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# The Breconian.

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## EDITORIAL.

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THIS issue of the Breconian comes forth at a most critical point in the nation's history, so that it should naturally be expected to show slight differences from previous issues. The printing, too, of the Breconian is, we suppose, not of national importance, so that, in accordance with the spirit of the times, it must consume only the minimum of paper.

This term has been very like any pre-war Easter term in many ways. Hockey, fives, steeplechases and sports still flourish, though all are affected by war conditions. In place of a fixture card comes a curt notice on a classroom door, written on the back of a Greek exercise, and the array of cups usually distributed after the sports are to be replaced by very modest bronze medals.

The hockey season has included one match, which was lost, after a dogged game by the School. The league matches have been productive of much interest and excitement, and the Clerk of the Weather has permitted us to play them all off. The sports are yet to come, and, we hope, will be also productive of much interest and excitement. The House competitions are being repeated, and *esprit-de-corps* is being introduced into what were hitherto almost entirely selfish ambitions.

The Cadet Corps is religiously "carrying on." We still perform wonderful and complicated evolutions on the cricket field, and are abused by olympian N.C.O.'s for what appear

mere details, such as being the possessors of black buttons. Even that ancient schoolboy habit of placing the hands in the pockets is ruthlessly forbidden. Map-reading classes, twice weekly, are held under the guidance of the O.C., and we are initiated into the mysteries of "base lines" etc., and are taught to expand alphabetical riddles such as V.I. or H.E. Unfortunately the innate value of such accomplishments is not realised by the majority of the corps. Even some of the seniors fail to see the desirability of smartness, on which the whole system of parade ground exercises is based.

One great change has come over school routine. On the issue of the new Government food restrictions, when their significance was demonstrated, many and loud and deep were the groans of the hungry. Still louder they became on the institution of a ruthless parcel censorship. After the changes had been in force for some time, we miraculously overheard remarks, of a complimentary character, concerning the school Commissariat. Truly even rivers will soon begin to run backwards, if the war lasts much longer.

We are informed that the statement made in our last number with reference to the Ystradgynlais County School XV. is not correct. We therefore withdraw it with apologies. It was made on the authority of one of their own neighbours.

## IN MEMORIAM.

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**ARTHUR S. MIDDLETON BEST:** Day Boy (1897-1901); second son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Best, of Penbryn, Brecon. Killed in Mesopotamia in February, 1917, while serving as Lieut. in the Royal Engineers. He was at College four years and a half with his elder brother Walter, and for a short time overlapped his younger brother Stephen, who in his turn overlapped the youngest, Frank, so that for about twenty years there was always one of the four at College. A quiet serious fellow at school, his interests centred about the mechanic's shop there was at home rather than in games or other school excitements. As a consequence, he left at sixteen from the Fifth, whereas his brothers all stayed to the full age and attained to Sixth Form dignities. Some years of engineering work under his father followed, then a course at the Central Technical College, crowned by a diploma and the London University B.Sc. for Engineering. An appointment to a post in the Public Works Department of the Federated Malay States came shortly after. He liked the work and was very successful in it, but early in 1915 sacrificed his own preferences at the call of patriotic duty, and came to England at his own expense to offer his services in the war. He received a commission in the Royal Engineers, commanded a company for a short time in North Wales, and then volunteered for the East. He was wounded last December, and only returned to duty in January. He, Stephen and Frank were all serving in the same campaign, and had unexpectedly met at Bombay, they from India, and he on his way out from home. There was a happy reunion of the brothers last Christmas Day.

**FRANK HARRINGTON BEST:** Day Boy (1909-1913); fourth and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Best. Killed in Mesopotamia in February, 1917, while serving in the South Wales Borderers. He possessed his due share of the family abilities and had a successful school career, and just before the outbreak of war seemed to be making a promising start in the Engineering profession. Not by nature an athlete, he nevertheless showed more activity in games than many Day boys, and was always keen and interested in the general life of the School. Personally he was a universal favourite; a wholly irresponsible but most charming boy with the gift of friendship. So much will he be missed by his schoolfellows that we can hardly dare to estimate the loss to his own family. Our hearts go out to Mr. and Mrs. Best, old friends of Christ College, in the terrible two-fold sorrow that has so suddenly overwhelmed them. Frank was only 22 years of age, and before volunteering for active service in Mesopotamia, had been with the Brecknocks at Aden and in India.



**BERTRAM HINCKS** : School House (1904-8) ; youngest son of Dr. Hincks, of Hay and one of several Breconian brothers. Killed in France last December, while serving as 2nd Lieut. in the King's Royal Rifles. He was a quiet, reserved boy with considerable force of character. Leaving School rather young he did not pass beyond the Fourth Form, where he left a good name for steadiness and industry. He was a keen athlete and won his Cricket Colours in 1907 and would certainly have been to the fore in Hockey and Football, had he remained at Brecon a little longer. After a short spell of work in a London Bank, he emigrated to British Columbia and was engaged in fruit farming, when war broke out. He soon joined the Canadians and spent a year with them in the ranks, doing good service in the critical days of 1915. In 1916 he returned home on leave and secured a Commission in the K.R.R. His last visit to Brecon was in the Spring of that year. Just before Christmas he was killed by a stray shot on the French front.

**D. ROY JENKINS** : School House (1901-3) ; younger son of Mr. Jacob Jenkins, of Bridgend. He is little more than a memory to the present generation of Breconians, as his stay at Brecon was so brief. Indeed, he left here under 15 years of age to complete his education at Clifton. But during the short period that he spent at Brecon he won many friends, and will be remembered as a bright, happy boy, with considerable gifts both of mind and body. He promised to make a good athlete; the present writer recalls how, as a mere youngster, he won a House Match for A.M. by brilliant hitting against 1st XI. bowlers. His cheery smile is also not easily forgotten on this and similar occasions. He had been manager of his father's business at Fforest Fach previous to the war, and was known in the district as a keen Territorial officer and a brilliant Hockey Player. Promoted Captain in R.F.A. (T.F.) in 1915, he served in France and Egypt with his battery ; but in 1916 he joined the R.F.C. He met his death by an unlucky accident whilst flying in England, on Jan. 21st, 1917.

**DAVID JOHN THOMAS** : School House (1912-16) ; eldest son of Mr. Thomas, of Ynyshir. Killed by shell fire in the French trenches, Feb. 26th, 1917, while serving as a Private with the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. So recently was he, with his two younger brothers, at School that the news of his death has come as a great shock to very many present members of the School. We believe that we are right in saying that he had only recently reached France and the day previous entered the firing line. At School he and his brothers were best known as athletes and "D.J." was a distinguished member of all 3 teams, winning Football Colours in 1914-5, Hockey Colours in 1915-6. and being

a useful member of the Cricket XI. of 1915. He had the great satisfaction of captaining the splendid Football Team of 1915, and contributed much to its success by his vigorous example and highly effective three-quarter play. Short sight would probably have prevented him from ever attaining the very highest rank, but in 1915, as a schoolboy, he was certainly a very good player indeed. He was not yet 20 years old.

**JOHN GRIFFITH DAVIES :** A member of Christ College in the middle eighties under Bishop Lloyd. He proceeded from School to Cardiff University, where he won a Scholarship and took a Classical Honours degree. After 3 years experience as an Assistant Master at Woolwich and Newport, he was elected Head Master of Neath County School in 1896 and held the appointment till his death, a period of over 20 years. He was a most successful Head Master and many distinguished pupils passed through his hands. Besides being closely connected with the Welsh University and Welsh Educational bodies in general, Mr. Davies was a well known supporter of Welsh Nationalism, a member of the Cymrodorion Society and much interested in the National Eisteddfod, which thanks to his efforts, had been arranged to take place at Neath in 1918. Mr. Davies was struck down with pneumonia at the end of February and died after a short illness amidst the general sorrow of his own district.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

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### KILLED.

- A. S. M. Best : Lieut., R.E. (in Mesopotamia, Feb. 1917.)  
 F. H. Best : Lieut., Brecknock Batt., S.W.B. (in Mesopotamia, Feb. 1917.)  
 B. Hincks : 2nd Lieut., King's Royal Rifles, Dec. 1916.  
 D. R. Jenkins : Capt., R.F.A. (T.F.), attached R.F.C. (accidentally in England, Jan. 21st, 1917.)  
 D. J. Thomas : Private, Loyal North Lancashire (Feb., 1917).
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### WOUNDED.

- A. S. M. Best : Lieut., R.E. (slightly, in Mesopotamia, Dec. 1916).  
 H. F. Carter : Private, Royal Fusiliers (1916).  
 W. A. Hunter : 2nd Lieut., K.O.Y.L.I. (slightly, 1915.)  
 E. M. James : Capt., Warwick, attached Wilts. (Dec., 1916).  
 D. L. Jones : 2nd Lieut., S.W.B. (severely, in Mesopotamia, Feb., 1917).  
 I. A. Thomas : Bomb., R.F.A. (very slightly, 1916).
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### SUFFERING FROM GAS POISONING.

- J. B. Cryer : 2nd Lieut., Royal West Kent, (Dec., 1916.)
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### INVALIDED.

- A. B. G. Biggerton Evans : 2nd Lieut., S.W.B. (from France, 1917).  
 I. A. Thomas : Bomb., R.F.A. (from France, 1917).
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### HONOURS.

#### C.M.G.

- C. E. Budworth : (Temp.) Major General, commanding the Artillery, 4th Army (1917).
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### COMMANDER OF LEGION OF HONOUR.

- C. E. Budworth : (1917).
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### ORDER OF ST. STANISLAUS (RUSSIAN).

- C. E. Budworth : (1917).
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### MILITARY CROSS.

- A. P. Bowen : Capt., Shropshire L.I. (1917).  
 C. Weaver Price : Lieut., Motor Machine Guns, attached "Tanks" (1917.)

## MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

C. E. Budworth : 4 more times, making 7 in all.

R. C. Grellett : Capt., Yorks. (1917).

## MENTIONED IN SECRETARY OF STATE'S LIST.

M. Browne : Capt., Middlesex (1917).

A. P. James : Col. V.D. (1917).

H. R. Jones-Williams : Col., Royal Welsh Fusiliers (1917).

## ROLL OF SERVICE (8th List).

Apthomas, F., Private, Infantry Reserve.

Byrch, G., Rifleman, King's Royal Rifles.

Cryer, J. B., 2nd Lieut., Royal West Kent.

Davies, S. K., Cadet, R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Davies, W. B., 2nd Lieut., Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Evans, J., 2nd Lieut., Monmouth.

Evans, T. Ll., Cadet, R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Flooks, H., Private, R.A.M.C.

Jones, H. I. K., Cadet, R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Kemp, J. T., 2nd Lieut., West African Carrier Corps, East African E.F.

Leyshon, D., Private, Middlesex.

Prideaux, C. W., Mesopotamian E.F.

Prideaux, G., Mesopotamian E.F.

Sims, E. T., 2nd Lieut., Welch Regt.

Thomas, D. J., Private, Loyal North Lancashire.

Van Emelen, J., Private, Infantry, Belgian Army.

Williams, J. M., Driver, R.E.

Williams, T. C., Private, Machine Gun Corps, attached "Tanks."

## TO D.J.T.—A REMEMBRANCE.

Can this be true?

Can he, who few short months ago we saw

Excelling all upon the field or track,

Can he be swallowed up by Death's wide maw?

And will he ne'er come back?

Can this be true?

We scarce can credit the fell news that he

Who only lately shouldered soldiers' pack

Is now so soon from earthly cares set free,

And never will come back.

'Tis but too true,

His memory is with us still so clear;

Kind Fate spared him from torture of pain's wrack,

He lies out in that shell-strewn plain so drear,

He never will come back.

*In Memoriam—F. H. Best.*

Optimus en iuvenum morti se quisque dederunt

Pro patria; gaudens, Optime, tuque cadis.



## LETTERS FROM THE WAR.

## I.

At last I am writing you a line, as I have often intended. I have been in "France or thereabouts" since last August and spent about six weeks down the Somme and then moved "up line." I am now at a well known spot, where there is "considerable artillery activity," which I can assure you makes "some" noise. We were not sorry to leave our former place. Devastation and every other "—tion" were not sufficient to say about it: huge woods absolutely laid bare without a branch or leaf left; and as for villages—well, no one would believe there had been such a thing on the spot. . . . Unfortunately, as an infantry unit, we had to bear the brunt of the dirty work. At night the whole sky was lit up by search-lights, and as soon as day broke, up the balloons would go on both sides, plastering the sky, as many as forty at a time, showing clearly the line of the front. I never saw an aeroplane fight myself, but they were by no means uncommon, and the Hun is full of cheek. . . . The Huns gave us a good send-off the night before we came away in the form of an aeroplane bombing display; they were trying to get at a big naval gun, which was close to us, and which must have troubled them a bit. . . . When we first came up to this place it was moderately quiet, but now it is a perfect "hot shop" again and one experiences a few heart-flutters at times. However, we get along "spiffingly"; our telegraphic address is "Not worrying."

(From France. Feb. 14th, 1917).

## II.

A week last Tuesday I went up in an aeroplane—my first flight—and I was very pleased with it. We started off from the earth at 5-30 p.m., and so excited was I that I hardly noticed the engine begin to roar and ourselves rushing along the ground. After a run of 50 yards or so at a hurtling rate, I looked over the side of the body and found that the landing wheels had ceased revolving and we were in the air. While we were climbing rapidly, I became accustomed to the motion and began to examine the machine. Imagine a body rather like a large side-car with an engine and propeller behind. In the front of this body are two cockpits behind one another, and in one I myself am seated. Before me were the instruments and controlling gear; our speed as gleaned from the instruments was 69 m. per h. We rose at this rate to 500 feet and then executed a few circles. We then went up to 1500 feet and did the same. Beneath our feet was a pane of glass through which I could see the earth. The view too was magnificent; all round us was the desert and the aerodrome was beneath. Exactly underneath were some trenches, looking just like small worms crawling along, and far away meandering over the horizon was the Nile, which seemed in the rays of the setting sun to be once more "turning into blood." In the near distance were the Pyramids and the Sphinx, while to our front was the city (I may not name it), the domes and minarets of which were shining in the glorious sunset. I was reminded just at that moment—I do not know why—of Napoleon watching for the first time the sun gleaming on the brass domes of Moscow. My reverie was at last disturbed by a slight dizziness and we descended in one swoop to mother earth, after having been up for half-an-hour. Apart from the glorious

view—which made me realise, for perhaps the first time, that all that is written on the “mystery of the East” is not simply scribbling—I failed to experience the unusual symptoms of flight that halfpenny papers rave about. What particularly struck me was that one was hardly able to perceive at what exact moment the machine left the ground, and once in the air all sensation of speed was lost. I have been more frightened riding on the step of a “push-bike” than I was when rushing along 70 miles an hour. Still I was glad to reach the earth once more.

(From Egypt. Feb. 16th, 1917).


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### III.

Since I last wrote to you I have been doing all sorts of funny things, and having good times mixed with rather unpleasant days. Most of our time all December was spent pulling ourselves out of the mud. We were living in trenches, which were really nothing more or less than a series of shell holes connected together. January was a very nice month indeed; I spent the whole month at the Divisional Training School. I. M. Powell and Glanley were there too, and so, as everywhere else, Brecon came to the fore. We had a very “bon” time, working out most wonderful schemes, which of course were absolutely useless. It was quite a change from the usual routine of things. While at this School, I had last term’s Breconian and spent hours with my head buried deep in its pages. Early in February we went into line again. For a week we lived under canvas—canvas with 25 degrees of frost is not at all pleasant. The trenches were very fine indeed, as long as the frost lasted, but when the thaw came, we once more enjoyed the delights of mud baths. The water, too, was appalling; in fact it was more a job for the Navy than the Army. We thought once or twice of sending an indent for submarines. For 3 months I had the honour to command a company of the battalion and was Captain (Temp). while so employed, but now our old regular captains have returned I have become 2nd Lieut. again, plus Lewis Gun Officer—a really fine job.

(From France. Feb. 25th, 1917).

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## FOOTBALL.

### JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

These three matches provided three of the best games of last term. The Hostel were able to put a very strong team on the field, while A—M and N—Z were teams of medium strength. The Match between A—M and N—Z, though interesting, was perhaps the least hard of the three. A—M was beaten by a narrow margin. But the two Schoolhouse teams found their form against the Hostel. Although their opponents provided at least four A team forwards, the smaller players in the Schoolhouse teams tackled them hard and fearlessly. E. N. Morgan, Gw. and Gl. Williams perhaps deserve special mention. E. L. Jones, D. G. Morgan, and W. V. Thomas also played excellent games. The final positions of the three teams were as follows :—Hostel, N—Z, A—M. The Hostel were well led by G. Williams, who scored numerous tries by hard running.

### THE FIFTEEN, 1916.

Football Colours were awarded last term as follows :—R. M. Roberts, C. Ll. Morgan, D. Leyshon, R. C. Jones, G. Thomas, G. R. Dunbar, B. W. Sims, G. N. Lloyd Rees, H. Leyshon, W. G. Fryer, I. Ll. Oxenham, G. Williams, T. R. Daniel, T. Ll. Price, A. H. Johns.

## HOCKEY.

We have had an interesting and not unprofitable season. Frosty grounds are less obnoxious to Hockey than the muddiness of an average February ; hence there is little to grumble at in the general conditions prevalent, though it was unlucky that the one heavy snowfall should have swamped one of the two matches arranged.

The other match was lost, a little disappointingly, after an even game. We were beaten for lack of pace and dash, missing more opportunities than is wise. Yet it is scarcely fair to judge a side by one match, and on the whole there has been much good form shown in Leagues, 1st Games and House Matches. The standard of play right through the School is certainly good, and with more match practice the XI. might have become quite formidable.

Defence rather overshadowed attack ; nearly every League side had sound halves and backs, but few skilful and energetic forwards ; and forwards must remember how much can be done by keeping on the move and persistently harrying the opposing backs. Still both Mr. Isitt and Mr. Hardy had front lines of considerable promise, had their dash been equal to their skill.

The House Matches produced the best and keenest games of the term. The School House sides were vigorous and well balanced XI's., much more equally matched than the score of their meeting suggests.

The Hostel made up in defence for any shortcomings in offence. A—M ought to have won the Cup, but unexpectedly went down before the Hostel, and a triple tie was not altogether an unjust result.

T. Thomas has been a conscientious captain and has the satisfaction of knowing that his term of office hands on a sound standard of efficiency to posterity. It had been hoped to play a good deal of Football this term; the frost bound grounds have prevented this. But we must not forget to thank Rev. G. I. R. Jones for what he has done on the few available occasions. Mr. Isitt has given unremitting assistance to the School Hockey.

A.E.D.

Our heartiest thanks are due to Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Isitt, who have done very great service both to the hockey team and to the leagues. They have shown great kindness in umpiring for two league matches every half-holiday, and by their presence have greatly improved the standard of hockey, and increased the keenness shown. Mr. Jones also deserves warm thanks for his efforts in coaching football this term.

T.W.B.T.

### THE LEAGUES.

There was a good struggle between the first three sides and Mr. Isitt's XI. only won by superior goal average. They were generally considered the best all round team and Mr. Hardy's XI. perhaps second in point of skill; but the Trojans, somewhat unlucky in losing men on one or two occasions, were hard to beat.

Among the Juniors the Trojans overwhelmed opposition, averaging rather more than 8 goals per match and never losing one. They owed a good deal to the perennial youthfulness of T. Ll. Price. Mr. Jones' side had no luck in either competition, but they often fought hard, especially the Juniors, who never went under without busy efforts.

### SENIOR.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	For.	Agst.	Goals.					
1. Mr. Isitt's (Royal Standbacks) ..	6	...	4	...	2	...	—	...	8	...	23	...	10
2. Mr. Donaldson's (Trojans) ...	6	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	8	...	13	...	14
3. Mr. Hardy's XI....	6	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	7	...	21	...	12
4. Mr. Jones' XI. ...	6	...	0	...	5	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	24

### JUNIOR.

1. Mr. Donaldson's (Trojans) ...	6	...	6	...	—	...	—	...	12	...	50	...	0
2. Mr. Hardy's XI....	6	...	4	...	2	...	—	...	8	...	15	...	11
3. Mr. Isitt's (Royal Standbacks) ...	6	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	3	...	5	...	26
4. Mr. Jones' XI. ...	6	...	0	...	5	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	36



THE HOCKEY XI.

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- T. THOMAS (Goal-keeper), 1916-7.—Has improved even on his excellent form of last season, and is probably now the most capable goal-keeper we have possessed for many years.
- I. LI. OXENHAM (Right back), 1917.—An energetic back who can clear well and has some pace, but is rather apt to get out of position.
- S. EVANS (Left back)—1917.—A determined player with a good control of the ball. Too slow in clearing at present, and would possibly be better suited in the half-back line.
- A. H. JOHNS (Right half)—1917.—A far more useful member of the side than would appear to a casual observer, clever in intercepting a pass, but rather spasmodic in his efforts and inclined to wild hitting.
- W. G. FRYER (Centre half).—The most improved player in the side. An untiring worker, with distinct ideas of feeding his forwards.
- C. LI. MORGAN (Left half)—1917.—A hard working half-back who might have done better in the forward line.
- H. LEYSHON (Outside-right)—1917.—Has proved a decided success in this position but must learn to centre rather more quickly.
- T. R. DANIEL (Inside right)—1917.—Only needs more pace and greater accuracy in shooting to be really good.
- R. M. ROBERTS (Centre forward)—1917.—A clever player, but lacks determination in front of goal.
- T. LI. PRICE (Inside left)—1917.—Has hardly fulfilled the promise which he showed in the early part of the season. Many of his best efforts are ruined by an apparent inability to keep his feet at critical moments.
- H. N. BERESFORD (Outside left)—1917.—Has shown marked improvement during the term, and certainly deserves a place in the team, though he lacks the experience necessary to fill adequately the most difficult position on the field.



CHRIST COLLEGE v. A. HENSHAW'S XI.—On Saturday, March 3rd, A. Henshaw brought up a fairly strong scratch XI against the school. The weather was quite fine, but underfoot the ground was rather soft, through the recent thaw. The visitors lost the toss, and in consequence played during the first half towards the School buildings. After some ten minutes play the visitors scored their first goal. The School then rallied, and shot two goals in rapid succession. The first was obtained by Beresford, who took quick advantage of a good run and centre by Leyshon, while the second was obtained by a piece of good forward combination. After this the School pressed hard, and the visiting international goal-keeper distinguished himself by stopping several hot shots. Roberts once barely missed the goal with a terrific shot. On changing over the visitors obtained three goals in rapid succession. These reverses had the effect of making the School play a much more vigorous game, so that, after a scramble in the mouth of goal, Daniel, though fouled, managed to score. Soon afterwards the game ended, leaving the visitors victorious by four goals to three. Leyshon, Roberts, and the halves played well for the School, and T. Ll. Price played an excellent game as a substitute, for the visitors. As usual the School showed some lack of quickness. The following represented the School:—(Goal), T. Thomas; (backs), I. Ll. Oxenham, W. M. Jones; (halves), A. H. Johns, W. G. Fryer, and C. Ll. Morgan; (forwards), H. Leyshon, T. R. Daniel, R. M. Roberts, S. Evans, H. N. Beresford. Rev. A. E. Donaldson kindly acted as umpire.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

N—Z v. HOSTEL.—Played on March 1st. This resulted in a victory for N—Z, who were clearly the stronger team. The Hostel backs, W. M. Jones and S. Evans, and their goalkeeper, T. Thomas, played an excellent defensive game, and, since the Hostel scored early through Atkins, nearly averted defeat. The final score, however, was N—Z 2 goals, Hostel, 1.

A—M v. N—Z.—Played on March 8th. As the opposing teams were on paper of almost equal strength, an exciting game was hoped for. Both sides possessed strong forwards, and high scores on each side were therefore expected. N—Z scored almost immediately, but A—M responded to this with five goals shot in rapid succession. After half-time A—M added two more goals, but for the final twenty minutes N—Z spent much time shooting vigorously at goal. The A—M goal-keeper, E. N. Morgan, however, seemed, despite his size, to occupy the whole goal, and played a truly magnificent game, permitting no shot to go into the net. A—M retired victorious therefore by seven goals to one, but the game was really very evenly contested.

A—M v. HOSTEL.—The Hostel won a keen and vigorous game by 5 goals to 3.

## WAR RHYMES.

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### 1. ANCRE SONG.

When the Hun came to anchor on the Ancre,  
 In the fair land of France like a canker,  
     O, he thought he'd come to stay  
     For ever and a day  
 You can bet the bottom dollar at your banker.  
     But a general named Gough,  
     He said to him, "Gee-off!"  
 And from Prince down to corporal and ranker,  
 The Hun slipped his anchor on the Ancre  
     And stole away.

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### 2. MESOPOTA-MANIA.

Wrote daughter Maud to father Maude—  
 "When you cut Kut,  
 We such a flag wag had, Dad.  
 Old Enver must be awfully bored;  
     He'll say 'Tut, tut!'  
 Should you but bag Bagdad, Dad."



## GAMES COMMITTEE.

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(1). A meeting was held on October 2nd, 1916.

Present :—Rev. A. E. Donaldson (President), Mr. G. H. Isitt, A. G. Henshaw, A. H. Johns, G. Thomas, T. Ll. Price, G. N. Lloyd Rees and R. M. Roberts.

On the motion of Mr. Isitt, seconded by Henshaw, it was decided to fix April 1st as the age limit for all Junior events both in Sports and Steeplechases.

Arrangements were made for the House Football Matches, and it was decided that if a boy was under 16 for the first Junior Match, he was eligible for all.

(2). A meeting was held on December 12th, 1916.

Present :—As above, except A. G. Henshaw. C. Ll. Morgan was specially co-opted. The Rev. G. I. R. Jones was unanimously appointed a member of the Committee.

The Football Kicking Competition was fixed for Dec. 14th and 15th.

The meeting then, at the invitation of the Football Captain, discussed the award of Colours. The President read from the Minute Book former resolutions on the subject, especially those passed in June, 1905. After full discussion it was agreed that these still held good and ought to be enforced, and eventually it was resolved :—"That this Committee leaves the awarding of Colours in the hands of the Captain, but calls his attention to the words "for sufficient reasons," and states its opinion that the fact that the XV does not contain players up to the usual standard is not in itself a sufficient reason for withholding Colours." The President was requested to publish the Resolutions of June, 1905, for the general information of the School. They are herewith appended.

Resolutions passed by the Christ College Games Committee in June, 1905 :

- (a) Colours shall no longer be given for the Llandovery match only, but shall be awarded on the merits of the whole season.
- (b) The Captain shall have the sole right of selecting the team for any individual match and of awarding Colours.
- (c) The Captain shall have the power of leaving out any old Colour for sufficient reasons, but not of altering the order of those old Colours retained in the team.
- (d) No Colours shall be given, in Cricket before the 1st week in July, in Football before the 1st week in December ; that is, until the important matches of the term have been played in either case.

(3). A meeting was held on February 5th, 1917.

Present :—Rev. A. E. Donaldson (President), Mr. G. H. Isitt, Rev. G. I. R. Jones, A. H. Johns, G. Thomas, R. M. Roberts, T. Ll. Price, T. Thomas and C. Ll. Morgan.

Dates were fixed for Fives Entries and it was decided that no boy was eligible for the Junior Singles, if 15 or more on Feb. 10th.

Arrangements were made for House Hockey Matches.

The Sports Officials were appointed and Sub-Committees elected.

The question of Sports Prizes was discussed and it was pointed out that last spring several military O.B.'s gave handsome donations. It was decided that this year ordinary prizes would be out of place, but that in place of them bronze medals should be awarded as a small memento for all events which received a prize in 1916.

On the motion of C. Ll. Morgan, supported by G. Thomas, it was decided that A—M and N—Z should henceforth compete as separate houses in the Fives Competition.

(4). A meeting was held on March 5th, 1917.

Present :—As above, except T. Thomas.

The Sports were fixed to be run on March 31st, with the Heats on March 27th and 28th. The Steeplechases were arranged for March 17th.

The Junior Games Football Cups were awarded as follows :—(Backs) E. L. Jones ; (Forwards) W. V. Thomas ; I. Ll. Evans, (Full back) and Gw. Williams (Forwards) were highly commended.

A. E. DONALDSON, President.

## THE STEEPLECHASES.

The Steeplechases were run on March 17th in favourable conditions. A moderate wind was blowing down the Tarrall Valley, but the ground for the most part was fairly firm.

The Juniors lined up at 2-15 p.m. D. G. Morgan, running strongly, led the way up Llanfaes, E. C. Williams, E. L. Jones, R. T. Harries, and H. Lewis all running well in the rear. D. G. Morgan met with an accident in the Stony Wood, and E. L. Jones assumed the lead, followed by E. C. Williams, R. T. Harries, and R. Marshall. E. L. Jones kept his position and finished well, in 26 mins. 50 secs., a very good time. R. T. Harries, having passed E. C. Williams by negotiating a gate more cleverly, finished second, about 20 yards behind, while E. C. Williams secured third place, at about twice that distance. R. Marshall, H. Lewis, Gl. Williams, Bracey, D. K. Evans, F. Marshall, and C. du Heaume were the next to arrive. E. L. Jones was distinctly a 'dark horse,' but ran pluckily and certainly deserved his place. R. T. Harries was distinctly good for so



youthful a competitor. E. C. Williams also shews promise for future years.

The Seniors started at 3 p.m. Adams led the way through the Hostel Gate, but was passed in a few yards by Dunbar, C. Ll. Morgan, Murray, Beresford, and Daniel. Dunbar soon dropped behind, and Sims and C. Ll. Morgan led the way past the Vicarage, with Murray and Beresford close behind. Sims assumed a few yards lead at the first field, followed by C. Ll. Morgan, Beresford, Murray, and Fryer. This order was maintained until the Three Bridges. On the Merthyr road C. Ll. Morgan gradually overhauled Sims, and running very strongly, gained a lead of some hundred yards, which he gradually increased, breasting the tape about a hundred and fifty yards ahead of Sims, who was second. Smith and Beresford—the former having gained considerably on the return journey—had a severe tussle for third place, which Smith secured. R. C. Williams, W. Owen, L. C. Davies, W. R. Richards, Fryer and Murray were the next to arrive. The time was 38 min. 42 secs. Smith ran extremely well, gaining about six places on the return journey.

Unfortunately hockey had to be continued until within a week of the Steeplechases, so that the usual amount of training could not be performed.

## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The term began on January 18th, and will end on April 3rd.

At a meeting of the School on January 19th, T. Thomas was unanimously elected Hockey Captain. Two vacancies on the Games Committee were filled by T. Thomas, ex-officio, and C. Ll. Morgan, who was elected from a large number of candidates.

The School Prefects this term are A. H. Johns, G. Thomas, C. Ll. Morgan and S. Evans. The House Prefects are :—Schoolhouse, R. M. Roberts, G. R. Dunbar ; Hostel, W. L. Smith and T. Thomas.

The Editors of the Breconian this term are :—G. Thomas, C. Ll. Morgan, and G. R. Dunbar.

Heartly congratulations to G. Thomas on winning a Welsh Natural Science Exhibition of £50 value at Jesus College, Oxford.

The librarian (G. Thomas) wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of new books, presented to the library by G. H. Isitt, Esq., A. G. Henshaw, N. S. Blackall, A. H. Johns, and I. A. Lewis. Unfortunately, lack of space compels the omission of a complete list of the books. The Headmaster has also very kindly had bound the two most recent volumes of the Breconian in the library.

We beg to congratulate H. I. K. Jones, and T. Ll. Evans on passing the Royal Military College (Sandhurst) Entrance Examination. H. I. K. Jones passed high enough to claim an Indian Army Cadetship, but was rejected in the Medical Examination.



S. K. Davies (O.B.), who left us in 1912, also passed 40th at the same examination.

On Monday, Dec. 18th, a Carol Service was held in the School Chapel. Mr. W. H. Webb kindly acted as organist. We congratulate D. K. Evans on his fine solo singing on that occasion. On Sunday, March 4th, during the evening service, Sullivan's Anthem, "Lead, Kindly Light," was sung by the school choir. It is also hoped to render the "Story of the Cross" before the end of the term.

The Choir has also extended its efforts on week days by adding a chanted psalm to the Morning Service.

G. Thomas has again given his valuable services as Organist and deserve the thanks of the School.

On March 1st the Head Master granted the School a half holiday in honour of St. David's Day.

The Football Kicking Competition was won last December by I. Ll. Oxenham (60 pts.); Johns and K. G. Evans (16th man) were equal second with 58 pts.

On Friday, March 16th, the School were allowed to go to Wheat Street Cinema to see the "Battle of the Ancre." It proved a most interesting film, and portrayed in vivid colours the conditions under which modern warfare is waged.

In accordance with the spirit of the times the School have undertaken the task of clearing two woods of their undergrowth. Labour being scarce, the help of the School was requested by J. D. D. Evans, Esq. The proceeds will probably be given to the Red Cross.

We hear that St. J. Saunders Jones (O.B.) has been transferred from India to East Africa.

We have received many contributions, which lack of space has prevented us from publishing. Next term we hope to be more fortunate, as some contributions really deserved insertion.

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## LECTURE.

On February 24th, the School had the pleasure of having a lecture by Rev. J. Ker. The subject was the work of the University Mission to the natives of East Central Africa. The tract brought especially under notice was what was once known as German East Africa. The methods by which the Germans gained that territory were exposed, and also the treatment of English Missionaries by the Germans on the outbreak of War was recounted. The lecture was accompanied by the display of many photographs by means of the magic lantern. Heartly congratulations are due to Mr. Hardy and Johns on their most successful performance. The proceedings began and ended with the singing of appropriate hymns. We thank Mr. Ker for an unusually interesting Missionary lecture.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of "The Breconian."

DEAR SIRs,—May I crave a little of your valuable space for a suggestion, which I hope will receive due consideration. A memorial tablet should be put in the Chapel as a tribute to all O.B.'s who have fought for their King and Country.

Hoping this may come to official notice.

I remain,

"X."

(After the War is over, no doubt a memorial will be erected.—EDD.)

To the Editors of "The Breconian."

DEAR SIRs,—Allow me, through the medium of your columns, to draw attention to the urgent need of seats around the cricket field for the Cricket Season. If new ones cannot be obtained, surely the old ones can be repaired? Would this not be a great convenience to visitors?

I remain, yours etc.,

"RAGS & BONES."

To the Editors of "The Breconian."

DEAR SIRs,—The old programme of the Sports has become very monotonous. There seem to be very few races for boys over 16 to enter (at most there are only five); all the other items for boys over 16 are either jumps or such things as putting the weight and throwing the cricket ball, which some boys either can't do or don't care for. I think a few new races might be added to the programme. The Sack-race and the Obstacle, and even the three-legged, are very well-known items of other Sports programmes. Surely they would be very amusing. Hoping this will meet with your approval,

I remain, yours truly,

"FLOUR SACK."

## OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries:—"Bromsgrovian" (2), "Cheltonian" (2), "Dovorian," (2), "Fettesian" (2), "Giggleswick Chronicle," "Herefordian," "Johnian," "Llandovery School Chronicle," "Luctonian," "Malvernian" (2), "Marlburian" "Monmouthian," "Newtonian," "Pauline" (2), "Portmuthian" (2), "Ruthin School Magazine," "Tonbridgian" (2).

- ## NOTES.

Can the attitude of the Map-reading class to their new activities can be described as V.I. (vaguely indifferent) or H.E. (hardly entertained)?

**GAMES ACCOUNT, Statement for Year ending July 31st, 1916.**

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from July, 1915	19	7	9
" Boys' Subscriptions—			
Christmas (£35 17s. 6d.)			
Easter (£35 0s. 0d.)			
Summer (£33 17s. 6d.)...	104	15	0
" Profits from Athletic Shop	15	7	1
" Donations to Sports ...	12	1	6
" Payments for Photos ...	6	0	6
" Compensation for loss of horse ... ..	3	0	0
" Fines for damage ...	0	7	6
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	£160	19	4

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Wages and War Allow- ances ... ..	49	13	0
" Materials for Games...	31	10	5
" Upkeep of Premises and Ground ... ..	10	6	9
" Photographers' Ac- count ... ..	7	7	6
" Sports Prizes...	11	4	7
" Purchase of Horse ...	8	15	0
" Umpires and Referees	3	18	0
" Printing ... ..	3	5	6
" Lunches ... ..	4	18	5
" Rates ... ..	0	16	3
" Repayment of Debt (Mr. Munns) ...	6	18	10
" Repayment of over- charge (The Head- master) ... ..	1	0	0
" Sundries (Petty Cash Cheque Books, etc.)	2	12	1
" Balance in hand ...	18	12	11
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	£160	19	4

A. E. DONALDSON, President.

# Supplement to War List (Nov., 1916).

## ADDITIONS and CORRECTIONS.

### p. 3. *Add to Killed in Action :*

A. S. M. BEST: Lieut., R.E., Feb., 1917, in Mesopotamia.

F. H. BEST: Lieut., S.W.B. (Brecknock Batt.), Feb., 1917, in Mesopotamia.

B. HINCKS: 2nd Lieut., King's Royal Rifles, Dec., 1916.

D. R. JENKINS: Capt., R.F.A. (T.F.), attd. R.F.C., accidentally in England, Jan. 21st, 1917.

D. J. THOMAS: Private, Loyal North Lancashire, Feb., 1917.  
*Under H. L. HARRIES, for '5th Welch,' read 'Royal Welsh Fusiliers.'*

### p. 4. *Add to Wounded :*

A. S. M. BEST: Lieut., R.E., Dec., 1916; subsequently rejoined and killed, Feb., 1917.

H. F. CARTER: Private, Royal Fusiliers, 1916.

W. A. HUNTER: 2nd Lieut., K.O.Y.L.I., twice slightly (1915), while Private in C.E.F.

E. M. JAMES: Capt., Warwick attd. Wilts, Dec., 1916.

D. L. JONES: 2nd Lieut., S.W.B., severely, Feb., 1917.

### p. 5. *Add to Wounded :*

W. D. MAGILL: Capt., South Lancs. Fusiliers, Nov., 1916.

I. A. THOMAS: Bomb., R.F.A., 1916, very slightly.

### *Add to Suffering from Gas :*

J. B. CRYER: 2nd Lieut., Royal West Kent, Dec., 1916.

*Under H. I. MORGAN, for 'very severely,' read '3 times, last time very severely.'*

### p. 6. *Add to Invalided :*

P. D. EVANS JONES: Lieut., Royal Welsh Fusiliers, from Gallipoli, 1915.

I. A. THOMAS: Bomb., R.F.A., from France, Jan., 1917.

*Under P. SPENCER SMITH, for '2nd Lieut.,' read 'Lieut.'*



- p. 7. *Add*—C.M.G., *Commander of the Legion of Honour and Order of St. Stanislaus* :

C. E. BUDWORTH, M.V.O.: Temp. Major General, Commanding Artillery, 4th Army.

*Add to Military Cross* :

A. P. BOWEN: Capt., Shropshire L.I., Jan., 1917.

C. E. WEAVER PRICE: Lieut., Motor Machine Guns, attd. 'Tanks,' Jan., 1917.

*Add to Mentioned in Despatches* :

R. C. GRELLETT: Capt., Yorks. By Sir Douglas Haig, 1917.

*Under* C. E. BUDWORTH, *for* 'Temp. Brig. General' *read* 'Temp. Major General' (and so always); *and for* 'By Sir John French—3 times, 1914-15,' *read* '7 times by Sir John French and Sir Douglas Haig, 1914-5-6-7.'

*Add—Mentioned in Secretary of State's List* :

M. BROWNE, M.C.: Capt., Middlesex, Feb., 1917.

A. P. JAMES: Col., V.D., Feb., 1917.

H. R. JONES-WILLIAMS: Col., Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Feb., 1917.

- p. 8. *Add*—F. APTHOMAS: School House (1912-13), Private, Infantry Reserve.

- p. 9. *Under* A. S. M. BEST, *for* '2nd Lieut.' *read* 'Lieut.' and *add* 'wounded, slightly, Dec., 1916; killed, Feb., 1917, in Mesopotamia.'

„ F. H. BEST, *for* "At present in Mesopotamia," *read* 'killed, Feb., 1917, in Mesopotamia.'

„ A. P. BOWEN, *for* ('left in 1898') *read* ('1894-98'); and *add* 'Military Cross, 1917.'

- p. 10. *After* C. E. BUDWORTH, M.V.O., *read as follows* :  
'Simmons' and School House (1881-5), Temp. Major General Commanding the Artillery of 4th Army, promoted (1915-6-7)); Mentioned in Despatches 7 times by Sir John French and Sir Douglas Haig (1914-5-6-7); C.B. (1916); Brevet Colonelcy (1916); C.M.G. (1917); Commander of the Legion of Honour (1917); Order of St. Stanislaus (Russian), 1917. 1st XI., 1885.'



- p. 10. *Under* M. BROWNE *add* 'Mentioned in Secretary of State's List, Feb., 1917.'

*Add*—G. BYRCH: School House (1896-9), Rifleman, King's Royal Rifles.

*Under* J. B. CRYER, *for* 'Cadet, Lichfield O.T.C. (1916),' *read* '2nd Lieut., Royal West Kent; suffered from Gas, Dec., 1916.'

- p. 11. *Add*—S. K. DAVIES: School House (1910-12). Cadet, R.M.C., Sandhurst.

„ W. B. DAVIES: School House (1901-8), 2nd Lieut., Royal Welsh Fusiliers; previously, Rifleman, King's Royal Rifles; VIth Form; School Prefect; Scholar of Balliol College, Oxford.

*Under* J. CLIFFORD DAVIES, *for* 'Private, Middlesex,' *read* '2nd Lieut., Welch, promoted, 1915.'

- p. 12. *Add*—A. R. B. DUNSTAN: School House (1905-7). 2nd Lieut., Monmouth.

*Under* L. M. DYKE, *for* 'Cadet, I. of C., O.T.C.,' *read* '2nd Lieut., Monmouth.'

- p. 13. *Add*—T. LL. EVANS: Hostel (1913-16). Cadet, R.M.C., Sandhurst. 1st XV., 1915; 1st XI., 1914-5-6; House Prefect.

„ P. D. EVANS JONES: School House (1907-12). Lieut., Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Invalided from Gallipoli, 1915. 1st XV., 1911.

„ H. FLOOKS: Morton's and School House (1907-11). Private, R.A.M.C. 1st XV., 1910.

*Under* J. EVANS, *for* 'Cadet, I. of C., O.T.C.,' *read* '2nd Lieut., Monmouth.'

- p. 14. „ R. C. GRELETT, *add* "Mentioned in Despatches by Sir Douglas Haig, 1917.'

- p. 15. „ H. L. HARRIES, *for* '5th Welch' *read* 'Royal Welsh Fusiliers.'

„ B. HINCKS, *add* 'Killed, Dec., 1916.'

„ W. G. HODGE, *for* ('left in 1900'), *read* ('1894-1900').

- p. 16. *Under* W. A. HUNTER, *add* "Wounded, 1915."
- „ A. P. JAMES, *for* '5th Welch (T.F.),' *read* V.D., late Welch (T.F.); and *add* 'Mentioned in Secretary of State's List, Feb., 1917.'
- „ E. M. JAMES, *add* 'attd. Wilts' and 'Wounded, Dec., 1916.'
- „ D. R. JENKINS, *add* 'attd. R.F.C., killed, accidentally, in England, Jan., 21st, 1917.'
- p. 17. *Add*—H. I. K. JONES: School House (1913-16). Cadet, R.M.C., Sandhurst. 1st XV., 1915; House Prefect.
- Under* I. S. JENKINS, *for* ('1904-5'), *read* ('1904-12.')
- „ W. J. JENKINS, *for* 'Private, etc.' *read* '2nd Lieut., Loyal North Lancashire.'
- „ M. W. R. JOHN, *for* ('dates unknown') *read* 'School House (1890-2).'
- „ E. V. JONES, *for* ('left in 1897') *read* ('1895-7.')
- p. 18. *Add*—J. T. KEMP: School House (1907-11). 2nd Lieut., West African Carrier Corps; E. African E.F. 1st XV., 1909-10; 1st XI., 1911. School Prefect.
- Under* H. R. JONES-WILLIAMS, *add* 'Mentioned in Secretary of State's List, Feb., 1917.'
- p. 19. *Add*—D. LEYSHON: School House (1914-16). Private, Middlesex. 1st XV., 1916.
- p. 20. *Under* H. I. MORGAN, *for* 'Wounded, in France (July, 1916),' *read* 'Wounded, 3 times, 1915-6.'
- p. 22. *Add*—R. L. PHILLIPS: School House (1911-16). Cadet, R.M.C., Sandhurst. 1st XV., 1915; School Prefect.
- p. 23. *Add*—C. W. PRIDEAUX: School House (1901-2). Mesopotamian E.F. 1st XI., 1901-2.
- „ G. PRIDEAUX: School House (1901-3). Mesopotamian E.F.
- „ F. M. PRYCE: Hostel (1909-16). Cadet, R.M.C., Sandhurst. 1st XV., 1915; 1st XI., 1916; Vith Form; House Prefect.

- p. 23. *Under* D. G. POWELL, *add* 'attd. R.F.C.'
- „ C. WEAVER PRICE, *add* "Military Cross, 1917,"  
and *for* '2nd Lieut.,' *read* 'Lieut.'
- p. 24. „ E. G. T. SIMS, *for* 'Cadet, I. of C., O.T.C.' *read*  
'2nd Lieut., Welch.'
- p. 25. „ C. O. SPENCER SMITH, *for* 'Major,' *read* 'Capt.,'  
and *omit* 'promoted, 1916.'
- „ M. SPENCER SMITH, *for* 'Previously, Private,'  
*read* 'Previously, Corp.'
- „ P. SPENCER SMITH *add* 'Scholar of Queen's  
College, Cambridge.'
- p. 26. *Add*—D. J. THOMAS: School House (1912-15). Private,  
Loyal North Lancashire. 1st XV., 1914-5; 1st XI.,  
1915. Killed, Feb., 1917.
- Under* I. A. THOMAS, *add* 'Wounded, 1916; Invalided,  
1917.'
- p. 27. *Add*—J. VAN EMELEN: Day Boy (1914-5). Private,  
Infantry, Belgian Army.
- Under* W. D. THOMAS, *for* 'Sergt.,' *read* '2nd Lieut.'
- p. 28. *Add*—J. M. WILLIAMS: Day Boy (dates unknown),  
Driver, R.E.
- „ T. C. WILLIAMS: Hostel (1901-3). Private,  
Machine Gun Corps., attd., 'Tanks.'
- Under* M. WILLIAMS, *for* '2nd Lieut.,' *read* 'Lieut.'
- „ R. YENDOLL, *for* '2nd Lieut., A.S.C.,' *read* '2nd  
Lieut., Monmouth.'



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