

We would all like to express our gratitude and admiration for the butt markers at Bromeswell, who did a fine job in not altogether ideal conditions.

Here's to a successful season !

Results of Suffolk County Meeting:—

"COURTENAY WARNER CUP	H.M.S. "Ganges" 4th.
RANSOME OFFICERS' CUP	Inst. Lt. Bingham, 1st. 52. (hps. 53).
COMP. 1. 200 & 500 yards	Boy Tate (Benbow Division) 59 (hps. 70).
COMP. 3. 500 yards	Inst. Lt. Bingham. 1st. 49 (hps. 50).

H. B. BINGHAM,
Inst. Lt. R.N.

Range Notes

During the Winter Term the standard of Rifle Shooting, both for .22 and .303, has remained fairly high.

THE INTER-DIVISIONAL .22 AND .303 COMPETITIONS.

Anson Division won the .22 Competition with an excellent score of 971 out of the possible 1,200.

Drake Division again wins the .303 Trophy with a score of 833 out of the possible 1,200, Rodney being a close second with 821.

Both Anson and Drake deserve congratulations. Results of the .22 and .303 is tabulated below.

.22 COMPETITION

1. Anson	971	6. Duncan ...	906
2. Blake	957	7. Exmouth ...	848
3. Grenville	954	8. Drake ...	839
4. Hawke	930	9. Benbow ...	832
5. Rodney	922	10. Collingwood	804

.303 COMPETITION.

1. Drake	833	6. Anson ...	743
2. Rodney	821	7. Duncan ...	734
3. Grenville	813	8. Hawke ...	731
4. Benbow	770	9. Exmouth ...	672
5. Blake	759	10. Collingwood ...	667

RANGE PRACTICE TROPHY.

This is awarded to the Class obtaining the highest Class average for .22 firings during their Instructional Range Practice week.

Summer Term this Trophy was won by 150 Class Duncan Division.

For the Winter Term the outstanding Class at present is 158 Rodney Division with an average of 214.2 out of the possible 280.

The final results of this Competition will be listed in the Stop Press column

THE BUZZARD TROPHY.

This is awarded to the best all round shot of the Term: any Boy who continually obtains high. scores during Range Practice week, Divisional Range Days and during voluntary Practice periods.

The Trophy this Term has been awarded to Boy 1/c G. Solly of 156 Class Grenville.

The Penalties of the Law

We all know that £5 is the round figure paid by those who improperly pull the communication cord in railway carriages, but how many have heard that the Sailor can be fined 1/- for each swearing offence? Perhaps someone hasn't told the Chancellor of the Exchequer yet! Knocking at strange doors and running away can be more expensive, if you're caught. The penalty is a fine of 40/-, which sum is also payable for extinguishing a street light, for keeping a pig near to the public highway, for beating a carpet in the street after 8 a.m., and for flying a kite in the same place.

Bugle Band Notes

There have been a lot of changes in the Band this term, and we have had to say goodbye to many familiar faces who have served the Band well. Prominent among these is the Drum Major, Leading Boy Bates, who set a high standard throughout and never dropped a catch. Boy Raymond (Grenville) relieves him in this important job.

We have been fortunate in having an additional Instructor for the Band, Bugle Sergeant Tilley, who joined at the beginning of the Term. Sergeant Tilley is now leaving the Corps after 22 years' service and goes to Felsted College to train the Band there. We wish him the best of luck in his new post.

Congratulations to Leading Boy Lee (Benbow) for being rated P.O. Boy and Silver Bugler, and to Boys Smith (Anson) and Levey (Collingwood) for being rated Leading Boys; also to Boy Whitman (Exmouth) for being rated Silver Bugler.

There have been no outside displays during the term, but the Band paraded in full equipment for the visit of the Director of Naval Training and the Flag Officer, Training Squadron, and also provided the opening fanfare for the Fireworks Display. One event still to come is the Band Outing, when we hope there will be no need for any supper on return.

An innovation this term has been to teach boys to play the Flute. This necessitates a knowledge of how to read music, and results are therefore slower than in learning the Bugle. Thanks to the patient endeavours of Bugle Corporal Weight we have now got eight flautists, who have just given their first public performance at Colours in the morning, and before the end of the term we hope to play an inspection piece during Sunday Divisions. There are still vacancies for Boys who want to play this instrument, but don't expect results too quickly; it may take you a fortnight to get a note out, but once you have got the idea, progress is rapid.

Next year is the Festival of Britain, and the Bugle Band is sure to be in demand for the many Fetes that are held during the summer. That means that all next term we must start working up to provide a really top line Band, and we must be able to put on a first class show.

Meanwhile, have a jolly good leave, and don't blow a bugle too soon after the Christmas dinner.

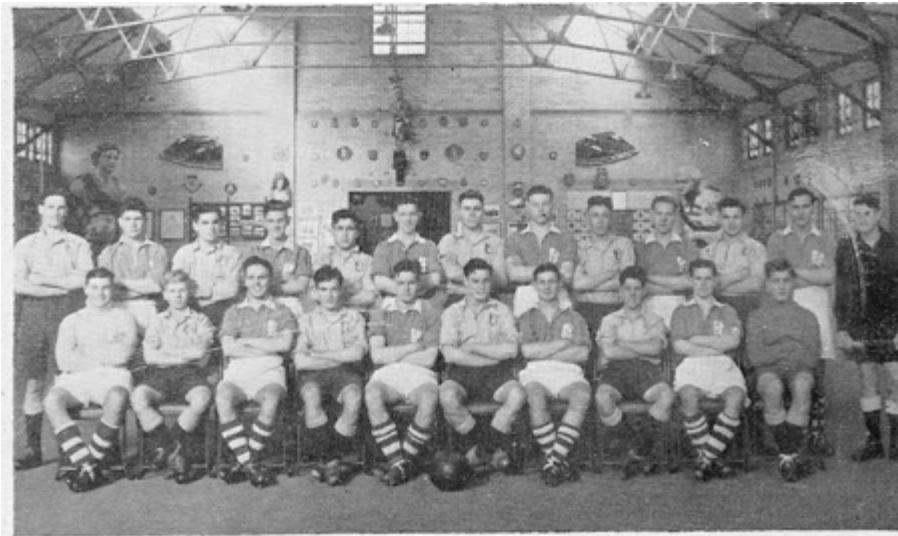
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Lofty

Goliath of Gath, who was slain by David's smooth pebbles, had a height of almost 11 feet. This is large even by modern standards, though Myllerine, a Finn, was 9 feet 10 inches when he visited London in 1939, and Egypt claims an invalid over 9 feet 9 inches, who is still growing. Nevertheless, all of these men are small in comparison with Teutobochus, who lived in the Dauphine in France, during the sixteenth century, and was reputed to be over 22 feet in height.

Boys' Soccer

Early September saw the usual screening process of a large number of soccer hopefuls. From this operation there appeared two reasonable looking teams which this term have done a great deal in maintaining, and at times enhancing, the reputation of "Ganges" in local soccer circles. Results so far have been very pleasing and these have been achieved by good all round team work as opposed to individual brilliance. It is easy to find fault, from stand or touch line, with the best of teams. Both our teams will wait for the ball to come to them instead of *going to* the ball and both teams often forget that soccer is a game that should be played at top speed. Many good movements are spoiled by being too deliberate, thus giving time for the opposing defence to take up position.



RESULTS.

9th Sept. 1st XI. v. Nicholians. Won, 3-1, at home.

Obviously the first game for both teams. We made fewer mistakes and lasted better.

16th Sept. 2nd XI. v. Chelmondiston. Won, 9-0, at home.

The result was never in doubt, but we had to go hard all the time.

23rd Sept. 1st XI. v. Felixstowe Juniors. Won, 6-0, at home.

A comfortable win—we were much fitter and were right on top in the second half.

30th Sept. 1st XI. v. Landseer Y.C. Won, 7-0, at home.

Landseer put us out of the Minor Cup last year but had suffered team changes since, and we had no difficulty in beating them.

30th Sept. 2nd XI. v. Chelmondiston. Won, 13-2, away.

We were rather too strong, but our opponents never gave up and were the last to score.

7th Oct. 2nd XI. v. Hollesley. Drew, 3-3, away.

A hard game in which we led 3-1 ten minutes from time. The home team, older and bigger than our boys, made a tremendous effort and just managed to draw level.

11th Oct. 2nd XI. v. R.H.S. Holbrook. Won, 11-2, at home.

Our opponents left too many spaces, which our boys took full advantage of. Shooting was remarkably accurate.

12th Oct. 1st XI. v. Bury Grammar School. Won, 12-0, at home.

Bury were not as strong as last year and provided us with an easy win.

12th Oct. 2nd XI. v. Bury Grammar School 2nd XI. Won, 9-0, at home.

As last year, we were too strong for the opposition.

21st Oct. 1st XI. v. Hollesley. Lost 0-2, away.

We had quite as much of the play as our opponents, in spite of their greater age and size. Several near misses, and hitting the woodwork three times, might easily have given us the game.

28th Oct. 1st XI. v. Felixstowe Juniors. Won, 3-2, away.

Careless passing and a strange lack of "bite" found us two goals down at half time. Attacking strongly all the second half, we managed to score the winning goal a few minutes before time. A fine recovery in the face of more than robust tackling.

28th Oct. 2nd XI. v. St. Clement's United. Lost, 3-4, at home.

At last the team had to acknowledge defeat. They had the chances but failed to take advantage of them. Too much fiddling in front of goal.

4th Nov. 1st XI. v. "St. Vincent." Won, 4-3, at home.

As usual a terrific struggle with our boys having most of the play. "St. Vincent" were always dangerous and three times we were a goal behind. One of the best boys' matches I have watched.

11th Nov. 1st XI. v. Waterside Works Juniors. Won, 4-1, at home.

This second round Suffolk Minor Cup match was won fairly comfortably. Our boys were much the fitter side and were well on top in the second half.

11th Nov. 2nd XI. v. Hollesley. Lost, 3-10, at home.

Our boys ran into real trouble. Hollesley brought their 1st XI. by mistake, and they were much too strong for our second string.

18th Nov. 1st XI. v. East Barnet Grammar School. Won, 5-1, at home.

We are always pleased to entertain this school team for the week-end and this time we had a comfortable win. We had to work hard for the first goal, and, but for some excellent work by the school goalkeeper, might have doubled our score.

19th Nov. 2nd XI. v. East Barnet Grammar School. Won, 3-1, at home.

The school team were not as fresh as they would have wished for this second game in two days, and were unable to hold our boys.

22nd Nov. 2nd XI. v. R.H.S. Holbrook. Lost, 7-8, away.

A rather weak team took some time to settle down to a small ground and light ball, by which time they were four goals down. We attacked strongly for the remainder of the game, but just failed to make up this leeway.

25th Nov. 1st XI. v. Nicholians. Draw, 3-3, at home.

This third round Suffolk Minor Cup game was indeed a homeric struggle. Conditions were dreadful; a treacherous surface and very poor visibility, due to fog, made good football almost impossible. Two mistakes in the first half gave the visitors a two goal lead at half time. For the first twenty minutes of the second half we strove vainly, and with five minutes to go we were still a goal down. Two

quick goals put us in front, but in the last thirty seconds a penalty was given against us, which allowed Nicholians to draw level. A very harsh decision. Our boys are to be congratulated on the fine effort made and we look to them to make no mistake in the replay on 9th December.

2nd Dec. 1st XI. v. "St. Vincent." Draw, 2-2, away.

Another very good game with our boys a little slower on the ball in the first half, at the end of which we were 2-1 down. We were on the attack the whole of the second half and our opponents' goal had some miraculous escapes, and only fell once. The whole team gave one of its best performances and were most unlucky not to win.

		RECORD.				<i>Goals</i>	
		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XI.		11	8	1	2	49	13
2nd XI.	...	9	5	3	1	61	30

The following boys have been responsible for the above very creditable record:-

1ST XI. — Bywaters (A), Whitlock, Calaz, Roberts, Ricketts (Bw.), Lee (B1.), Shaw (R), Pashley, Clarke, Lafferty (Dr.), Such, Cridland (Ex.); Wood (C) McDonnell (H).

2ND XI.—Fraser, Fisher (Bw.), Brewerton, Painter, Pinder (B1.), Jones (Ex.), Walker, Ryan, Furlong (Dr.), Cragg, Peart, Pam, Mason, Boudier (H), Manser, Simpson (G).

On Wednesday, 1st November, Ipswich Town F.C. very kindly provided stand accommodation for both our teams to see an. East Anglian cup-tie between Ipswich "A" and Chelsea "A." This gave us a very good object lesson in what to do and what not to do, and we are most grateful for the opportunity.

The smooth running of two teams involves a lot of work both on and off the field. To all those who in any way have contributed to this we offer our grateful thanks, particularly to referees and linesmen. A special word of personal thanks to Cd. Ck. Officer White, Cd. Shipt. Officer Moor and Fr. Dougherty, without whose ever-ready co-operation and help I should find it impossible to carry on.

H. CHESTER, Instr.-Lieut.

Our ace-supporter, arch-encourager and number one cheering party, Fr. Dougherty, writes:—After the home game against 'St. Vincent,' there was a chap talking just outside the Main Gate: 'It was the best game,' he said, 'since the nineteen thirties, when 'Ganges' had a forward line of International Schoolboys'.

Yes, the Boys' Soccer teams are good this season. After the first five matches the goal average read 38 for, 3 against. These matches were against older and bigger boys.

Our boys move the ball with speed and dart like fish into the open spaces. Just one instance in the game against "St. Vincent": our goalie saved a long clearance, and after one bounce the next contact of the ball was with that useful piece of furniture in boys' soccer, the opponents' crossbar. You chaps who have boys at "Ganges" and who pay your "bob" every Saturday to watch Arsenal, Notts Forest or Stockport County, would enjoy this keen, open football, so innocent of all professional tricks. The policy of going all out to score goals is mainly responsible for the boys playing such glorious football. Our boys are very fit, partly from their youth, but mainly from that part of naval training which is known affectionately to all the boys as "Picking up the Double."

The 2nd XI. are always ready to take over where the 1st XI. leave off. One day the 1st XI. beat a team 5-1 and the next day the 2nd XI. took on the same team and coolly won 3-1.

"Well done, Boys!"

FATHER DOUGHERTY;

Establishment Soccer



Establishment Soccer XI., November 1950,

The Establishment soccer team were fortunate in being able to call on eight members of last season's team:— Cpl. Powell, C.P.O. Barlow, A.B. James, Wtr. Kerr, P.O. Sheppard, Musician Beare, Marine Chown and Bugler Hawdon. Many new players have been tried in various positions - the two "finds" of the season being P.O. Goodhew (left half) and P.O. Johnson (outside right). Mention should also be made of the way in which Bugler Hawdon has developed at right half. Our principal need is for a goal scoring centre forward (drafting officers please note).

The season commenced with a fine 3-1 win against Felixstowe Wednesday, in the final of the Felixstowe Rotary Cup — a game held over from last season. We also hold the Ipswich Wednesday League Charity Cup, gained in a 3-1 win over Clacton Wednesday on the Portman Road ground, Ipswich, last Easter.

The team had a very good run in the Navy Cup, reaching the Area Final. In this game, against Reserve Fleet, Chatham, played at Chatham, we went down 2-3 after a hard struggle. Our exit from the Suffolk Senior Cup came in the first round v. Leiston, at Leiston, where we were beaten 3-1—another hard, fast game.

Of the six Ipswich Wednesday League matches so far played, we have lost 3, drawn 2 and won 1. We must now concentrate on obtaining more League points.

Two members of the team were selected to play in representative games — Cpl. Powell (goal) and A.B. James (inside right) for the Nore Command against Kent County, and Cpl. Powell kept goal for the Royal Marines against West of England Combined Services at Plymouth.

RESULTS TO DATE.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Competition.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	
Sept. 13th.	Felixstowe	Wednesday	Rotary Cup Final	Won, 3-1
20th	H.M.S. "Bleasdale"		Friendly	Won, 4-1
27th	R.M., Deal		Navy Cup, Rd. 1	Won, 1-0
28th	R.F., Harwich		Wednesday League	Lost, 3-4
Oct. 4th	R.A.F., Felixstowe			Lost, 1-2
11th	Clacton	Wednesday		Lost, 2-4
18th	R.F., Harwich		Navy Cup, Rd. 2	Draw, 2-2
25th	R.F., Harwich		Replay	Won, 6-1
Nov. 1st	R.F., Chatham		Navy Cup, Area Final	Lost, 2-3
15th	R.A.F., Honington		Wednesday League	Draw, 1-1
18th	Leiston		Suffolk Senior Cup	Lost, 1-3
22nd	Felixstowe	Wednesday	Wednesday League	Won, 3-2
23rd	Clacton Police		Friendly	Won, 5-1
29th	St. Margaret's	Wed.	Wednesday League	Draw, 1-1
Dec. 2nd	Stowmarket		Friendly	Lost, 0-4

Goals for, 35; Goals against, 30.

TEAM.— Cpl. Powell, are. (captain); C.P.O. Barlow, Mne. Chown; Bugler Hawdon, P.O. Sheppard (vice-captain), P.O. Goodhew; P.O. Johnson, A.B. James, A.B. Clements, Wtr. Kerr, Sto. Hesford.

The following have also represented "Ganges" — P.O. Saunders, Mne. Eatwell, Musician Beare, L/Ck. Munro, P.O. Stevens, Mne. Cooper, Cpl. Spong, P.O. Baldwin, Shipt. White, L/Sig. Bailey, L/Wtr. Perry, Instr.-Lt. Foster, S.A. Grigg.

A. W. YOUNG, Instr.-Lieut.

Hon. Secretary.

A certain old fellow of Troon,
Built a simply enormous balloon;
To his friends' great surprise,
It climbed high in the skies,
And well nigh knocked over the moon.

Dear Liza Fitzsimmonds of Ealing,
Tried daily to walk on the ceiling.
"Too high was the drop,"
Said the Coroner, "A flop."
So they buried her remains without feeling.

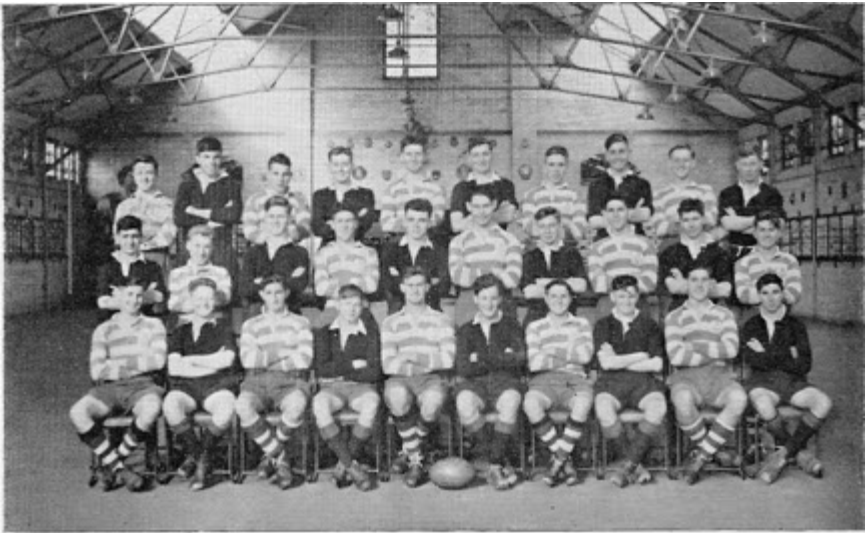
A lady, Dame Nelly Paulyne,
Brewed most excellent elderberry wine.
It went straight to the head;
Now her nephew's in bed,
That eminent (nameless) divine.

Ldg. Boy Barker, 147 Class.

Boys' Rugby Notes

I do not intend to include a detailed list of this term's results. Let it be sufficient to say that we have won very few games. I fear that the 1st XV.'s of the local schools - Ipswich, Colchester, Framlingham, Northgate, and Greshams - are rather too strong for us. It is unfortunate too that we cannot hold a team together for more than a few weeks. Of our present XV., several boys were introduced to the game for the first time this term and they have grasped the fundamentals quite quickly, but even so they lack the skill and instinctive moves of the school teams. When a boy has become a useful member of the XV. he is usually due for draft. We turn to the Annexe for replacements, but it is unusual to find more than three or four boys in an entry who have played the game to any extent.

We have had at least one practice session a week since the season began, and Commander Baker and Lt. -Commander Paterson have spent a great deal of time teaching the boys the game. The benefit of this coaching was realised in the first game against "St. Vincent," when, against opponents of their own standing, the boys played good rugby and won 27 points to 3 points. Let us hope that our present XV. can bring off the double in the return game at Portsmouth.



Boys' Rugby XV. v. St. Vincent.

The following boys have represented "Ganges" so far this term:—

Full back. — *Wellman* (Bw.), *Hilliard* (G).

Three quarters. — *Watkinson* (B), *Walsh* (A), *Linney* (Dn.), *Reece* (R), *Clarke* (C), *Swales* (Dr.), *Connelly* (R), *Hannam* (Dr.), *Standing* (Bw.).

Half backs. — *Penfold* (A), (captain), *Tussaud* (Dr.), *Benjafield* (A), *Parker* (C),

Forwards. — *Davies* (Dn.), (vice-captain), *Llewellyn* (E), *Hazel* (Dr.), *Tilley* (Bw.), *Mead* (A), *Primrose* (E), *Turnham* (B), *Hazelwood* (E), *Jerram* (G), *Hall* (Dr.), *Gregory* (H), *Whitton* (A), *Jay* (G).

Colours have been awarded to *Penfold*, *Davies*, *Llewellyn*, *Linney*.

I wish to congratulate the boys on their team spirit; they have been beaten in many games, but not once did they give up. I wish to thank Commander Baker for refereeing and coaching; Lt.-Commander Paterson for the great deal of time he has spent lecturing and coaching; Lt.-Commander Davenport and Lt. Smith for refereeing, and all the Officers who have accompanied the team on away games.

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