

Handicrafts

This term has produced an abundance of good work; enthusiasm for handicrafts has been high and all classes have been well attended. Our Instructors have worked very hard to cope with the number of boys descending on the Handicrafts Room in the evening.

Leatherwork has been very popular; handbags, wallets and writing cases being made in great quantity; whilst many really good models have also been produced. Woodwork too has remained extremely popular, particularly with the Ship's Company, and we must add that patients in the Sick Bay have not been slow to make use of the handicraft facilities provided for them, and we hope to see this good work continued next term.

- Finally, then, let me say to anybody who can face the howling winds and driving rain that will normally be your lot on the way to the Gunnery School, you
- will usually find a warm fire awaiting you and an opportunity to spend a cheerful
- and constructive evening in one of the hobbies rooms. We hope to see even more people next term.

F. G. Kitson, Instr.-
Lieutenant, R.N.



The Second Sea Lord, Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Madden, K.C.B., C.B.E., and the Mayor of Colchester, inspecting the Guard from "Ganges," at Colchester.

Highland Dancing Notes

Highland Dances started again this term on Sunday, 28th October. Owing to the limited space in No. 1 gym, total numbers have to be restricted to about 120 at the outside, about 55-60 of these being girls who brave the Shotley winter to come from Ipswich, Harwich, Dovercourt and several outlying villages.

Having started on a few simple dances, we are now graduating to something a bit bigger and better. and among the dances that most of us can do at the time of going to press are the Eightsome Reel, the Dashing White Sergeant, The Petronella, The Scottish Reform, the Waltz Country Dance, the Gay Gordons, the Highland Schottische and the Shotley Shuffle. This last is a peculiar step which is danced by quite a number of boys who haven't quite mastered the usual ones. It is most effective, however, and fits all the Dances. Another impressive part of the Sunday evening classes is the Procession of Partners from the main gate to the gym. By the time we write these notes at the end of next term, we imagine that they will be well in the running for the Parade Efficiency Trophy, and that the Duty Corporals will all have been offered posts as Drill Sergeants to the Girl Guides.

P.K.

Cinema Notes

It is a new idea for the Cinema Officer to have space in the Shotley Magazine, but it is a chance to mention the "back room boys of entertainment." Our staff, as you may or may not know, comprises Mr. Reubens., C.C.O., Cinema Officer, two chief operators, and four operators. Our equipment, which although rather old, does its job quite well, despite the fact that the speakers have an up and down life on the stage.

Several "drips" have come in about the age of some of the films, but although we make representations from time to time about this, we regret that it is impossible to obtain those just released from the studios. We would like to dispel the rumour here and now, that our next two bookings are "SONNY BOY" and "HELL'S ANGELS" (silent version).

We are very fortunate that we do get a good selection of those films available, and we are trying to increase the number of "funnies," which we know are very popular, especially with the G.I.s.

We would like to pay tribute to all the operators for the good shows they have given us, even when the state of the film has been bad, and we would especially like to thank E.A. Payne for extremely good work on the maintenance of the equipment and organising of -the staff. Whilst on this subject, we are having our projectors modernised to meet the modern method of preventing mishaps, and giving an even better reproduction. It must be appreciated that the acoustics in the Gymnasium are not of the best, but here again, we are endeavouring to eliminate unnecessary noise and improve the quality of the sound.

Many thanks to Mr. Clarke and his staff in the excellent way in which they have "ushered" patrons in and out of the Gym. It is remarkable how quickly the cinema is cleared.

We are in the process of re-writing the Shotley Theme Song, which we hope will be enjoyed by all when it is screened at the end of the term. Any suggestions for the future feature films are always welcomed by the Cinema Officer, and provided they pass the censor, and are obtainable, they will be shown.

In conclusion, we all wish you a well-earned leave, and good showings for the future.





Boys' Cycling Club

Many people are under the impression that the Cycling Club has a closed season. This is quite incorrect. So far we have been able to carry out a programme similar in scope to that of last term., We have, however, confined normal runs to Wednesdays and Saturdays, Sunday being kept as a spare day for runs which might have had to be cancelled during the week.

Another popular, but erroneous, idea is that cycling is a fair weather sport. It is not so in "Ganges." The weather influences but does not dominate us. Our general policy is to delay the start if rain is falling heavily: but should it begin when we have actually left, our slogan, if we are reasonably near our objective, is "Press on regardless!" If not, we may shorten the trip where possible. Provided that the feet are well protected, there are few things more stimulating than riding at a smart pace through driving rain.

We must not over-emphasize the sterner side of the picture. This has been a glorious autumn. The same fields, trees and beaches that smiled at us last term have now a softer but not less beautiful dress. The sea, it is true, no longer invites us. There has been no swimming since the visit to Clacton on the 3rd October.

A substantial portion of the Club's funds has been invested in a supply of lamps and accessories. These can be borrowed at the beginning of a run by those members who have none of their own. Thus equipped we have been able to attempt distances just as long as last term's. Colchester and Stowmarket have both been visited several times, besides nearer spots like Flatford, Dedham, Walton and Woodbridge. Sometimes, when runs have terminated at Harwich, it has been touch and go whether we should catch the boat. Misadventures have at times prevented us from doing so. The coxswains have always been as considerate as possible and we owe them thanks for making a variety of return routes possible.

The Victualling Officer has been generous to us but there is no denying that the monthly cafe teas are the highlights in our programme. Two were especially successful. At Walton a number of boys were so grateful that they voluntarily assisted with the dishing up. At Chelmondiston, after thirty rainy miles of cycling one November afternoon, we were entertained with eggs on toast besides the usual tea-time delicacies.

The maintenance and, where necessary, the repair of machines is a constant problem. The shed has usually been opened on a Sunday afternoon for maintenance. Members are asked to check over their machines before starting on a run in order to avoid delay and inconvenience to other riders. Where a mishap occurs—no power on earth can prevent the occasional puncture—the whole party halts and the matter can usually be speedily remedied. Where workshop repairs or essential replacements are needed these can be carried out at half-price, Club funds meeting the remainder of the cost.

Recently we have been able to welcome Marsh, the Club Secretary, back to our ranks after some weeks in the Sick Quarters. During his absence the Club has owed much to the wit and enthusiasm of his deputy, Gaiger, of Drake. An encouraging number of new faces have been seen on the runs this term, some regularly and some occasionally. We have been glad to see them all and we hope there will be more next term. Any questions about the Club, or about the transport of machines, will be willingly answered by the Club officers at any time. If in doubt, pay a visit to the Clubroom in the Old Seamanship Block any Friday between 1930 and 2030.

J. M.

F. L. C.

Boys' Rugby Notes



Boys' Rugger First XV.

Our season started somewhat earlier than usual, on a hard-baked pitch in belated sunshine, and much to the surprise of many a passer-by. However, this early training enabled us to get many preliminaries settled, and after a well-earned leave we really got down to strict training practices, and attended Rugger lectures and films.

Quite a number of our training group played last season, and these have formed the nucleus of our present 1st and 2nd XV's. A trial match with R.H.S., Holbrook, began our season, and up to the time of going to press our 1st and 2nd XV's have together played 26 matches. Of these, nine were won, two drawn and fifteen lost, our biggest disappointment this season was our defeat by our rivals, H.M.S. "St. Vincent," which we are determined to avenge during the Easter term.

The outing to Cambridge, to witness them against the Springboks, organised by the P.T. & W. Officer, was heartily enjoyed. Unfortunately, one of our buses decided to have a "make and mend" about six miles from Cambridge, but despite this, all arrived in time for the match. We were thankful for the opportunity to see a game of first-class Rugger, and it made a great impression on all of us.

A kicking competition was recently held in "Ganges," the Commander kindly consenting to present the prizes. Boy Bainbridge, of Drake Division, a virtual newcomer to our midst, stole all the honours—much to the chagrin of the stalwarts—and accrued 35 points. He was closely followed by Boy Llewellyn, also of Drake Division, with 34 points, a commendable effort.

Many thanks to all the Officers and Instructors who have helped us this term, especially to Commander Baker, who has given us invaluable assistance in training, organising, refereeing and lecturing, and for his loyal support at all our away games. Also to Captain(S) Sowman, Instructor Lieutenants Parry, Oliver, Freeman and Hambling, and to C.Y.S. Jowett, always a ready helper. We would also mention

our thanks to Surgeon Commander Caldwell for refereeing some of our matches, which was greatly appreciated.

In Conclusion, the author wishes you all a very happy Christmas and New Year, trusting that you will return from leave fighting fit, and ready for the battles to come next term.

E.G.H.R.
Boys' Rugby Secretary.

Establishment Rugby Notes

We started the season hopefully with memories of last year's successes. Many stalwarts had left us, but we were fortunate in having new talent with the arrivals of Surg.-Lt.(D) Hall, Lt. Hodgson, C.C.O. Reubens, Instr.-Lts. Oliver, Hambling, Terry and Roach, S.A. Short and P.O. Webb. Altogether we have about thirty players within the Establishment. However, in spite of this seemingly large number we have found it amazingly difficult to muster a complete team for -most games and on many occasions have had to ask the Reserve Fleet to help us out.

Our first game was a scratch fixture against Ipswich "A." We were unfit, clumsy and the pack could not get together. We lost 15-8.

We had our first victory against R.A.F., Felixstowe. The forwards, amongst whom Watkins and Cummings were prominent, played more together and it was, in fact, the forwards who scored the tries. Jowett scored the first and Reubens broke through to score the second. Freeman dropped a good goal.

Against Sudbury R.F.C. we were disorganised; they scored two tries before we could settle down. The final score of 17-3 rather flattered them, but we certainly made many mistakes. Coincidence, but after this game there were six black eyes in the Wardroom!

We beat the Reserve Fleet in a very pleasant game. Our lighter pack played well together and Gossage, Humphreys and Taylor were well to the fore. Freeman dropped a goal to win the game 6-3.

On the following Saturday we took on Ipswich 1st XV and were beaten 23-3. Parry was injured and had to leave the field, and Ewens playing in the centre, received a blow in the face which prevented him from playing for several weeks. In spite of this bad luck we held them until half-time, but then slacked off. Watkins was certainly the best of the forwards, Oliver at scrum-half stopped many attacks by falling on the ball, and Hall, playing in his last game for us, made an excellent run to score our only try.

Many unrepeatable Words were said about a certain car after the Bury St. Edmunds game. Because of it breaking down we were two short and although our opponents found two substitutes the team was badly disorganised and lost by 21-9.

At Colchester we took on the Garrison XV and won a scrappy game 21-14. Jowett and Watkins were again prominent among the forwards. Kidd, playing stand-off, put his shoulder out for the second time this season and had to leave the field. Unfortunately this shoulder now prevents him turning out at all.

Our next game was against R.A.F., Feltwell; we started off well with a try by Taylor, who ran well after a good movement. After this we went to pieces and lost by 21-11... Freeman kicked two very good penalty goals.

In spite of pouring rain we had another good game against the Reserve Fleet which we won quite comfortably. Hodgson kicked well at full-back, Gossage led the pack well, and Kitson at hooker had a very "tigerish" game.

A certain forward had a delightful trip through the local countryside for the game with Norwich Extra 1st. Unfortunately he did not arrive until half-time ! We lost the game but were certainly not outplayed. Hambling ran well to score our only try, and Freeman added his usual penalty goal.

We were successful in our next two mid-week fixtures against Norwich Thursday and R.A.F., Wattisham. We improved our standard in these games but failed to take opportunities and only won each match by a narrow margin.

Against Colchester we were again one short (bad navigation or a breakdown could not be blamed this time!) We also had three Reserve Fleet players to help us out. Our light forwards did very well against a pack which contained four Eastern County players. Cummings and Terry were outstanding and Cummings was very unfortunate to lose a tooth in the closing stages of the game.

Colchester only crossed our line twice, and Freeman, once again, gained three points for us by kicking a penalty goal. Williams at full-back and Ewens at scrum-half both deserve special mention. They foiled many attacks.

For the combined Rugger and Hockey fixtures with Pembroke College, Cambridge, we had several regulars missing. The game was really an exhibition by the College side; they ran through us time and time again to win by 39-5. After the game we were extremely well entertained and in spite of our very heavy defeat, it was an excellent trip.

We have one fixture left to play this term against Ipswich Y.M.C.A., We shall need a very strong turn-out to take them on.

I wish to thank Surg. Capt. Pollard, Surg. Cdr. Caldwell, Rev. Beasley, Instr.-Lt. Hewitt and C.P.O. Wyatt for refereeing, and those people who have turned out at short notice, particularly Instr.-Lts. Humphreys, Culver and Rowland, C.Y.S. Mitchell and S.A. Sadler.

Next term we have a full fixture list; let us hope that we are just a little fitter, that we can jump a little higher in the line-out, that the wing three-quarters' hands do not freeze because of inactivity and that we can turn out the same XV for at least two successive games.

The following have played this term-

Full-Back—Lt. Hodgson, P.O. Williams, Instr.-Lt. Rowlands.

Three-Quarters— Instr.-Lts. Hambling and Freeman, P.O. Webb, Surg.-Lt.(D) Hall.

Half-Backs—Lt.(S) Ewens, Instr.-Lts. Parry and Oliver, Lt. Kidd. *Forwards*—

C.C.O. Reubens, Instr.-Lts. Kitson, Taylor, Gray, Culver, Roach, and Humphreys, Ldg. Wtr. Cummings, S.B.A. Watkins, Cpl. Wallis, R.M., C.Y.S. C.Y.S. Jowett, Lt. Gossage, S.A. Short, S.A. Sadler, R.P.O. Scott.

RESULTS.

Opponent.

Ipswich "A"	Lost	15- 8
R.A.F., Felixstowe	Won	11- 0
Sudbury R.F.C.	Lost	17- 3
Reserve Fleet	Won	6- 3
Bury St. Edmunds	Lost	21- 9
Colchester Garrison	Won	23-14
R.A.F., Feltwell	Lost	21-11
Reserve Fleet	Won	12- 6
Norwich Extra 1st	Lost	19- 6
Norwich Thursday	Won	.. 13- 9
R.A.F., Wattisham	Won	11- 6
Colchester R.F.C.	Lost	10- 3
Pembroke College	Lost	39- 5

R.H.P.

Boys' Soccer

Goals. Played.

<i>Teams.</i>				<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Goals For</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1ST XI	...	12	5	2	5	36	31		
2ND XI	...	8	6	1	1	34	17		

A quick glance at the results above might encourage the reader to think that it might be a good thing to promote a large part of the Second XI into the First XI. It must be remembered, however, that the quality of the opposition is the big factor to be considered. The opponents of the First XI have generally been older, whereas the Second XI have often protested that their opponents have been too young and inexperienced.

- The difficulty of arranging fixtures, which will give our teams worthy opposition from boys of their own age, is one which I am striving to overcome. This problem, together with that of continual changes due to drafting requirements, prevents the growth of understanding between players so essential to good team work. In contrast, the Boys' Clubs and Schools, against whom we play, can field the same team week after week.

In view of the foregoing, the First XI must be congratulated, rather than criticised, for their results this term. Space forbids more than brief reference to the more important fixtures.

The Home fixture against H.M.S. "St. Vincent" produced an exciting, fast game. Our opponents played well but our team, having played three hard games on each of the preceding Saturdays, was on top form. The forward line contained three 'veterans' in Boys Lees (Blake), Lees (Drake) and Newall (Drake) and this helped the tide of battle to turn in our favour. Result 4-0.

November 10th saw the Second Round of the Suffolk Minor Cup being contested between our boys and Castle Hill Youth Club F.C. By sheer doggedness the First XI fought back to draw 2-2 after being two goals down at half-time. The team had been weakened by the loss of boys performing at the Albert Hall and on the replay, at Ipswich on the following Saturday, H.M.S. "Ganges" went on to the Third round with a 3-1 victory.

Perhaps the most exciting game of the season was the return match against H.M.S. "St. Vincent" on December 1st. Our opponents produced a first-rate forward line which gave our defence no rest. Harrison (Grenville) must be congratulated on an excellent game in goal. We were fortunate, indeed, to have conceded only one goal at half time. In the second half, the game turned more in our favour and we were unlucky not to equalise. The play still continued to be extremely fast and furious, with "Ganges" doing most of the pressing and playing now with much more spirit and confidence. From time to time, however, our opponents made dangerous raids into the "Ganges" half and, a few moments before the final whistle, succeeded in clinching the match with a second goal scrambled in from a poor clearance. Result 0-2.

In conclusion, congratulations to those who have secured their Soccer Colours — Lobban (Hawke), Cook, D. (Rodney), and Furlonger (Drake). The latter, as captain, has played extremely hard throughout the season and will be a big loss to the team in the New Year.

The New Year will mean many more hard games—not least the matches against H.M.S. "St. Vincent" — for which we shall want to field our strongest and best team. Anyone who wishes to be considered should contact the Boys' Soccer Secretary early next term and trials will be arranged.

R.M.T.

INTER-CLASS SOCCER. SENIORS.
DRAW.

292/293	(H)	163/86					
163/86	(D)	301/302	(A)	163/86	}	163/86	}
		162/87	(C)	162/87			
		164/91	(Bw)		}	163/86 (D)	
252/272	(H)	252/272					
282/283	(G)				}	252/272	
251/160	(B)	251/160					
261/271	(A)				}	161/84	
167/94	(D)	92/93					
92/93	(B)				}	161/84	
161/84	(H)	161/84					
281/291	(C)				}	161/84 (H)	
165/90	(A)	88/89					
88/89	(H)				}	262/263	
253	(Bw)	262/263					
262/263	(D)						

161/84 (H)
(1-0)

JUNIORS.

9/12	(R)	9/12					
331	(Bw)				}	172/7	}
311/3	(H)	172/7					
172/7	(C)				}	172/7	
342/343	(D)	342/343					
332/333	(B)				}	173/8	
/32	(G)	173/8					
173/8	(A)				}	172/7 (C)	
		95/96	(C)	169/98			
		169/98	(R)		}	169/98	
		171/4	(Bw)	171/4			
		5/6	(G)		}	170	
341	(B)	170					
170	(H)				}	170	
174/175	(B)	322/323					
322/323	(R)				}	1/2 (A)	
312/313	(C)	168/97					
168/97	(G)				}	1/2	
10/11	(Bw)	1/2					
1/2	(A)						

1st Game 1-1.
1st Replay 3-3
2nd Replay
2-1.

1/2 (A).

INTER-DIVISIONAL SOCCER RESULTS — EASTER TERM 1951.

<i>League.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Points.</i>
	Anson ...	3	2	1	0	5
1st XI "A"	Hawke ...	3	1	2	0	4
	Blake ...	3	1	1	1	3
	Grenville ...	3	0	0	3	0
	Collingwood	3	3	0	0	6
1st XI "B"	Rodney ...	3	1	1	1	3
	Drake ...	3	0	2	1	2
	Benbow .	3	0	1	2	1
	Anson ...	3	3	0	0	6
2nd XI "A"	Hawke ...	3	2	0	1	4
	Blake ...	3	1	0	2	2
	Grenville ...	3	0	0	3	0
	Collingwood	3	2	0	1	4
2nd XI "B"	Benbow ...	3	1	1	1	3
	Rodney ...	3	1	1	1	3
	Drake ...	3	1	0	2	2

FINALS— 1st XI "A" (v.) 1st XI "B"—Anson, 4.' Collingwood, 1. 2nd XI "A" (v.) 2nd XI "B"—Anson, 9. Collingwood, 1.

Establishment Soccer

During the summer term the inevitable draft chits robbed the ship's team of four outstanding players—Cpl. Powell (goal), P.O. Sheppard (left back), P.O. Parry (left half), and Wtr. Kerr.

A Ship's Company meeting held towards the end of that term elected P.O. Goodnew captain, and Sgt. Hotchkiss, P.O. Stannard, L/Wtr. Murray and Sto. Staines were asked to serve on the selection committee.

A series of trials were held and we began the season with what looked like a promising side. This view was borne out when we beat Wattisham R.A.F. 3-1 and Felixstowe Wed. 7-2, but in the following game we crashed 5-1 to Honington R. A.F. A glance at the players who have represented "Ganges" will show that every effort has been made to "plug the gaps.

O/Stwd. Dickie has solved our long standing problem at centre forward and P.O. Wtr. Perry is rapidly developing into a first class inside forward. The defence was greatly strengthened by the arrival of Instr.-Lt. Richards, an Oxford blue who has played for Pegasus, last season's winners of the Amateur Cup. At the time of writing, O/Ck. Baker has played one game at outside left and shows considerable promise.

Our sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to A.B. James, who has the bad luck to be on the injured list. Thanks are due to P.O. Stannard, B/Cpl. Walton and to Sto. Staines for their willingness to take the whistle or run the line, often at short notice, and also to Sgt. Hotchkiss, who devotes a great deal of time and care to the running of the team. He now, also, very capably fills the gap left by the departure of Cpl. Powell.

In addition to the match at Honington our only other defeat came in the Navy Cup, when we were knocked out by the Reserve Fleet 4-0, who thus gained

their revenge for the trouncing they received last year. On Dec. 8th the team visits Newmarket to play the town in the Suffolk Senior Cup and we have good reason to hope for a favourable result.

TEAM.-Sgt. Hotchkiss; P.O. Criggie, Instr.-Lt. Richards; Bug. Hawdon, Instr.-Lt. Burley, P.O. Goodhew; Muscn. Beare, P.O. Wtr. Perry, O/Stwd. Dickie, P.O. Baldwin, O/Ck. Baker.

The following have also represented "Ganges" — C.P.O. Barlow, Sto. Hesford, A.B. James, P.O. Ck. Eke, Instr.-Lt. Mant, P.O. Stevens, L.S.A. Dyer, Ldg. Sea. Smith, Sto. P.O. Shirras, C.P.O. White, P.O. Johnson.

RESULTS TO DATE.

Sept. 12th. v. Wattisham R.A.F.	Home Wed. League	Won 3-1
„ 19th. v. Felixstowe Wed.	Away „	Won 7-2
Oct. 3rd. v. Honington R.A.F.	Away „	Lost 1-5
1. 9th. v. Reserve Fleet	Away Navy Cu;	Lost 0-4
„ 10th. v. Martlesham R.A.F.	Away Wed. League	Won 5-1
„ 17. v. Felixstowe R.A.F.	Home „	Draw 2-2
„ 31st. v. Ipswich Loco	Away „	Won 3-1
Nov. . 7th. v. Clacton Wed.	Home	Draw 2-2
>, 14th. v. Boys' 1st XI.	Home Friendly	Won 8-2
>, 21st. v. St. Margaret's Wed.	Home Wed. League	Won 4-1
„ 28th. v. Electric Supply	Away „	Won 8-1
Dec. 5th. v. Wattisham R.A.F.	Away „	>
„ 8th. v. Newmarket Town	Away Senior Cup	
„ 12th. v. Felixstowe Wed.	Home Wed. League	
Goals For-43.		
Goals Against-22.		

A. W. YOUNG, Instr.-Lieut.,
Hon. Secretary.



The Fourth Sea Lord, Vice-Admiral The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., O.S.O., LL.D., D.C.L., D.S.C., inspects the Guard.