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### Editorial.

**T**HE constant aim of a sub-Editor should be originality. We will, therefore, with this object in view, refrain from apologising for our lack of literary talent, since the apologetic method seems to have been very popular with previous sub-Editors as the beginning of the most important, and at the same time the least read article of this our *School Journal*.

During the term we have played three matches, a detailed account of which will be found elsewhere. The game against Brecon, it is true, was lost, and that was a great disappointment, for we thought, and still believe, our XI. to be a good one. The other performances of the team—to wit, against Ammanford and Llanelly—justify this opinion, and many thanks are due to the Rev. H. O. Williams, and also to the Rev. A. R. Warburton and Mr. C. P. Lewis, for their efforts to keep the School cricket at a high level.

The term has, on the whole, been uneventful. Except for an occasional extra holiday, nothing has occurred to interrupt the even tenor of our way. At the time of writing the Cricket Season is over and the examinations are about to commence. We trust that the results of the latter will keep up the high reputation of the School.

We were glad to receive some contributions for the *Journal* from one or two members of the Senior School, but we would like to remind *all* our readers that we are always open to accept any original efforts from either the *Past* or *Present*.

We bring our remarks to a close by welcoming the Rev. H. O. Williams and Messrs. R. P. B. Johnson and J. L. Evans, who joined the staff at the beginning of the Easter Term. We would also like to extend our welcome to Miss Gould, who has returned to the School to take charge of our health and comfort.

## Old LI. Society.

W. H. Belcher has taken Honours Degree (Oxford) in Modern History.

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B. W. Benskin has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Lichfield; appointed to the Chaplaincy of Cheltenham College.

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Rev. H. T. Morrey-Jones, M.A., Chaplain of St. Peter's, Flores, Villa Devoto, and Christ Church, Barracas, has been appointed Honorary Canon of St. John's Cathedral, Buenos Ayres.

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O. D. Ballinger, E. M. Nicholas, and F. G. Nicholas have joined the O.L.I. Society.

### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES.

*Capt. T. W. David*, R.A.M.C., to Miss Bettie Lockhart, Tavistock.

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*Rev. Connop L. Price*, S.C.F., to Miss Frances Ellen Davey, Llanmartin, Mon.

## In Memoriam.

G. T. Jones, died in Hospital

*Killed in action.*

Major H. P. B. Gough, M.C., Welsh.

Flight Lt. R. J. J. Davies, R.A.F.

*Wounded.*

Capt. I. T. Evans, D.S.O., M.C., S.W.B.

Lt. W. B. Evans, Welsh.

Lt. K. W. Maurice Jones, D.S.O., R.F.A.

Lt. C. J. B. Lewis, Welsh.

Lt. H. W. Spurrell, M.G.C.

2nd Lt. O. D. Ballinger, Welsh.

2nd Lt. M. L. James, R.A.F.

2nd Lt. L. Wosley B. Lewis, Welsh.

R. H. Davies.

*Missing.*

Capt. William Davies, S.W.B. (wounded).

Lt. E. M. Nicholas, R.A.F.

G. I. Davies (wounded).

*Prisoners of War.*

Major D. P. Davies, Welsh Cyclists.

Lt. E. G. Lane-Roberts, Leic. Regt.

Lt. L. V. D. Owen, Ox. and Bucks., L.I.

Lt. G. P. F. Thomas, D.L.I. Att., R.A.F.

*Discharged through wounds.*

Lt. D. Arnold Evans, Norfolk Regt.

*Interned in Holland.*

Lt. T. C. Nicholas, M.G.C.

*Decorations.*

Major Hugh G. Jones, M.C., German East Africa.  
 Capt. I. T. Evans, D.S.O., M.C., Bar M.C.  
 Capt. S. V. Swash, M.C., Bar M.C.  
 Capt. W. H. Belcher, M.C.  
 Capt. F. M. Kitto, M.C.  
 Capt. J. G. Hutchinson, M.C.  
 Capt. Gus Owen, M.C.  
 Capt. A. C. Snow, Mons Medal.

*Mentioned.*

Rev. H. S. F. Williams, M.C., C.F.  
 Rev. H. H. Williams, C.F.  
 Major D. P. Davies, Welsh Cyclists.  
 Capt. W. H. Belcher, M.C., R.E. Signallers.  
 Lt. W. F. de R. Davies, Welsh.  
 Lt. J. L. Richards, Yeo. Att. Welsh.

*Promotions and Corrections.*

I. T. Evans, Major, S.W.B.  
 W. H. Belcher, Capt. R.E.  
 W. R. Edmunds, Capt. Welsh.  
 A. C. Snow, Capt. R.A.F.  
 S. V. Swash, Capt.  
 C. J. B. Lewis, Lt. Welsh.  
 W. G. C. Morgan, Lt. Indian Army.  
 C. A. Thomas, Lt. Indian Army.  
 W. W. Shearman, Lt. S.W.B.  
 R. Williams, Lt. R.W.F.  
 Basil James, 2nd Lt. Shrop. L.I.  
 R. O. Roberts, 2nd Lt. A.I.F.  
 D. H. Jones, Artists' Rifles.

**School Notes.**

ERM began on April 30th and ends on July 20th.

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There were 7 new boys in the Easter Term and 15 this term.

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We heartily congratulate T. W. Hill on his Mathematical Scholarship of £80 at Queen's College, Oxford, and also upon his recent success in obtaining an additional £30 Exhibition.

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W. M. Williams is Head Prefect and Captain of the XI.

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Mr. D. R. Williams has left the staff and joined the R.G.A.

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The Rev. H. O. Williams, B.A., formerly of King's College, Cantab.; R. P. B. Johnson, Esq., B.A., formerly of St. John's College, Oxon.; and J. T. L. Evans, Esq., have joined the staff.

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Miss Russell left at Christmas; she takes with her our good wishes.

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The Prefects this term are—W. M. Williams (Gwent), H. Smith (College House), D. R. Phillips (Evans), T. G. Jones (College House).

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1st XI. cricket colours were awarded to—E. G. Pritchard, J. Phillips, P. Thomas, D. P. Gwynne, D. R. Phillips, C. James, W. M. Lloyd-Roberts, H. L. Breese.

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On St. David's Day the School had a whole holiday. Many of the boys kept up the old School custom and visited Twm Shôn Catti's Cave.

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Last term some of the bigger boys of the School helped to cultivate the land.



Many of the boys have volunteered for land work during the Summer vacation. We heartily congratulate these boys on their patriotic spirit.

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The Sports passed off very successfully last term. We have great hopes of E. A. Evans breaking a few School records next year.

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We have had a few fixtures this term, but the School lost in our annual match against Brecon by 164 runs to 70.

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The annual School Confirmation took place last term on March 23rd.

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The weather throughout the term has been very favourable for bathing. The standard of swimming, as compared with previous years, is very high, and the greater part of the School have at least passed 'Little Test.'

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The sub-Editors of the *Journal* this term are W. M. Williams and H. Smith.

## Sports.

**T**HE annual Athletic Sports were held on the School Cricket Ground on March 25th. The weather was very favourable, and the fact that there was very little wind made it all the more suitable for the sprints. Keen competition took place between E. A. Evans and C. E. Jones for the first places in the Senior events, but in most cases the former proved the '*victor ludorum*.' E. A. Evans' time for the quarter was exceptionally good, and we confidently hope next year to find in him a prodigious record-breaker. The jumps were not as good as usual, but this was amply made up for in the flat races.

Below we append the list of events and their respective winners.

*Steeplechase, open*—1st, E. A. Evans; 2nd, T. G. Jones; 3rd, C. E. Jones.

*Steeplechase, under 16*—1st, J. Llewelyn; 2nd, Rowlands; 3rd, E. G. Pritchard.

*Mile, open*—1st, E. A. Evans; 2nd, C. E. Jones; 3rd, A. J. Evans. Time, 5 mins. 1 sec.

*High Jump, open*—1st, E. A. Evans; 2nd, C. E. Jones. 4 ft. 6½ ins.

*High Jump, under 16*—1st, Wyn-Jones; 2nd, C. James.

*High Jump, under 14*—1st, Greatrex; 2nd, Gwynne.

*100 yards, open*—1st, E. A. Evans; 2nd, C. E. Jones; 3rd, T. G. Jones. Time, 11½ secs.

*100 yards, under 16*—1st, R. G. James; 2nd, T. R. John.

*100 yards, under 14*—1st, A. G. Greatrex; 2nd, P. John.

*Long Jump, open*—1st, C. E. Jones; 2nd, T. J. Griffiths. 16 ft. 6 ins.

*Long Jump, under 16*—1st, R. G. James; 2nd, Weale.

*Long Jump, under 14*—1st, A. G. Greatrex; 2nd, J. M. Hopkins.

*120 yards, handicap*—1st, E. A. Evans; 2nd, C. E. Jones. Time, 13½ secs. (scratch).

*330 yards, under 13*—1st, I. A. Rhys; 2nd, Vaughan.

*440 yards, open*—1st, E. A. Evans; 2nd, C. E. Jones; 3rd, T. G. Jones. Time, 56 secs.

*440 yards, under 16*—1st, G. G. Jones; 2nd, V. D. Thomas.

*Warden's Race*—1st, B. A. Roberts; 2nd, Seymour; 3rd, A. Williams.

*Half Mile, handicap*—1st, A. J. Evans; 2nd, B. W. Edwards.

*Half Mile, open*—1st, E. A. Evans; 2nd, T. G. Jones; 3rd, Pritchard. 2 mins. 11½ secs.

*Putting the Weight*—1st, C. E. Jones; 2nd, E. A. Evans. 24 ft. 8 ins.

## The Cricket Season, 1918.

**T**HE past season has, on the whole, been a more successful one than the two previous years. Three 1st XI. matches were played, of which one was lost, one tied, and the other won. Great keenness has been shown not only on the 1st games, but also throughout the School.

With a view to making the cricket of the School more interesting a series of dorm. matches were played on the league system, and on the whole they proved a great success. Amongst the smaller boys great enthusiasm was displayed in form matches. Undoubtedly these matches were looked

upon in a serious light, especially by those concerned, and they served their purpose well in bringing to light many a promising young cricketer.

The match wickets were always kept in excellent condition, thanks to the untiring efforts of Soar, our School pro. On good wickets and in favourable weather our cricket improved considerably, and by the end of the season was very good indeed.

The bowling of the XI. as a rule was steady and, at times, very good, J. Llewelyn and E. G. Pritchard being especially prominent throughout the season, the latter taking five wickets for seventeen runs in the annual match against Brecon. The change bowlers also must not be forgotten, as they oftentimes saved the situation when the others were tired. Most of the eleven seem to have mastered the rudiments of forward and back play, their only fault being that they do not utilise all their strength when hitting the ball. That this is the case was proved by the number of catches hit up in the Brecon match. It is rather interesting to note that the batting in general was very even, although practically each member of the team distinguished himself at some time or other during the season.

The most pleasing feature about the play of the XI. was the fielding, though more dash (the necessary quality in all kinds of sport) was wanting. In every match it was very good and at times rose to excellency. Many of the team showed great improvement in returning the ball to the wicket keeper, and, as a rule, the returns were quick and accurate.

Our very best thanks are due to the Rev. H. O. Williams, the Rev. A. R. Warburton, and Mr. C. P. Lewis, who have unceasingly given their valuable help. Without them the team could never have attained the standard which it has now reached.

W. M. W.

#### 1ST XI. CHARACTERS.

*W. M. Williams.*—An energetic captain; handy as a medium fast bowler; a splendid fielder, inclined to laxity in batting, but powerful when he tries.

*J. Llewelyn.*—A very good slow break bowler, who has done excellent work during the term; a good fielder at extra cover; his batting is sullied by a tendency to 'hook' balls to the leg.

*E. G. Pritchard.*—A pretty and careful bat, who shows great promise. His bowling has vastly improved during the term, and has a natural and dangerous swerve. A splendid fielder and safe catch.

*Rahmatullah.*—A bowler with very fine action, but loses in his length. Did not fulfil the promise of last year. A careful bat, but rather slow. An excellent fielder and safe catch.

*C. James.*—A handy slow change bowler, who shows promise. A fair bat, not much vigour. Very smart in slip-fielding.

*J. Phillips.*—At times plays a very good innings; inclines to crouch too much at the wicket. An excellent fielder. Safe catch.

*D. R. Phillips.*—A vigorous batsman, who has played very good innings; inclined to forget the straight bat. A safe catch.

*D. Gwynne.*—A beautiful batsman, who shows remarkable promise. His off play is almost perfect; his strokes behind wicket are very neat. A little weak on the leg, but improving. A good field.

*W. M. Lloyd-Roberts.*—A batsman of promise; not quite straight at present. Has played good innings. A bowler with a very fine natural action. With practice he will excel in this branch. A very good field.

*P. Thomas.*—A stylish and safe bat, but not sufficient vigour. Plays well forward. A moderate fielder and insecure catch. Bowls a very difficult slow break ball. He shows great promise.

*Breese.*—A batsman who has not shown great improvement; inclined to play round the ball. As a wicket-keeper he has done really splendid work.

#### SCHOOL XI. v. MR. H. M. FULLER'S XI.

The first match of the season was played against an XI. brought up by Mr. H. M. Fuller. The weather, as on the other two occasions, was excellent, and the game, which commenced at 11 o'clock, proved very exciting, especially towards the end. The School went in first, and altogether knocked up 131 runs. The wicket was perfect, and the bowling good, and, had it not been for the stand made by our last two men, who between them raised the score from less than the 100 to its total, we should assuredly have lost.

When the game was resumed, D. T. Bevan and E. Bassett made a start for the visitors, but it was not long before Bevan was given out lbw. and O. Bassett soon followed him after adding only 3 to the score. Fuller then took his place at the wicket, and it was undoubtedly he who saved the game for his side. He judged well some awkward balls from Llewelyn and Rahmatullah, and was eventually bowled by the former with 58 runs to his credit. No other high score was made. As the visitors were short of two men, P. Thomas

and D. P. G. Davies turned out for them, and between them made 21.

Play, towards the end of the game, was very keen, as the scores were equal while there was yet one wicket to fall. Their last man, however, was bowled by a good length ball from Rahmatullah before he could score the winning hit, and thus a keenly contested game ended in a tie.

For the School, Breese was top scorer with 26, and R. E. Isaac (not out) contributed a useful 22. J. Phillips also, although his innings was not very long, by well-judged hitting added 18 to the score.

During the whole of the game, the fielding of the School XI. reached a very high standard. All the few catches that were knocked up were held. The scores were as follows :—

<i>School.</i>		<i>Mr. H. M. Fuller's XI.</i>	
J. Phillips, b T. Bevan	.. 18	D. J. Bevan, lbw, b Llewelyn	0
C. James, b T. Bevan	.. 1	E. Bassett, b Rahmatullah	.. 3
Gwynne, run out	.. 8	H. M. Fuller, b Llewelyn	.. 58
Rahmatullah, b W. J. Williams	.. 8	W. J. Williams, c Llewelyn	.. 7
Llewelyn, c and b T. Bevan	.. 1	Rev. H. O. Williams, b Llewelyn	4
W. M. Williams, b W. J. Williams	0	W. A. Hay, c Rahmatullah	.. 16
H. Smith, b W. J. Williams	.. 11	T. Bevan, c Rahmatullah	.. 4
D. R. Phillips, b T. Bevan	.. 14	E. Griffiths, run out	.. 2
W. M. Lloyd-Roberts, c and b W. J. Williams	3	P. Thomas, c Rahmatullah	.. 18
R. E. Isaac, not out	.. 22	W. Jenkins, b Rahmatullah	.. 8
Breese, b H. O. Williams	.. 26	D. P. G. Davies, not out	.. 3
Extras	.. 19	Extras	.. 8
Total	.. 131	Total	.. 131

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

*Fuller's XI.*

Bowler	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Llewelyn	.. 14	.. 0	.. 55	.. 4	.. 13.75
Rahmatullah	.. 13	.. 0	.. 78	.. 5	.. 13.6

*School.*

W. Jenkins	.. 5	.. 1	.. 19	.. 0	.. —
T. Bevan	.. 15	.. 5	.. 34	.. 4	.. 8.5
W. J. Williams	.. 19	.. 4	.. 39	.. 4	.. 9.75
Rev. H. O. Williams	9	.. 3	.. 29	.. 1	.. 29
H. Fuller	.. 2	.. 2	.. 0	.. 0	.. —

## SCHOOL v. LLANELLY.

Played on the School ground on Saturday, June 22nd.

Although the match was supposed to commence at eleven o'clock, it was long after twelve before the Llanelly team put in an appearance on the field. However, in order to make up for the time thus lost, it was decided to play on after dinner till 6.30 without the usual interval for tea.

The visitors won the toss and batted first, W. Davies (capt.) and W. H. Davies being successful in knocking up 20 runs before lunch. After lunch, however, wickets fell fairly quickly, and, with the exception of Wm. Davies and D. Davies, who made 18 and 27 respectively, no batsman made a score greater than 5. The total number of runs made by the side was 66.

Maiden overs were very plentiful during the time the School XI. was batting, and, as a natural consequence, the game was rather slow to watch (there being only four runs scored in the first six overs). The top scorer on the School side was J. Phillips, who made 34, while P. Thomas made 25, and D. R. Phillips 20. Taken as a whole our XI. batted very well, considering the variety of bowlers that they had to face. D. Davies was quite the fastest bowler of all those who have this season exhibited their prowess on the School ground, while D. H. Davies proved that he could break from either side. The match ended about 6 o'clock, when the Home XI. were all out for 120; this left them winners by a fair margin of 54. The scores were as follows :—

*School.**Llanelly.*

Pritchard, b D. H. Davies	.. 6	W. Davies, b J. Llewelyn	.. 18
P. Thomas, lbw, b D. Davies	.. 25	W. H. Davies, b Rahmatullah	6
Gwynne, b D. Davies	.. 13	D. H. Davies, c Rahmatullah, b Llewelyn	4
J. Llewelyn, st D. H. Davies	0	R. Twist, lbw, b Rahmatullah	1
C. James, c and b D. H. Davies	2	D. Davies, not out	.. 27
W. M. Williams, b W. H. Davies	2	F. Williams, lbw, b Llewelyn	0
D. R. Phillips, b D. Davies	.. 20	Morgans, b Llewelyn	.. 1
J. Phillips, b M. Davies	.. 34	M. Davies, st Llewelyn	.. 0
W. M. Lloyd-Roberts, c W. Davies, b M. Davies	1	J. Jones, c James, b Rahmatullah	0
Breese, b D. Davies	.. 0	Samuel, b Rahmatullah	.. 1
Rahmatullah, not out	.. 0	Isaac, not out	.. 5
Extras	.. 17	Extras	.. 3
Total	.. 120	Total	.. 66



## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

*Llanelly.*

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Rahmatullah ..	12 ..	3 ..	39 ..	4 ..	9.75
Llewelyn ..	11 ..	2 ..	24 ..	5 ..	4.8
Pritchard ..	1 ..	1 ..	0 ..	0 ..	—

*School.*

D. H. Davies ..	15 ..	6 ..	26 ..	3 ..	8.6
F. Williams ..	8 ..	6 ..	6 ..	0 ..	—
D. Davies ..	17 ..	4 ..	32 ..	3 ..	10.6
W. H. Davies ..	3 ..	0 ..	11 ..	1 ..	11
R. Twist ..	2 ..	0 ..	23 ..	0 ..	—
M. Davies ..	2 ..	0 ..	2 ..	2 ..	1

## SCHOOL v. CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON.

Played at Brecon on Saturday, June 29th. The team was as follows:—W. M. Williams (Capt.), J. Llewelyn, E. G. Pritchard, J. Phillips, D. P. Gwynne, P. Thomas, D. R. Phillips, C. James, Rahmatullah, H. L. Breese, and W. M. Lloyd-Roberts. Reserve, R. E. Isaac. Result—Brecon won by 95 runs.

In spite of the fact that at the beginning of the week the weather looked anything but promising, the teams were very fortunate in having an excellent day for the match. Leaving Llandovery at 7.30 by brake, the School XI. reached Brecon at 10.30, and the game commenced about half an hour later.

Brecon having won the toss, elected to bat first, and their innings was opened by I. Ll. Evans and E. L. Jones. The latter, however, was soon caught in the slip by Llewelyn, the score being 10. After that the Breconians made a good stand, and when the two XI's adjourned for lunch, the telegraph registered a little over the 100. Play was resumed at 2 o'clock prompt, when the School team were more successful, the remaining wickets falling quite cheaply. The Brecon total mounted to 165, to which J. Ll. Evans, who was caught by W. M. Williams at mid-off, contributed 72, Murray, 37, and D. W. Thomas, 22.

Llandovery had bad luck from the beginning. Our first two men—P. Thomas and Pritchard had hardly settled down to the bowling, when the latter, by some mistake was run out. The only stand of any importance was made by Gwynne, who was bowled by E. Williams with 27 to his credit. All

the rest of the side were dismissed for comparatively small scores, 'ones' and 'twos' being very plentiful. By tea time the last wicket had fallen for 70 runs. After tea the School went in a second time, but stumps were drawn at 6.30, four wickets having fallen for about 40 runs.

The only redeeming features of the game were the bowling of Pritchard, who took five wickets for 17 runs, and the fielding in general of the whole team. Only two catches were dropped, and these were by no means easy ones, while less than a dozen hits were allowed to reach the boundary. The Breconians had the great advantage of knowing their ground, and we feel confident that, had the match been played at home, our XI. would have acquitted themselves more creditably. The following were the scores:—

*Brecon.*

I. L. Evans, c W. M. Williams, b Pritchard ..	72
E. L. Jones, c J. Llewelyn, b Rahmatullah ..	1
D. W. R. Thomas, b C. James ..	22
T. L. Price, c C. James, b Pritchard ..	8
E. Williams, lbw, b Pritchard ..	0
Murray, c Breese, b Pritchard ..	37
Blackall, b Llewelyn ..	0
L. C. Davies, b Llewelyn ..	2
T. R. Davies, c Gwynne, b Llewelyn ..	8
E. G. Harries, b Pritchard ..	1
Rees Roberts, not out ..	0
Extras ..	14
Total ..	165

*School.*

<i>School.</i>		<i>School.</i>	
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Pritchard, run out ..	8	b Roberts ..	3
P. Thomas, c Harris, b E. Williams ..	7	not out ..	15
J. Phillips, c E. Williams, b Price ..	11	c I. Ll. Evans, b Roberts ..	0
Gwynne, b E. Williams ..	27	c Roberts, b Harries ..	2
Llewelyn, c and b E. Williams ..	1	c E. Williams, b Blackall ..	11
D. R. Phillips, slip wicket, b E. Williams ..	1	not out ..	3
W. M. Lloyd-Roberts, c Thomas, b E. Williams ..	1	did not bat.	
W. M. Williams, b E. Williams ..	8	did not bat.	
C. James, b E. Williams ..	2	"	
H. L. Breese, b Roberts ..	1	"	
Rahmatullah, not out ..	2	"	
Extras ..	1		
Total ..	70	Total for 4 wickets ..	34

Owing to some misunderstanding the bowling analysis for this match was not kept.



## A Flight with the R.A.F.

**T**HE morning is cold and damp, and the sky appears to be a dark grey curtain decorated with faintly twinkling stars. Although it is only 4 a.m., the airman a few miles behind the lines dresses to the thundering roar of the guns, and after some hot cocoa dons his flying kit and hurries to the aerodrome. There with a few others he receives his final instructions about the attack. The machines have already been tested, so the aviators climb into their seats.

The flight-commander's engine begins a loud, metallic roar, and, as the blocks are pulled from under the wheels, the machine races forward and rises gradually from the ground. The other planes follow suit and take up their formation at about 4000 feet.

The early morning light increases every minute, the grey of the sky changing into blue. The faint, hovering ground—mist is not sufficient to obscure the landmarks, and the earth appears below like a shadowy patchwork. As the machines near the lines, the ground below changes to a dirty, shell-holed wilderness, covered with ruined villages which occasionally appear through the rolling sea of smoke.

The machines have now reached a height of 12,000 feet, but even at this height have to manoeuvre to avoid the anti-aircraft guns, and the airmen hear the far-away 'wouff' of the guns, and the hiss of passing fragments. After a few minutes the squadron shakes off this group of 'Archies.'

A few thousand feet below are some Hun planes, distinguishable by the black Maltese crosses on the wings. A cluster of small German scouts swoops down from above and hovers above our squadron. As a small biplane dives on one of our machines, the pilot sideslips, and as the scout rushes by, our observer lets off a round of machine-gun bullets, and the shots rattle on the Hun plane. Our machine now dives after the German, and they both race until only forty yards separate them. With his finger on the trigger, the observer pours a hail of lead into the machine below him, and as a streak of

flame rushes from the Hun's petrol tank, turns aside to meet another attack.

Six German planes, diving in two lots of three, endeavour to catch our machine between them, but our pilot nose-diving suddenly causes two converging Hun planes to crash and fall to the earth locked together. The remaining machines circle round our plane, shots sing around, and a landing wire is damaged. With nose down, and engine full out, our machine races for the lines and safety.

After landing, the occupants of the plane compare notes with others of the expedition. The airmen are now refreshed with cold baths and hot breakfast. In the mess the fights are talked over, and sudden silences are frequent,—unspoken tributes to the casualties.

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