



The Second Book of Remembrance.

VICTORIA COLLEGE, JERSEY

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Book of Remembrance

Being the record of those who gave their lives in the
Second World War, 1939-45

*Numquam desit copia
Hac e disciplina
Qui Deo ac patriae
Diligenter serviant
Opera divina.*

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FOREWORD.

I have had the privilege, for the second time, of compiling the School's Book of Remembrance.

The Book which commemorated our Fallen in the First World War included a hundred and twenty-seven names in the Roll of Honour. The Second Book, owing to the greater mechanization of War, commemorates a smaller number, but our loss is not less grievous.

After the First World War we included in our Book of Remembrance not only the Roll of Honour, but also the complete ascertainable Roll of Service. It was decided that, after the Second War, that was not practicable. It was a totalitarian war, and many civilians gave as gallant and self-sacrificing service as those in the Forces.

It is hoped that this Book of Remembrance will serve to keep green the memory of fine characters and noble deeds.

A. H. WORRALL.

November, 1949.

The Roll of Honour.

Vernon Ferguson Le Feuvre ALLEN	Mervyn Robin LEFEBVRE
Ernest John BAINBRIDGE	Albert George L'Estrange LE GALLAIS
John Vautier BEER	Douglas John LE MASURIER
Derek Kerr BELL	Cyril John LE RUE
Henry Francis Adderson BERRY	Patrick Windsor LYNCH-BLOSSE
Walter Douglas Wilberforce BIRD	Garrick MACDERMOTT
Harry Westrop BOSDET	Douglas Michael Louis Brabant
Alan John BOYLE	MAUGHAN-TAYLOR
Herbert Alfred BUHTS	John Malcolm MCGILL
Harold Reuben CAMFIELD	Angus Kenny MCKENNA
Arthur George CANDLIN	Wilson John MICHEL
Ronald CARTER	Gerald Patrick MILES
Paul COOKE	Aubrey James Ferris MORTIMER
John Sidney CRILL	Léonce L'Hermitte OGIER
Gerard Massip DE TURVILLE	Patrick Flood O'HANLON
Robert Alexander DIX	Peter PAINTER
William George DRAYTON	Edward Le Gresley PARTRIDGE
Marcus George GODFRAY	Anthony Hollis PONTIUS
Maurice GORDON-JOHNSON	Ronald Hyde POPE
Edward Richard GOULD	Alexander John Loft PRITCHARD
Clifton Wittington GRANNUM	Wilfrid Beaugié QUEREE
Vandeleur Molyneux GRAYBURN	Geoffrey Erskine SANDYS
John Henry Vine HALL	Henry Durell STARCK
Christopher Ian Dunbar HALLIDAY	Aubrey Spencer Travers SWAN
Victor Arthur HAMON	Raymond Louis TANGUY
John Frederick HARWARD	John William James TAYLOR
Richard Malzard HOGG	Maurice Frank TAYLOR
Charles George HOLMES	Arthur Edwin THOMAS
Allen John Dennis INGRAM	Ronald Stuart VINCENT
Richard John JOUAULT	Richard Herbert WHITE
John Noel Wilmot KERR	Michael John WHITELEY
Stephen Francis LABERN	Desmond Gordon WILLIAMS
Henry Vernon L'AMY	Frederick Edwin WOODCOCK
George Herbert Francis LAURENS	William John WRIGHT
John Forbes LAURIE-DICKSON	Donald Harry YULE-MACLEOD
Peter LE BROcq	
Helier George LE COcq	Harold John BLAMPED

Their Name Liveth for Evermore.

VERNON FERGUSON LE FEUVRE ALLEN

Vernon Allen was at College 1926-34. He will be remembered by many O.V's for his performance of Tweeny in "The Admirable Crichton." After a brilliant school career, in which he took the Gold Medal for Classics in his stride, he disappointed his backers by getting only an Exhibition at Exeter. He made ample amends by getting a remarkable First in Mods, almost entirely alphas, and was made an Honorary Scholar of his College, an unusual distinction. After a Second Class in Greats (he was working for two different exams concurrently) he passed into the Home Civil Service and was assigned to the Unemployment Assistance Board, where he found the work congenial. He had been Vice-President of the Student Christian Movement at Oxford, and while in London lived for some time at The Oxford House, Bethnal Green, where he took a great interest in welfare work.

In the Autumn of 1940 he was released for service and joined the R.A.F., and when he had all but finished his training in December of the same year, he was killed in a crash, due to a faulty engine. Age 24.



VERNON FERGUSON LE FEUVRE ALLEN

ERNEST JOHN BAINBRIDGE

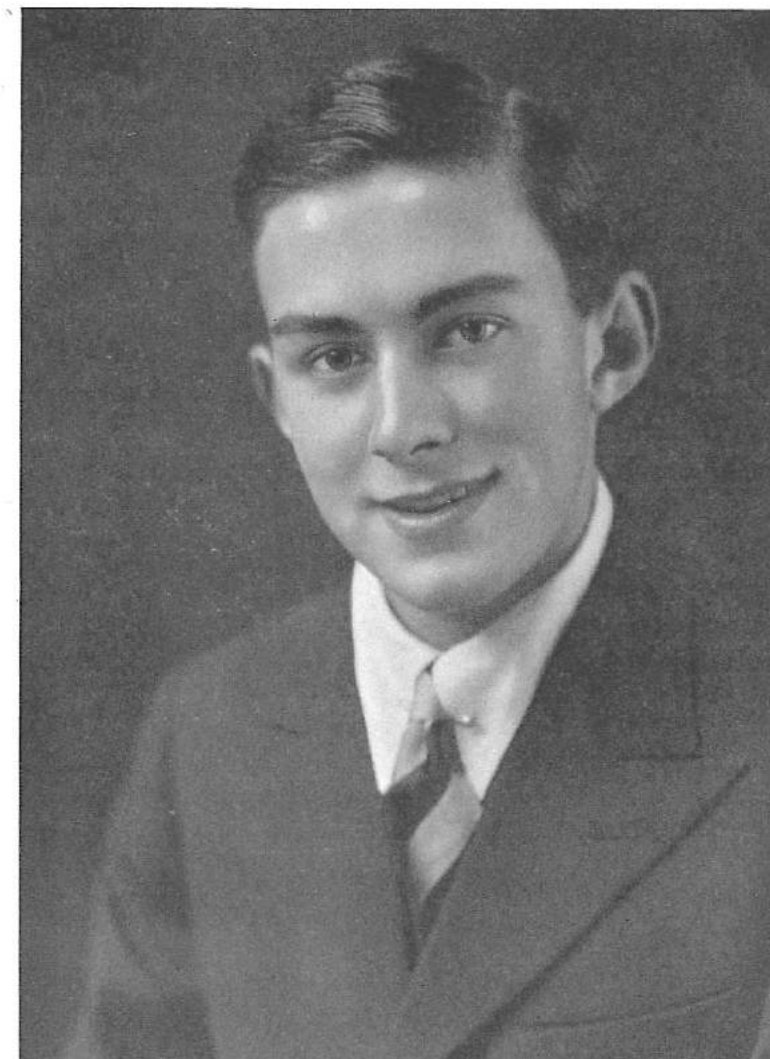
Bainbridge ("Bunny") was in College House 1925-27. He joined the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve in 1939, was called up at the outbreak of War, commissioned in May 1940, and at once sent out to the Middle East. He was killed in February of the following year while flying near Asmara, in Somaliland.

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ERNEST JOHN BAINBRIDGE

JOHN BEER

John Beer went up from the Prep. to College, but after two or three years was sent to an English school. Leaving in December 1939 he enlisted in the Dorsets in June 1940, and after a period was transferred to the Hampshires, where he was granted a commission. He was then sent to the 71st (Somali) King's African Rifles, with whom he went to Burma. He was killed on February 3rd, 1945. Age 23.



JOHN BEER

DEREK KERR BELL

Derek Bell entered the Prep. in 1933, and won the 100 yards in his first year. At the time of the Occupation he was one of the rising athletes at College and already a member of the Cricket, Football and Hockey XI's; of a charming and friendly disposition, he was a popular figure.

After serving with the Atlas Assurance Company in Manchester, he joined up in the Royal Marines and after fifteen months in India, where he was trained in Commandos, he returned to take part in the D-Day landings. He was killed in action in March 1945, shortly after his 21st birthday, and is buried in Bergen-op-Zoom Military Cemetery, Holland.



DEREK KERR BELL

HENRY FRANCIS ADDERSON BERRY

"Bob" Berry was at College from 1935 till April 1940, when he went to England and was accepted as a cadet in the British Steam Navigation Company. He was killed in action on December 8th, 1940, on a voyage from Capetown to England.

His chief delight was fishing and sailing in his beloved island. Age 18.



HENRY FRANCIS ADDERSON BERRY

WALTER DOUGLAS WILBERFORCE BIRD

Walter Bird, son of W. N. W. Bird, was killed on active service on the night of August 25th-26th, 1944. He was at College from 1930 to 1934, two years in the Cricket XI, one in the Hockey. After three and a half years in the National Provincial Bank at Wareham he joined the R.A.F. He was four and a half years in India, and saw active service in Iraq. Shortly after coming home in 1943 he was promoted Squadron Leader. On the night when he was killed he was flying a Mosquito Pathfinder and led a raid over Berlin. They all got back, and he signalled to his station but failed to land. For some reason unknown he crashed, at Old Warden, Bedfordshire, and he and his Sergeant Navigator were both killed.

His Wing-Commander said that, though he had only been a short time with the Squadron, he had proved himself a most reliable and efficient pilot. Age 28.



WALTER DOUGLAS WILBERFORCE BIRD

HARRY WESTROP BOSDET

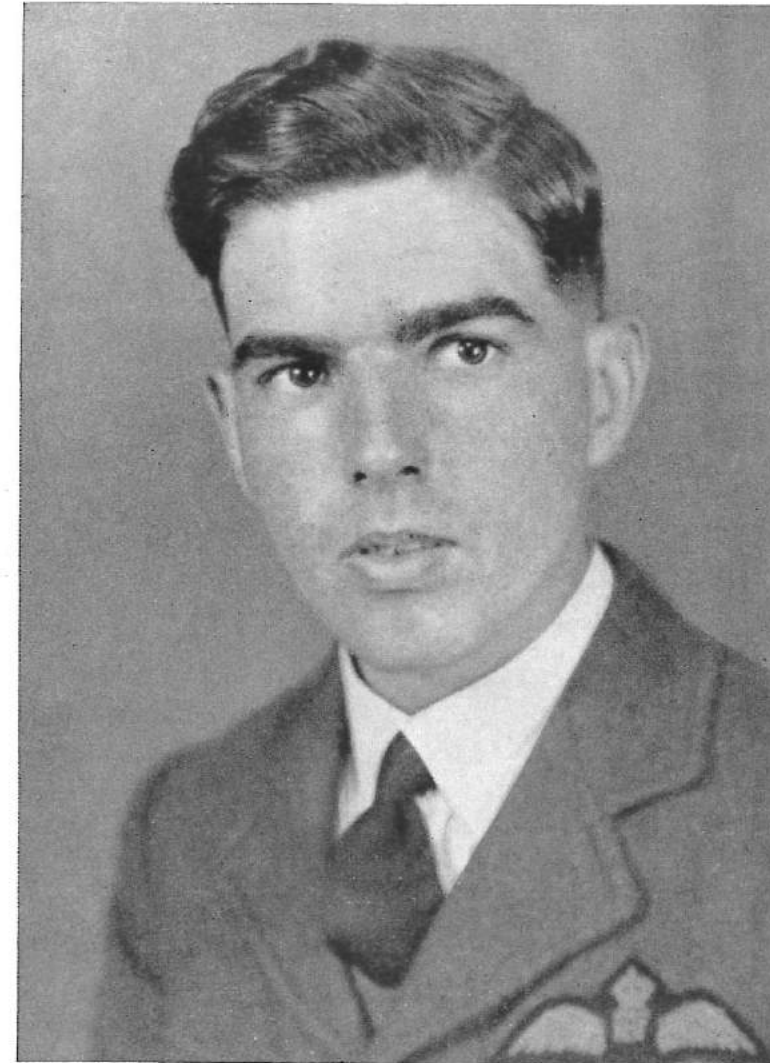
Bosdet was at College 1931-33. His father was well known in Jersey and England as a designer of church windows. After four years on "The Bournemouth Times" he started as a publicity consultant, with offices in Aldwych. He was always keen on writing and intended eventually to give his whole time to it. He had partly written his first book, in French, when the war began, and he joined up at once. He went overseas with the Dorset Regiment, and served in Malta, Italy, and finally Normandy, remaining in the ranks. He was killed on June 19th, 1944. Age 27. He was the last of the Bosdet family, and was unmarried. A boy of gentle, sweet disposition, with intellectual interests, a lover of peace, with no taste for war, he did his duty to his country and his fellow-men.



HARRY WESTROP BOSDET.

ALAN JOHN BOYLE

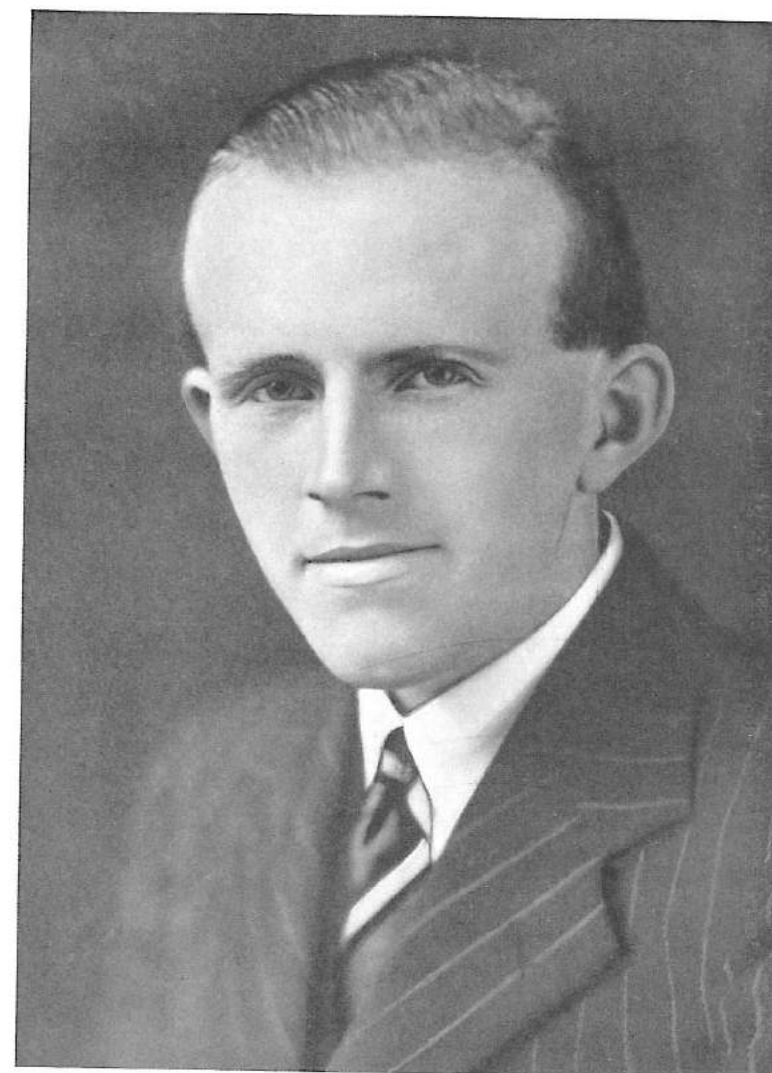
Alan Boyle was at College 1934-40, and was one of those who went with the Headmaster to Shrewsbury. He was unsuccessful for the Navy, and after one term at Bedford joined the R.A.F. He did his training in Rhodesia and returned with his Wings in the summer of 1943. From then onwards he was on operational duties, which he carried out with the verve that was characteristic of him. Flying a Boston bomber, he was in the opening up of D Day and was killed in action on that day. His Squadron Leader described him as "a fine pilot, who had the complete confidence of his crew and of myself." At school he will be best remembered for his acting and as a shot in the VIII. Age 21.



ALAN JOHN BOYLE

HERBERT ALFRED BUHTS

Buhts was at College 1929-38 and on leaving went into the office of Messrs. Bois and Bois. He volunteered for the R.A.F. on the outbreak of war, but was not accepted till 1940. He was serving as a Leading Aircraftman in Singapore at the time of its capture, and subsequently in Sumatra and Java. When his Squadron was transferred from Java to India, he was left behind in hospital. He remained a prisoner in Japanese hands and died in a prison camp at the very end of the War. Age 27.



HERBERT ALFRED BUHTS

HAROLD REUBEN CAMFIELD

Harold Camfield came to College later than most boys, but his cheerful nature and eagerness to play his part in anything that came along soon won him many friends. He was in the Hockey XI and a useful cricketer. He left College and the Island in 1939 for a job in London, and joined the R.A.F. in November 1940. By December he was in training at Bridgenorth, having been very lucky, as he said, to be selected for pilot and to get in so quickly. He obtained his wings in the following year as a Sergeant Pilot, and was reported missing, believed killed, on June 6th, 1942.

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HAROLD REUBEN CAMFIELD

RONALD HELIER CARTER

Carter was at the Prep. and College 1931-37. He joined the Royal Navy in 1939, but was on sick leave in the island on the eve of the Occupation in June 1940. He went back to England, and after training was in due course commissioned and later promoted Sub-lieutenant. On July 8th, 1943, when his ship was returning to port from night patrol, a mine was encountered, and in the firing to dispose of it Carter had the misfortune to be hit by one of the bullets. He died as he was being carried ashore. Age 24.



RONALD HELIER CARTER

PAUL COOKE

Paul Cooke, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Morley Cooke, was at College 1926-29. His father was Manager of Barclays Bank in Jersey, and in 1929 Paul gained the newly-instituted Barclays Bank Scholarship at St. Edward's School, Oxford. There he became a Prefect, and got his colours for cricket, rugger, hockey, boxing and swimming. In 1935 he went to Trinity College, Oxford, and graduated with honours in Law. While at Trinity he played for the College XV, and, getting his rugger blue, played against Cambridge in 1936 and 1937. After going down he became Vice-Captain of Richmond R.F.C. and played twice for England as scrum-half in 1939. He joined up soon after the outbreak of war and went to France as a subaltern in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. He was killed in action on May 27th, 1940. Aged 24. His Company Commander wrote: "As Second-in-Command of my Company, he was my constant companion, and we were soon fast friends. I very soon came to rely a great deal on his commonsense advice, and his powers of leadership. His death occurred at Comines, in Belgium. He was shot through the head while directing the fire of a Bren gun section on a party of the enemy who had broken through the companies on our flank. But for your son's cool example and pluck, the men would not have opened fire so soon or so effectively, and our losses, which were heavy, would have been greatly increased." As one London daily said: "He played for England, fought for England, died for England."



PAUL COOKE

JOHN SYDNEY CRILL

Jack Crill was the eldest of the three sons of Mr. S. G. Crill, Connétable of St. Clement. Leaving College in 1933 he entered the Middle Temple. After his call to the English Bar and further study in France and Switzerland, he practised as an Avocat. His speech (in French, of course) before the Royal Court at the swearing-in ceremony is remembered as a model of its kind—scholarly, witty, modest, instinct with devotion to the island and its institutions. Before the war he was doing valuable work as Honorary Secretary for the National Trust of Jersey. He was a Lieutenant in the R.M.I.J. In December, 1939, he went to England and was transferred to the R.A., but when, in the following June, the Militia arrived in England he gladly went back to them, and won golden opinions by his competent work as Adjutant. During those years he found time and opportunity for many activities connected with the Channel Islands, and he was a doughty champion in any matter touching upon the islanders or the islanders' rights and privileges. Many islanders received legal help from him. He was a leading member of the group of Channel islanders who produced "Nos Iles", a full and valuable survey of Channel Islands affairs, and the book owes much to his knowledge and energy.

An incipient deafness, which he bore with indomitable courage and good humour, caused him great disappointment by debarring him from more active military service. He was sent to a training battalion of the Hampshire Regiment, and after a staff course was promoted Major. In the summer of 1944 he was transferred to Civil Affairs, for which his legal training made him particularly fitted. He went to France with a Civil Administration Regiment of the U.S. Army, and was killed by a shell on August 28th, at Melun.

He was a fine chap, and a lovable one. His vigour, enthusiasm and generous character were combined with a charming whimsical humour. Though only in his thirtieth year, he had shown qualities which marked him out as one of the most promising of the younger generation of Jersey men. People who were in a position to judge had already begun to think of him as a future Bailiff of Jersey. His death was a grievous loss to the island and a host of friends.



JOHN SYDNEY CRILL

ROBERT ALEXANDER DIX

Bob Dix was born in Russia, where his father was Agent on a big estate. When quite a small boy he was sent to Jersey, to the care of his aunt Mrs. Vibert, mother of that distinguished O.V., Arthur Lionel Vibert. From a Prep. School he went on to Victoria College, 1895-99. He was in the Rugby XV. On leaving he was for a time with a business firm in Hamburg, and later in Central America, but finally landed up with United Rubber Plantations Ltd. at Singapore, in whose service he remained for the rest of his life. During the war he was serving as a Special Constable till he was killed by a Japanese bomb in February 1942.

His nephews and nieces have very happy memories of the enormously generous uncle who was an unending source of wit and fun.



ROBERT ALEXANDER DIX

WILLIAM GEORGE DRAYTON

Drayton entered the Prep. in 1931 and in due course went on to College. He was in the Shooting VIII. He left at the approach of the German Occupation and went to England, where he was at once accepted for the R.A.F. After training he became a Sergeant Pilot, flying Spitfires. He was killed in action off the west coast of France on October 27th, 1942. Age 19.



WILLIAM GEORGE DRAYTON

MARCUS GEORGE GODFRAY

Mark Godfray was only at College for one year (1939-40), but he was an O.V. of the third generation, devoted to the Island and proud to be reckoned an O.V. He went to England a few days before the enemy occupation of Jersey and spent the next two years at Radcliffe College, near Leicester. But his one desire was to strike a blow for the beloved Island in which his family had its roots, and he was determined to join the R.A.F. During his year at College he suffered from asthma, but so determined was he to overcome this handicap that he became a big powerful fellow, and boxing champion at Radcliffe.

At eighteen he left school of his own initiative and went up to London to volunteer for training as Air Pilot. He was accepted, but placed on deferment until his age group was reached. In the interval he served as a despatch-rider under the London County Council during the air raids on London. While thus employed he was asked by the Air Ministry if he would be willing to volunteer as air-gunner. He agreed, though it was not what he had hoped for, and was trained as a rear-gunner, becoming a Flight Sergeant in the Pathfinder Force. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal after completing 43 Operations, in the course of which, in the words of the official citation, "he had invariably displayed the utmost courage, fortitude and devotion to duty." He was reported missing from the big raid on Kiel on the night of August 26th, 1944. Age 20.

I have been privileged to read a batch of Mark's letters to his sister, written during his war service. His mother was still in German-occupied Jersey, beyond the reach of communication. The letters reveal, all unconsciously, the shining, selfless spirit of youth at its noblest. He knew the undying truth of those great words, "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori".

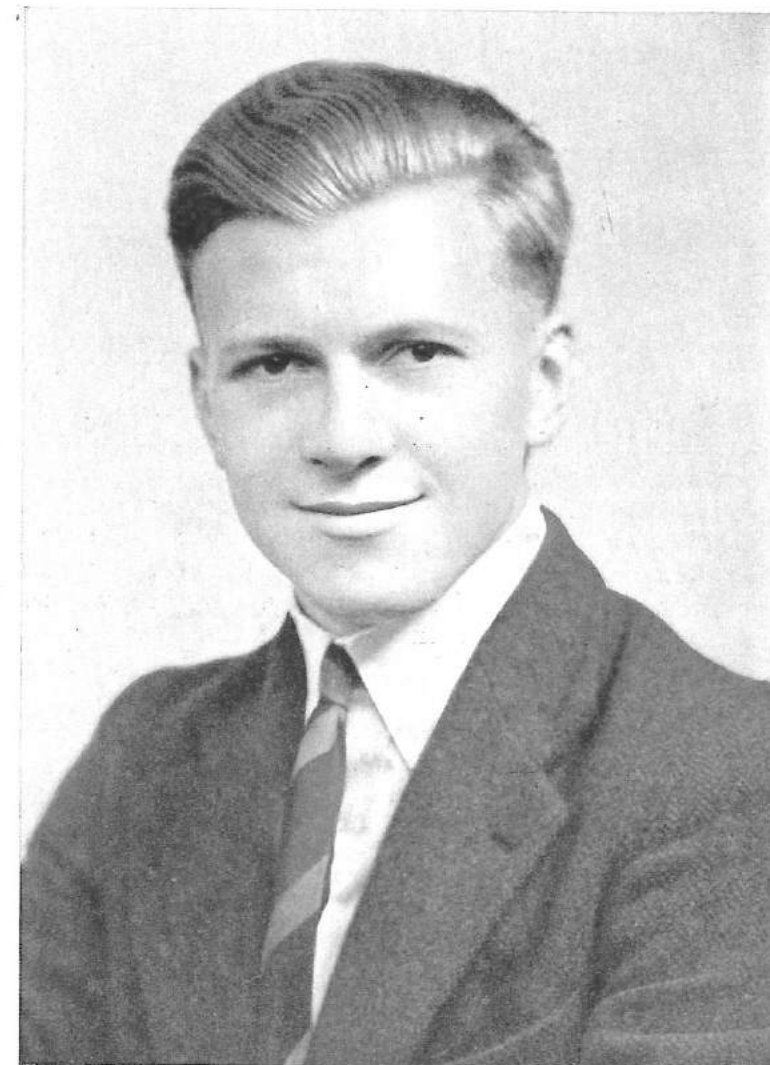


MARCUS GEORGE GODFRAY

EDWARD RICHARD GOULD

At College 1929-36. Teddy Gould was a fine football player, with the luck against him. Going up to Oxford, as a Davis Scholar, with a Channel Islands Exhibition at Exeter, he at once came into the picture, and in his second season played regularly for the University, until the week before the match against Cambridge, when he was unaccountably dropped.

After taking his degree in 1939 he worked for a time in a Prep. School at Bristol and was then given a commission as Sub-Lieutenant R.N.V.R. After training, he was posted to H.M.S. *Bonaventure* and went down in her when she was torpedoed. Age 23.



EDWARD RICHARD GOULD

CLIFTON WINNINGTON GRANNUM

Clifton Grannum, the elder son of R. Clifton Grannum, C.M.G., Colonial Civil Service, was in College House from 1922 to 1925, when he entered Cranwell. After passing out he saw service in Malta, Egypt and the Sudan. He spent most of 1934 in Estonia, learning Russian. He was promoted Squadron Leader and passed the Staff College Examination in 1939. In the spring of 1940 he was in the fighting in Norway. Afterwards he was posted to a Blenheim Bomber Squadron and was engaged throughout the summer in raids on Germany. Nothing was heard of him or any of his crew after a raid over Germany on October 28th. He was therefore presumed killed. Age 34.

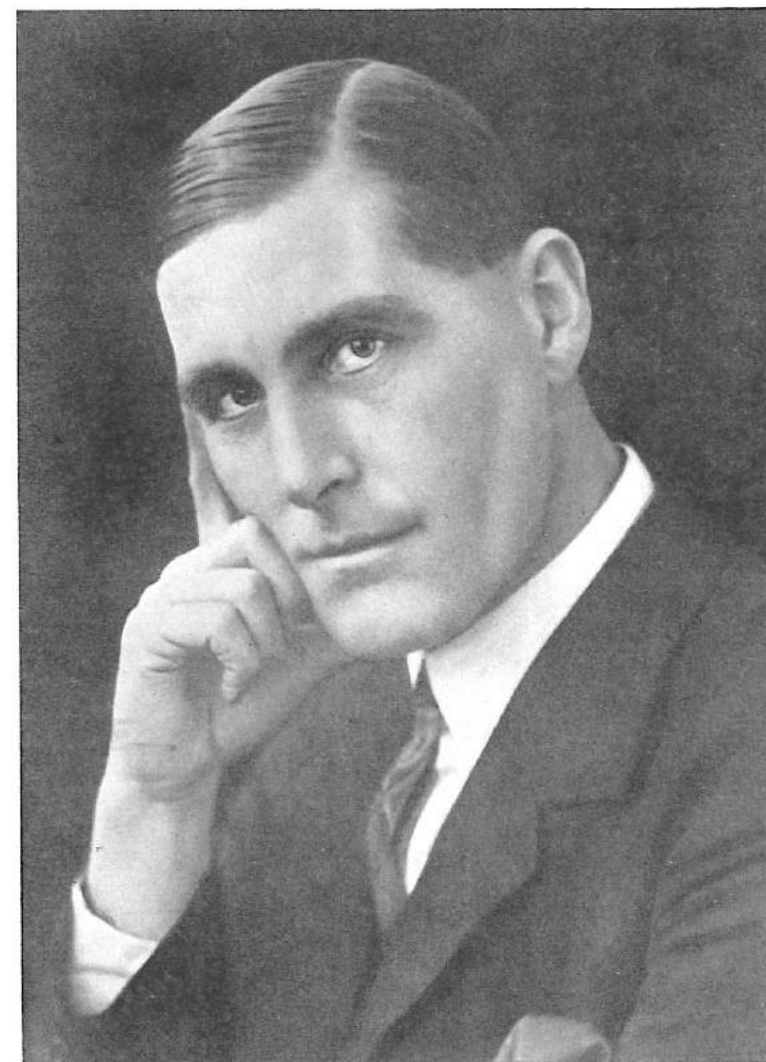
He left a widow and three children. The two boys, Roger and Peter, both intend to follow their father's calling and fly.



CLIFTON WINNINGTON GRANNUM

VANDELEUR MOLYNEUX GRAYBURN

Sir Vandeleur Grayburn died at Hongkong on August 21st, 1943, at the age of 62, while a prisoner in Japanese hands. He was the youngest of three brothers who were at College. Entering in 1891, he left two years later and finished his schooldays at Denstone. He was for forty-one years in the service of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, of which he was Chief Manager at Hongkong at the time of the Japanese occupation. He was knighted in 1937. It is on record that "of the many great chief managers who have served the bank, Sir Vandeleur Molyneux Grayburn will rank as one of the greatest."



VANDELEUR MOLYNEUX GRAYBURN

JOHN HENRY VINE HALL

The son of Mr. P. Newman Hall, of Forest Hill, Beaumont. Hall entered College as a boarder in College House in January, 1921. He was a small boy of ten, and before long passed on to Clifton College. In due course he reached the Sixth and the Rugger XV, and in 1929 went up to Trinity College, Cambridge. After taking his B.A. and LL.B., he was admitted a Solicitor in 1936. He became Chairman of the United Law Society.

Commissioned in the Royal Fusiliers (T.A.) in 1938, he later transferred to the Parachute Regiment. He was promoted Major, and was awarded the M.C. for action in Tunisia on March 8th, 1943.

The official citation said :—"Major Hall was ordered with his company to attack a strong enemy force that had formed up preparatory to attacking the Battalion. Major Hall attacked in the face of intense enemy shell fire ; rallying his men, who were considerably shaken. He pressed home his attack and routed the enemy, capturing over 100 prisoners and three anti-tank guns. Some hours later another strong enemy attack was put in which succeeded in capturing one of our forward positions. Major Hall was ordered to counter-attack. He again led his troops through heavy mortar fire over a very exposed piece of ground and succeeded in recapturing the position, which he held against repeated counter-attacks of the enemy till darkness fell. Major Hall by his courage, leadership and complete disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to the men under his command, and by his leadership undoubtedly saved the situation." He was killed four days later. Age 37.



JOHN HENRY VINE HALL

CHRISTOPHER IAN DUNBAR HALLIDAY

C. I. D. Halliday, missing, presumed killed, in 1941, was at College for a short time in 1932-4 and joined the R.A.F. shortly after leaving.

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CHRISTOPHER IAN DUNBAR HALLIDAY

VICTOR ARTHUR HAMON

Victor Hamon, son of H. A. Hamon (O.V.), entered the Prep. in 1928, and passing in due course to College remained till 1938. A promising young cricketer, he might have reached the XI if he had stayed at school a little longer. He went to Bisley as one of the Cadet Pair. He was a charming boy, of the modest and retiring sort.

Enlisting in the R.A.F. he became a Sergeant Pilot, refusing to be considered for a commission. He was co-piloting a Lancaster bomber when he was brought down in Belgium in August 1942 on the return flight from a raid over Nuremberg. It was the first squadron to penetrate so far into Germany. Nine of them failed to return. They knew the danger they were facing. Hamon left a letter for his parents, which reached them after the Liberation of the islands in 1945. In it he said that "if anything happened they must not think of his life as wasted. He hoped he could help to save England." Age 21.



VICTOR ARTHUR HAMON

JOHN FREDERIC HARWARD

A cousin of John Harris, Harward was in College House 1927-28. He entered the Army as a University Candidate from St. John's College, Oxford. As a Major in the 1st Battalion of the South Lancashire Regiment he was in command of A Company at the D-Day landings. A brother officer wrote of him, "He was the most charming, unorthodox, enthusiastic and gallant officer I have ever known. His gallantry on the Beach is still talked about by the survivors. He 'went in' in his shirt sleeves, and led his men, not merely commanded them. He laid the Bangalore Torpedo personally—a demolition charge to make gaps in the wire. He died doing this particular task, but before he died, as he lay on the ground, he cheered his men on. They pay him the highest compliment a soldier can pay an officer—"He was a real gentleman, Mr. Harward, he wasn't frightened of nothing." Age 28.



JOHN FREDERIC HARWARD

RICHARD MALZARD HOGG

Hogg was in College House 1931-38. On entering Cranwell he qualified for a Prize Cadetship and on passing out, in October 1939, was awarded the Groves Memorial Prize for the best pilot of the term. He was one of the eighteen pilots in the first Gladiator Squadron to operate over Norway, taking off from H.M.S. *Glorious* 200 miles from the Norwegian coast, and landing on a frozen lake, their operating base, in April 1940. From there he was posted to Spitfires and took part in many combats in the South Coast area in July and August. He was Presumed Killed on August 25th, having been last seen, in company with one other pilot, chasing German Messerschmitts out to sea.

His name is enrolled in the Battle of Britain Memorial in the Abbey. Age 21.



RICHARD MALZARD HOGG

CHARLES GEORGE HOLMES

Holmes was at College 1928-32 and on leaving went into business in St. Helier. Leaving the island in June 1940 he joined the R.A.F. and served at a home station till 1944, when he was drafted to India. From India he went after the Japanese collapse to Singapore, where he contracted a form of jaundice and died on October 16th, 1945. He married Olga Poingdestre and leaves a daughter. Age 28.



CHARLES GEORGE HOLMES

ALLEN JOHN DENNIS INGRAM

Allen Ingram was one of nature's games-players. As a small boy he stood close up to the wicket, and the ball seemed to find its way automatically into his hands. To see him take the ball, break the wicket, and turn enquiringly to the umpire, almost all in one action, was a delight. In his seven years at College (1931-38) he became a valuable member of the Cricket, Football and Hockey XI's.

Failing for Cranwell and Indian Police, he was given a temporary Commission in the R.A.F., but some alleged recklessness in landing lost him his 'Wings' and he became a Flight-Sergeant. He was shot down in 1940 off the coast of Jutland. Age 21.



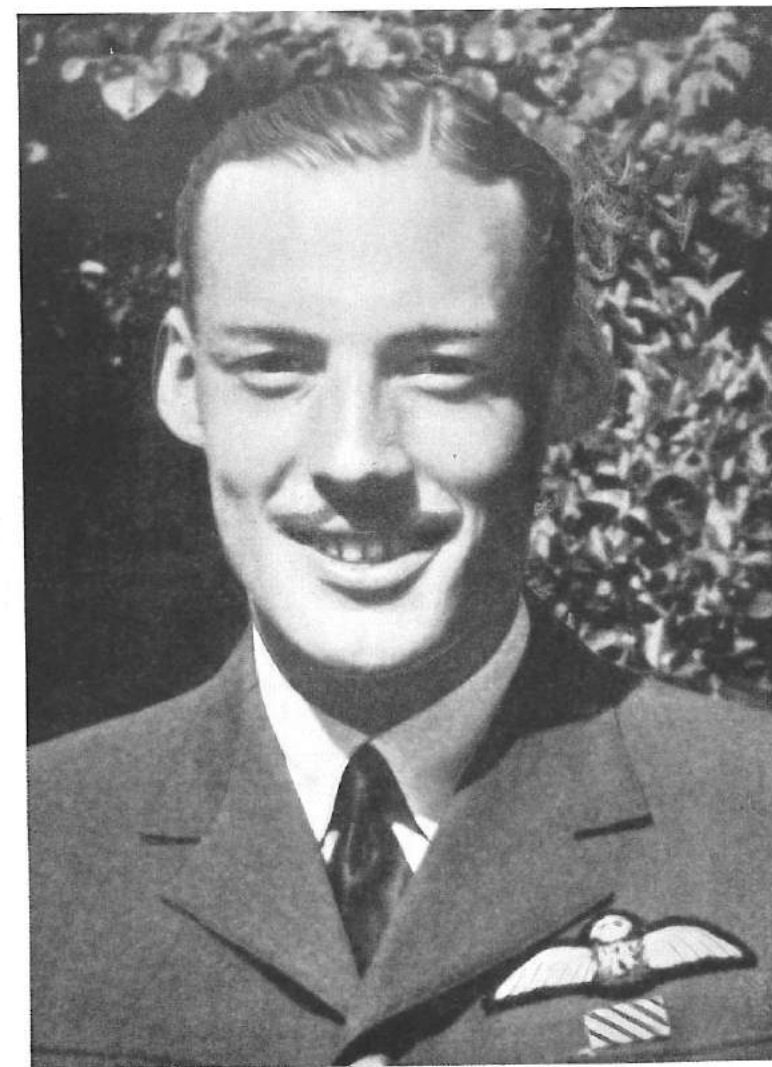
ALLEN JOHN DENNIS INGRAM

RICHARD JOHN JOUAULT

Jouault was a definite and vivid personality, affectionately remembered by his contemporaries. He was at College 1931-38 and became a most effective member of the community. His acting in *Youth at the Helm*, and his performance as a hockey goalkeeper, at which he bade fair to become really first-class, are two of the many pictures that come to the memory.

He took a Short Service Commission in the R.A.F. in 1938, and was the first Jerseyman in the War to be Mentioned in Despatches and to win the D.F.C. He saw considerable action during the Dunkirk evacuation and took part in the Battle of Britain, having been promoted Squadron Leader. He was killed in March 1942. His plane, returning from operations, collided with another and all the occupants of both were killed.

His marriage to Margaret Millar in April 1940 was one of the last such happy occasions before the curtain descended over the island. He left a widow and son. Age 20.



RICHARD JOHN JOUAULT

JOHN NOEL WILMOT KERR

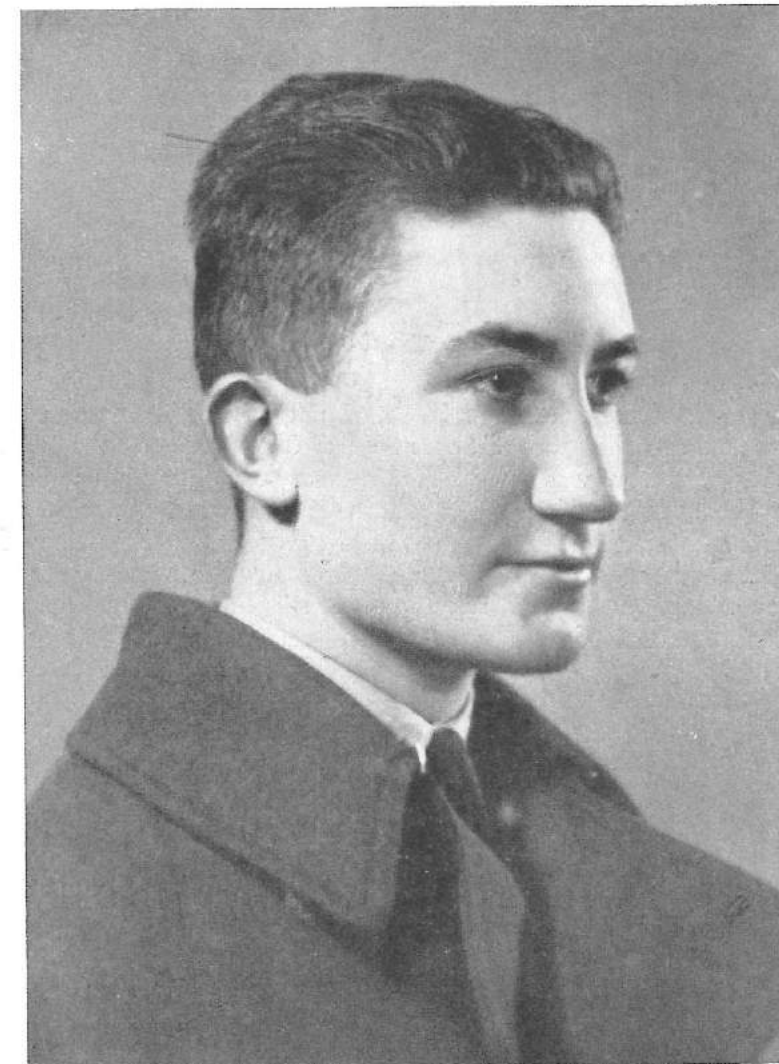
Jack Kerr was in College House from 1930 to 1934. In 1936 he was gazetted to the Royal Tank Corps (Special Reserve). Three years later he transferred to the Gloucestershire Regiment, and thence in 1940 to the R.A.F. In flying he found his métier. In the course of the next three years he made numerous operational flights, and was already a Squadron Leader when, on July 23rd, 1943, he was killed in an air crash at a Hampshire aerodrome. Age 27.



JOHN NOEL WILMOT KERR

STEPHEN FRANCIS LABERN

Labern was at the Prep. and College from 1929 till June 1940, when he went with the detachment to Shrewsbury School. At the end of the term he went to the Aeronautical College, Prince's Gate. In November 1941 he enlisted, at the earliest age, in the R.A.F., becoming a Sergeant in 1943. He had only two more operation flights to do, and would then have been grounded as an instructor, when he crashed. He was posted missing from a flight over France on July 13th, 1944. Age 21.



STEPHEN FRANCIS LABERN

HENRY VERNON L'AMY

Vernon L'Amy, of Les Arches, Le Hocq, was at College 1919-24. He farmed at home for a time and then took a Short Service Commission in the R.A.F. He was called up shortly before war was declared and employed at first as an Intelligence Officer in the Shetlands, then as an Instructor and Chief Test Pilot in England, and finally transferred to Transport Command and posted to Accra in charge of a unit. In August 1944 he had been summoned to England for a conference at the Air Ministry, and on the return journey his Dakota was wrecked in the Atlas Mountains and all lives lost. It was a tragedy for L'Amy, having piloted planes all his life, to lose his life flying "passenger". They were buried with full military honours in Casablanca. Age 35.

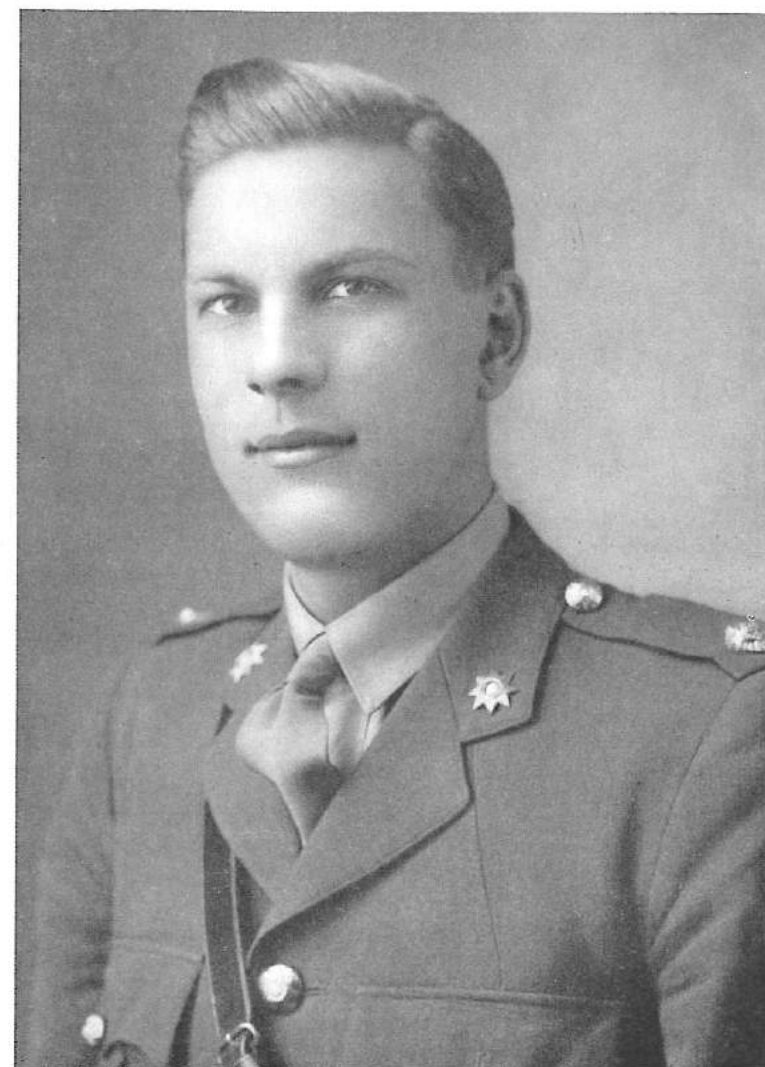


HENRY VERNON L'AMY

GEORGE HERBERT FRANCIS LAURENS

Herbert Laurens followed his father and grandfather to College (1933-38). Inheriting his father's enthusiasm for cricket he won his way into the XI of 1938. On leaving school he went to Switzerland to study French and German. Returning home a year later he lost no time in going to England to join up. He enlisted in July 1940, was commissioned in the following April and posted to the East Yorkshire Regiment, in which his father had served in the 1914-18 War. Later he was transferred to Auxiliaries, the Scout Section. Posted back to the Regiment, he went to Normandy in July 1944. Three months later he was promoted Captain and given the command of the Anti-Tank Platoon of the 2nd Battalion.

He was killed in action in February 1945, taking a bridge, which now bears the name of The East Yorkshire Bridge. Age 23.



GEORGE HERBERT FRANCIS LAURENS

JOHN FORBES LAURIE-DICKSON

Laurie-Dickson was at College 1928-33. As a Pilot Officer in the R.A.F. he was reported missing in the early Summer of 1941 from an operation over France. In September he was officially reported "Believed killed in action."

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JOHN FORBES LAURIE-DICKSON

PETER LE BROCC

Peter Le Brocc was a son of Edward Le Brocc (O.V.) by his second wife, and half-brother of Henry Le Brocc, of the Indian Police, and Major A. G. Le Brocc, Tanks. He will probably be best remembered by his contemporaries at school for his long-distance running; he won the Junior Cross Country and tied with Sidney Guy in the Senior. He was endowed with great reserves of energy, unfailing good spirits and generosity. When he went to England in 1940 with his mother and younger brother, after working for a few weeks in an aircraft factory he managed to convince the R.A.F. that he was a couple of years older than he was, and was accepted as a potential pilot in September. Exactly a year later he went overseas, and from then onwards was almost continuously on operational service. After some eighteen months in the Mediterranean he came home and was for a short spell in Northern Ireland, but he was well in the thick of things again by D-Day. He was promoted Flight Lieutenant in July and had five days leave. He lost his life a day after his return when attempting to crash land owing to engine trouble soon after taking off on an operational flight. His was a very gallant life. Age 19.



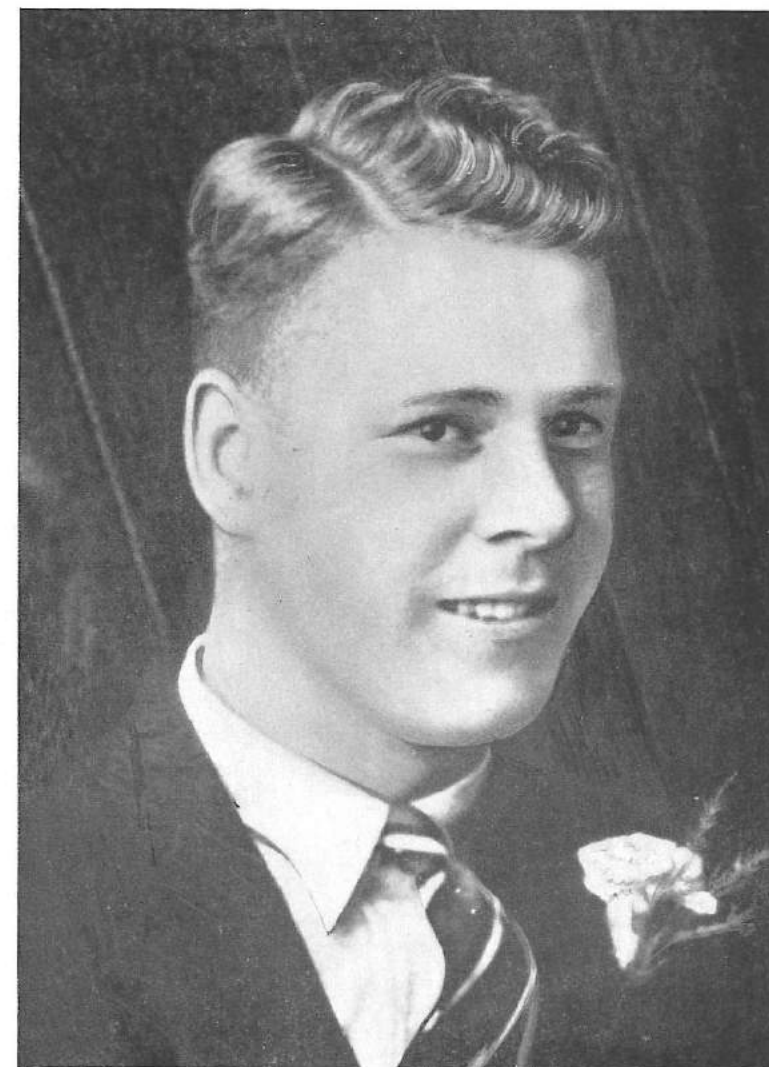
PETER LE BROCC

HELIER GEORGE LE COCQ

Helier Le Cocq was at College from 1927 to 1934. He was a Prefect, in the Sixth, had his colours for cricket, football and hockey, and was a corporal in the O.T.C. On leaving school he joined the staff of the *Evening Post*. Within a month of the outbreak of war he crossed to England to join up. He joined the Artists Rifles, and after brief training was commissioned in the East Lancashire Regiment, eventually reaching the rank of Captain. In 1941 he married Helen Dalglish, at Carlisle. He was killed in action during the clearing of the Reichswald Forest in February 1945.

The regimental War Bulletin writes : " B Company swept forward into the first of the trench systems which were regarded as the Siegfried Line proper. From this system a battle patrol went forward to reconnoitre the next position, which was known to be strongly held. It was led by the intrepid Capt. Le Cocq, who had led so many similar patrols on so many similar occasions. As the patrol advanced, a party of Germans came out to surrender. Capt. Le Cocq went forward to receive them and as he did so was killed instantly by a burst of fire from a concealed nest. He had been present at every engagement in which the battalion took part from its landing in Normandy."

He had had a " Mention " and had received the Commander-in-Chief's certificate for " outstanding good service ". A fine young Jerseyman, whom the island could ill afford to lose. Age 28.



HELIER GEORGE LE COCQ

MERVYN ROBIN LEFEBVRE

The younger son of an O.V., Philip Llewellyn Lefebvre, Lefebvre came to College from South Africa in May 1935 and remained till July 1937. He was here long enough to make many friends and to show us his ability, his charming disposition, and his enthusiasm for shooting. Returning to Africa with his parents, he went for a short time to St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown, and early in 1939 entered Witwatersrand University, where he soon found his way into the Shooting VIII. In September 1940 he enlisted in the Grahamstown City Regiment. A year later he transferred to the Air Force, and in 1942, having got his Wings, flew to Egypt, where, on the point of beginning operational work, he was killed in a flying accident, August 2nd, 1942. Age 21.



MERVYN ROBIN LEFEBVRE

DOUGLAS JOHN LE MASURIER

Douglas was the youngest of the four Le Masurier brothers of Jambart, Pontac. He was at College 1930-34. Leaving Jersey in 1937, he became an A.C. in the Marine Section of the R.A.F. In February, 1943, his craft was returning from the search for a pilot who had baled out in mid-channel, when they were attacked by an enemy plane and he was killed. Age 25.



DOUGLAS JOHN LE MASURIER

CYRIL JOHN LE RUE

Cyril Le Rue was at College from 1931 to 1939, when he went up to Exeter with a Channel Islands Exhibition for Classics. He was a Davis Scholar. Under wartime regulations he took the shortened form of Classical Moderations at the end of his third term and got a Third Class. He was then sent to an O.C.T.U., having already enlisted before going up to Oxford, and was commissioned in the following November. For a large part of 1941 he was in command of an isolated Searchlight detachment in Hampshire and was finding great satisfaction in the work and responsibility.

He went through the long and arduous training for the invasion and went to France in June 1944 as Signals Officer to his regiment. Later he went back to battery work. He was killed instantaneously on October 24th on the Holland—Belgium border when a mine exploded under the truck in which he was making a reconnaissance. Age 24.



CYRIL JOHN LE RUE

PATRICK WINDSOR LYNCH-BLOSSE

Lynch-Blosse was in College House for something over two years, 1914-16. When he was reported "Missing, presumed killed" in the Autumn of 1942, *The Times* wrote as follows:—"He had been engaged in flying all his life, having served in the R.N.A.S. in the last war, in which service he enlisted straight from school at the age of 17. After the war he went to Australia and flew for the mines in New Guinea, and then joined Kingsford Smith's wonderful band of pilots. He later joined British Airways, and then Imperial Airways, returning to R.A.F. duties when the Singapore run was closed. The R.A.F. thought he was beyond flying, but nevertheless he was posted to a bombing squadron, and did his first batch of operational flights—34 raids, during which he was awarded the D.F.C. He was eventually given command of a squadron of Halifaxes, went out on a raid the night he took command, and never returned. He died as he would have wished, at the age of 42, flying one of his beloved machines in his country's service. He was a fearless and much loved leader of younger pilots."

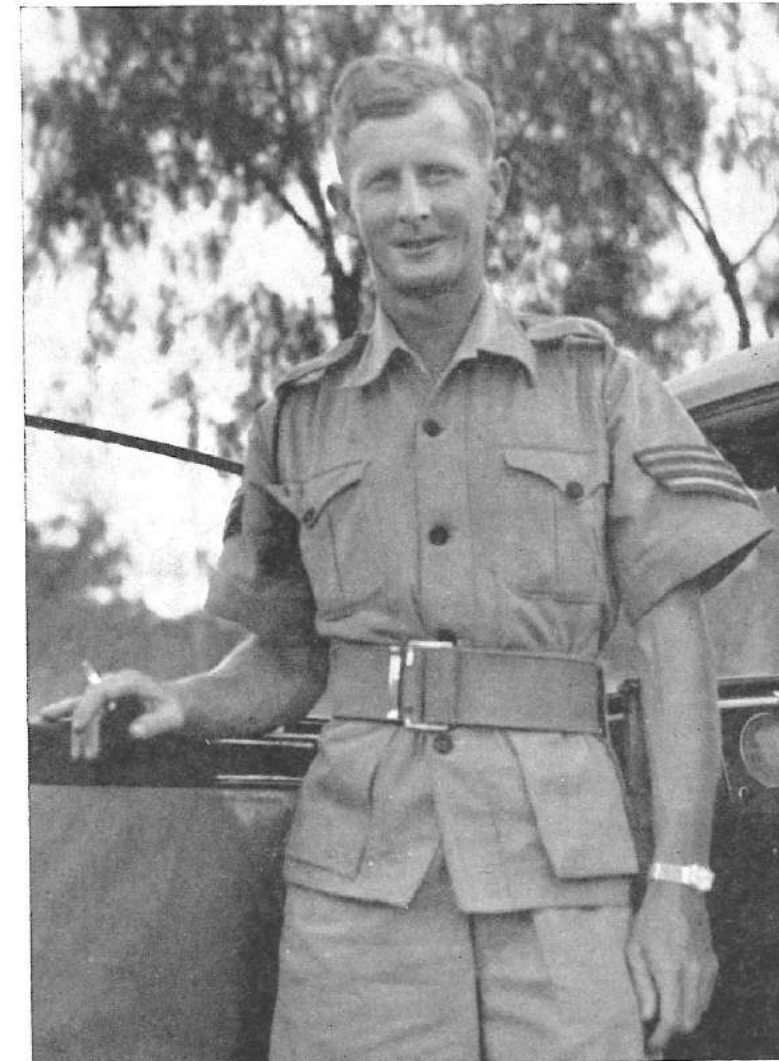
Familiar to House boys is the low flat-topped granite wall, with the sheer 10 feet drop into the lane. Lynch-Blosse was the boy who rode a bicycle along the top of it. "Fearless" seems the appropriate word.



PATRICK WINDSOR LYNCH-BLOSSE

GARRICK MacDERMOTT

Born in Ceylon, MacDermott was at College 1922-25. On leaving, he went to a firm of Chartered Accountants in Bristol, but soon tired of office life and migrated to a coffee plantation in Kenya. Later his father bought him a coffee estate. When war broke out he joined the King's African Rifles, but subsequently transferred to a Kenya Armoured Car Regiment. He was killed in the East African Campaign in February, 1941. Age 33.



GARRICK MacDERMOTT

DOUGLAS MICHAEL LOUIS BRABANT MAUGHAN-TAYLOR

Maughan-Taylor, son of Mrs. Humphrey Toms, was in College House 1933-36. He joined the Palestine Police in 1938. At the outbreak of war he asked permission to join the R.A.F., but members of the Force were not allowed to volunteer, as it was considered that they were employed on essential duties. Eventually he got his release and joined the R.A.F. in Egypt early in 1942. He was trained in Rhodesia and subsequently returned to Egypt for service with Wellingtons as a gunner. He was reported missing when his aircraft failed to return from a raid on the marshalling yards of Milan on the night of July 13th/14th, 1944. Later, German records confirmed that the Wellington was shot down and the crew killed. He had three sorties only to do to finish his tour, after which he would have returned to England. Age 27.



DOUGLAS MICHAEL
LOUIS BRABANT MAUGHAN-TAYLOR

JOHN MALCOM McGILL

Malcolm McGill was the eldest of the four sons of the late Lieut.-Col. H. R. McGill (O.V.). He was at School 1921-29. From Sandhurst he passed out into the Indian Army and was posted to the 9th Gurkhas. His war service was on the N.W. Frontier and the Burma Frontier, until January, 1943, when he went for six months to the Staff College at Quetta. His brother Dick was on the same course. From there Malcolm went to a staff job as G.S.O. 2 in Assam, but went back to his regiment as Second-in-Command later in the year. In March 1944 he was wounded in the jungle fighting, but got back to the front after two month's convalescence at Imphal. He was temporarily attached to another Gurkha battalion, which had been continuously engaged in terrific fighting for nearly four months. On June 26th it was attacking a strongly held Japanese position S.W. of Imphal, and McGill was in the Command Post when a Jap shell scored a direct hit. He was mortally wounded in the head and died half an hour later. Age 33. A fine fellow, straightforward and fearless, an officer worthy of the splendid troops he led, by whom he was greatly beloved.



JOHN MALCOLM McGILL

ANGUS KENNY McKENNA

McKenna entered College with his younger brother William in 1921. He won the Gold Medal for Mathematics, became Head Prefect in his last year, and finished four useful years in the Cricket XI as Captain. In those four years he was one of the mainstays of the XI, and 1921 was the beginning of a wonderful series of fifteen consecutive wins against Elizabeth College.

From school he went into the Straits Settlements Police, in which he served for several years. He then returned home and after an enjoyable hike through much of Europe held various posts as Games Master, for which his natural skill at games specially fitted him and in which he was very happy.

On the threat of war he enlisted in the Royal Artillery, in which he served, chiefly overseas, throughout the war. Realising that his lack of professional qualifications would make a satisfactory teaching career impossible, he planned to return to Malaya after the War and go into rubber with some of his friends. He was unmarried.

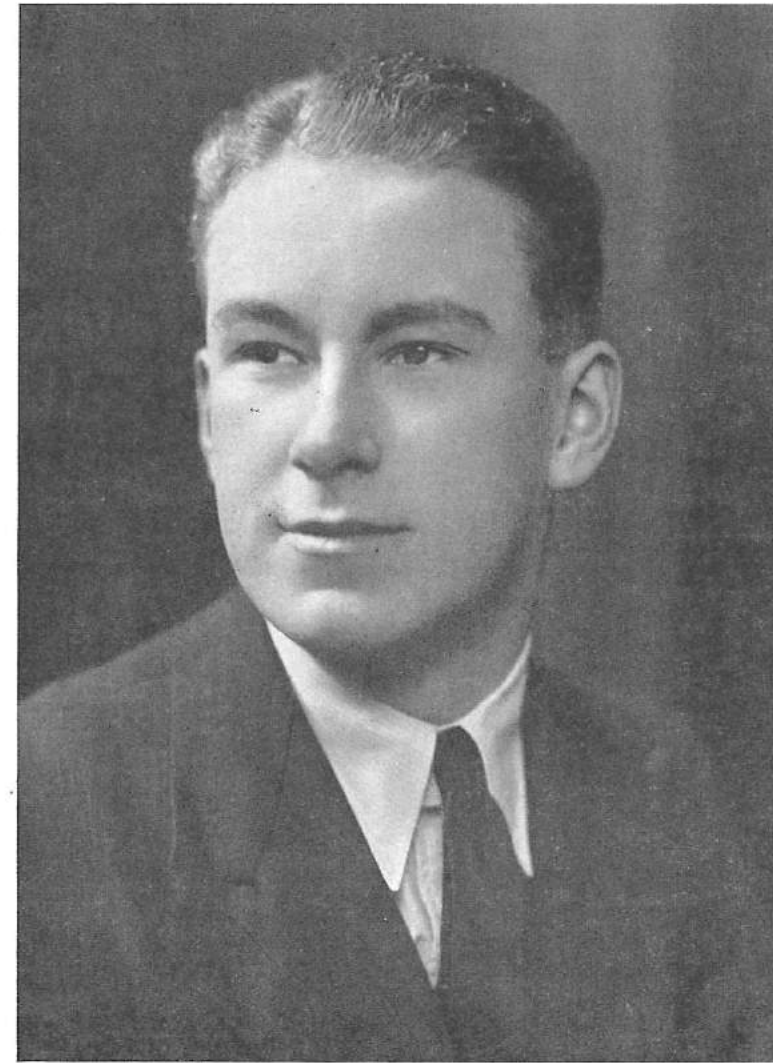
He was killed in a transport accident in Lübeck in 1945. Age 40.



ANGUS KENNY McKENNA

WILSON JOHN MICHEL

Michel was at College from 1933 to 1935. On leaving school he went to London and trained as an accountant. In 1937 he joined the Territorial Army and at the beginning of the war was promoted Sergeant in an A.A. Battery in Essex. In October, 1940, he went to an O.C.T.U., and on getting his commission was posted to 458 Independent Light Battery, which at one time had been a mule battery and became one of the original elements in the Air-borne Forces. Michel was for a time attached as Intelligence Officer to the Free French Forces, but returned to the battery when the Air-borne Army was formed. As a result of strain, he contracted pleurisy, and after an illness of fifteen months he died on August 6th, 1943. Age 24.



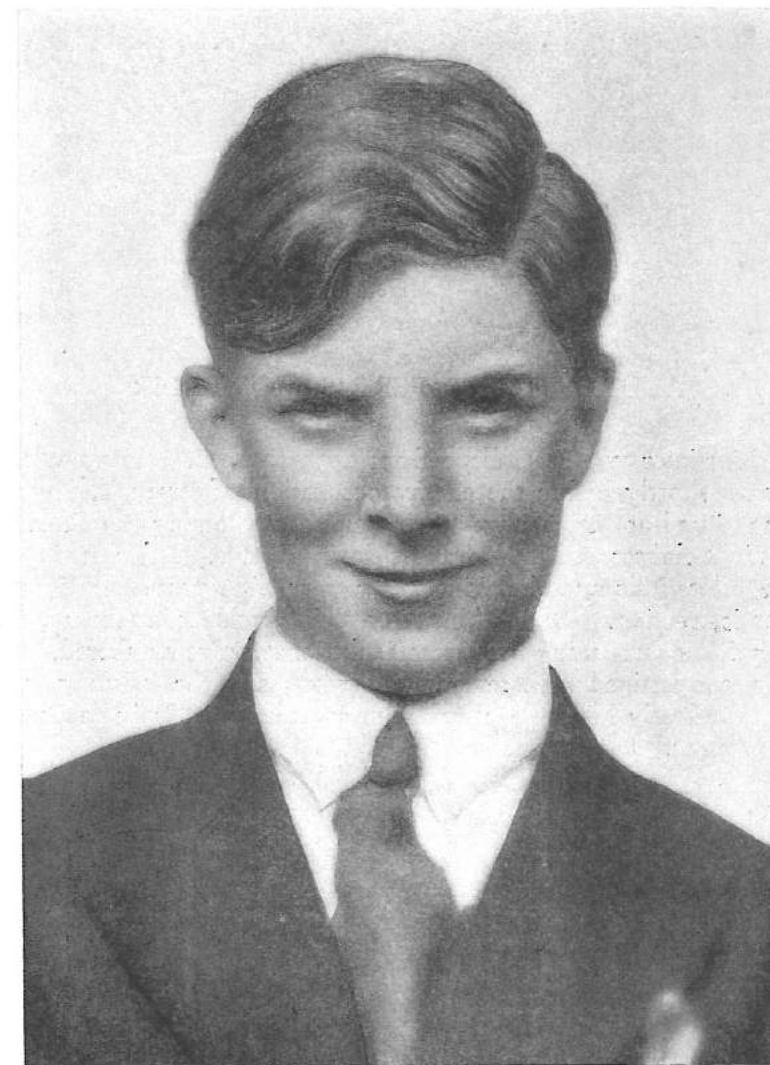
WILSON JOHN MICHEL

GERALD PATRICK MILES

Pat Miles was at College 1923-28. He tied for the Junior Challenge in Athletics, (deliberately, for he could easily have won it), and was a fine boxer.

After a year at the Lycée Domfront, Normandy, where his handiness with his fists gained him immediate respect among the alien host, he went to the Jersey-Canadian firm of Robin, Jones & Whitman, and later to a London firm. While he was in Canada he was decorated by the Canadian Government with the Palm of Honour for having, under perilous conditions, saved a comrade from drowning.

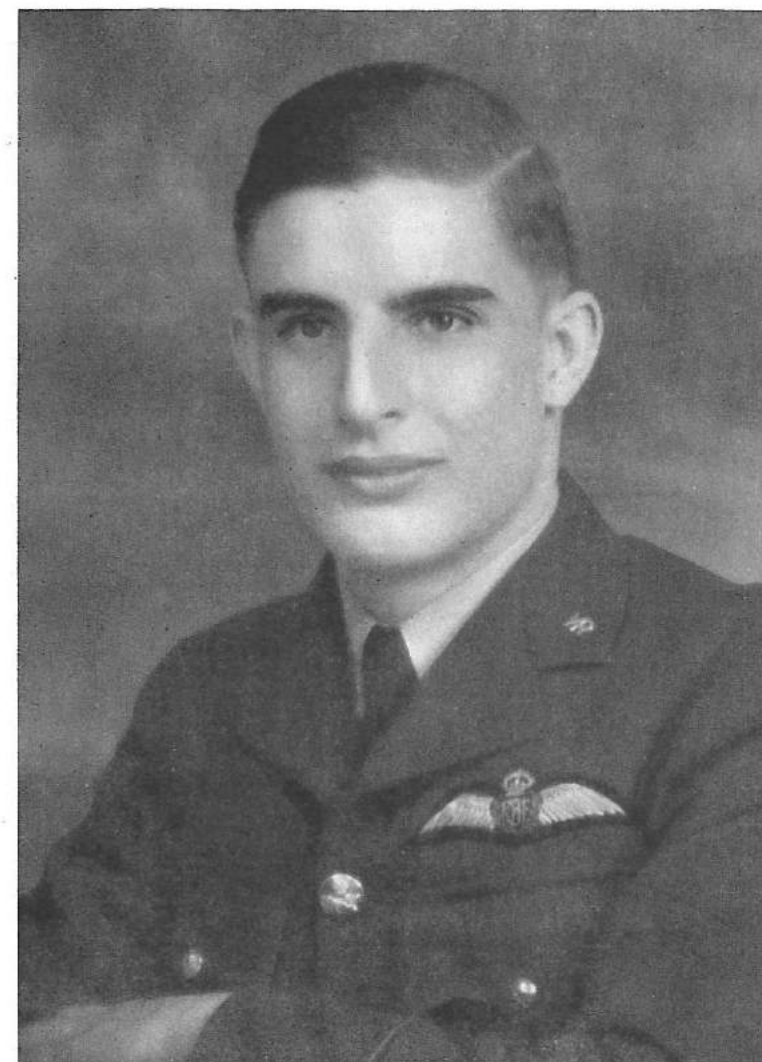
He enlisted in the Beds. and Herts. Regiment on the outbreak of war, was commissioned in 1940 and was serving in North Africa when, on April 29th, 1943, he lost his life through misadventure. During a night action he was sent back on an urgent errand on a motor cycle and crashing into a gun was killed instantaneously. Age 29.



GERALD PATRICK MILES

AUBREY JAMES FERRIS MORTIMER

Aubrey Mortimer was at College from 1934 to 1940. He went to England with his parents shortly before the enemy occupation of Jersey, and while serving in the Home Guard at Reigate was their best shot. Joining the R.A.F., he was trained as a night fighter in England and then in Canada. After getting his wings he became a Pilot Officer, and having got a very high percentage in all his tests was put on to instructing. He was killed in a flying accident in January, 1943, in his twentieth year. A charming character, affectionately remembered. His elder brother, George, sustained such severe head wounds in the Italian campaign that he became permanently blind. He had been awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French Government.



AUBREY JAMES FERRIS MORTIMER

LÉONCE L'HERMITTE OGIER

Léonce Ogier was one of four brothers who were at Victoria College. He entered the School in 1896 and left in 1900. He captained the Cricket XI for three years, and in the same years (1897-99) played in the Rugby XV. At Oxford, where he read law, and took an honours degree, he was one of the most popular and influential undergraduates at Jesus College, and continued to distinguish himself at cricket and football. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, and returned to practise as an Advocate in Jersey, where his father was a member of the highly respected firm of écrivains known as Larbalestier and Ogier. At the time of his death he was in partnership with Advocate Le Cornu, with whom he had most successfully carried on for many years the practice which his father had done much to build up. His success is not surprising, for none of his many clients can have failed to value his scrupulous integrity and assiduous devotion to their interests.

He had been Captain and Adjutant of the R.M.I.J., and during the 1914-18 war was Recruiting Officer for Jersey and was awarded the O.B.E.

His younger son, who was keen about maps, was reported to the Germans as having in his possession a cycling map of the island showing part of the disposition of the German forces and defence works. In consequence, both father and son were carried off to a detention camp in Paris, in February 1943. In May the father was allowed to return to Jersey, but in July, for some unexplained reason, he was again deported, this time to Germany. He was already seriously ill, and this cruel separation from his home hastened his end. He died at Ulm in August 1943. Age 62.



LÉONCE L'HERMITTE OGIER

PATRICK FLOOD O'HANLON

Pat O'Hanlon was at College 1932-36, at an English School for the next two years, and at College again 1938-39. He served as a wireless operator in the Merchant Navy and made many crossings to America and Canada. On a trip to Africa his ship was torpedoed and the crew were in the life-boats for fourteen days before they were picked up. He then transferred to the R.A.F. and received his Wings and Commission after training in Canada. He was a fighter pilot in the R.C.A.F. when he was killed in an accident on active service in Canada on November 16th, 1944. Age 23.



PATRICK FLOOD O'HANLON

PETER EDWARD PAINTER

Peter Painter entered College in 1935 and left in July 1943. Late in 1943 he and his father were arrested by the Germans for being in possession of a wireless set. At Christmas they were sent to France. Nothing more was heard of them till June 1945, when news was received that Peter had died of bronchial pneumonia after having suffered many privations and hardships in different camps and prisons. His father died some time later.

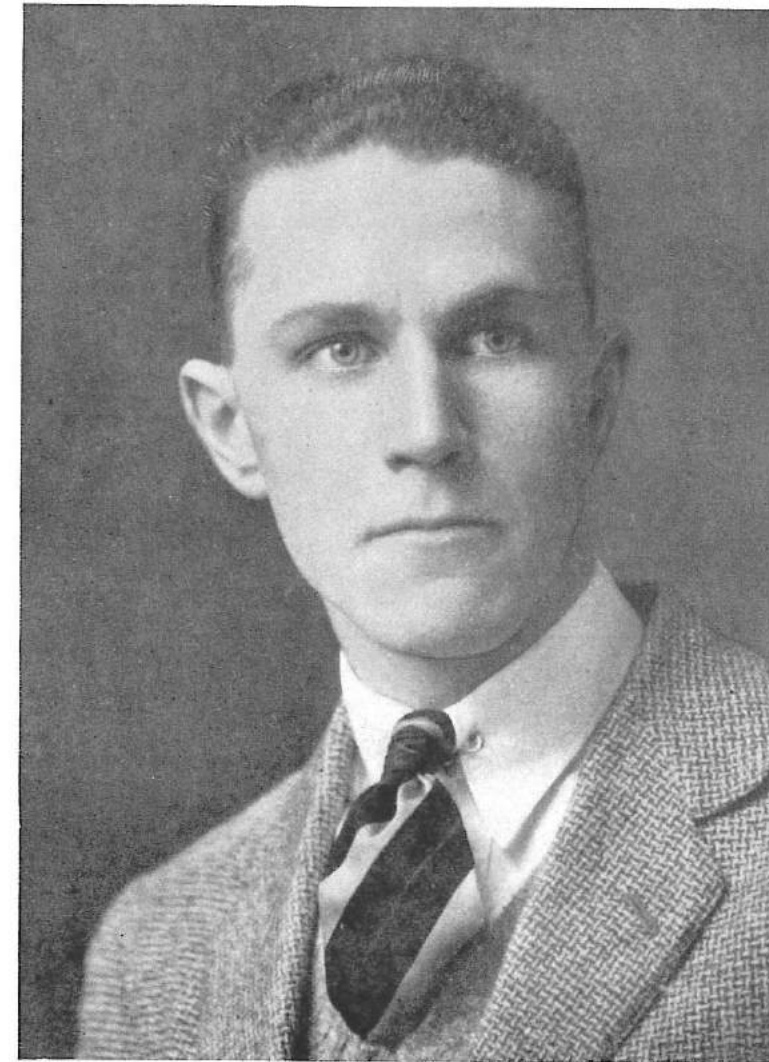
Peter was a prominent figure in the life of the College during the Occupation. He was a Prefect and Captain of Bruce, and had gained his colours for Cricket and Hockey. His spirit chafed against the inaction imposed by the Occupation; he had always looked forward to service in the Royal Navy. His sad story left a deep sense of tragedy in the hearts of all who knew him at College. Age 20.



PETER EDWARD PAINTER

EDWARD LE GRESLEY PARTRIDGE

Partridge came to College from Taunton School and was with us for two years (1920-22). On leaving he entered Barclays Bank in Jersey, but before long went out to Malaya in the service of Dunlop Plantations Ltd. He was a lieutenant in the Malayan R.N.V.R. and was taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore. He was in the Palembang P.O.W. Camp, Sumatra, for three and a half years, and by a cruel irony survived the Japanese surrender only to die five days later, on September 9th, 1945. Age 38.



EDWARD LE GRESLEY PARTRIDGE

ANTHONY HOLLIS PONTIUS

Tony Pontius entered College in 1925 and left in 1931. He worked for four years in the Westminster Bank, in Jersey and in London, and then went out to an appointment with the British-American Tobacco Company at Mukden, Manchuria. He and his brother came home early in the War and joined the R.A.F.; both of them were accepted for Air Crew and received their commissions in due course.

Tony was reported missing from an operational trip in the Middle East on September 17th, 1942, and later was officially presumed killed. Age 27.

In April of the same year he married Dorothy Bolitho.



ANTHONY HOLLIS PONTIUS

RONALD HYDE POPE

Ronald Hyde Pope entered the Prep. in 1923 and was at College 1925-31. In his last two years he was wicket-keeper in the XI. On leaving, he went to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, where, in December of the following year, he gained the Diploma with Distinction. He was subsequently in several London shows, but as this seemed to be getting him nowhere, he left the stage and trained for the hotel trade at the Mayfair Hotel, London, and at Nice. On the outbreak of war he enlisted in the Navy and was minesweeping in the North Sea. In April, 1940, after an air and sea raid, he was posted Missing, believed Killed. Age 25.



RONALD HYDE POPE

ALEXANDER JOHN LOFT PRITCHARD

Jack Pritchard, who died suddenly in March, 1944, was the youngest of the three sons of Commander E. J. V. Pritchard, R.N., of Les Vaux, Grands Vaux, Jersey. He was at College 1906-1914. On leaving, he obtained a commission in the 4th South Staffs. Regiment, who were stationed in Jersey at the beginning of the Great War, and going to France with them he became a Captain and was awarded the M.C. After the war he transferred to the Indian Army and was in the Guides for five years. He then went to Canada, and joined the British Columbia Regiment, in which he became Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1941 he was appointed Chief Instructor in a Canadian O.C.T.U., in which post he was serving when he died.



ALEXANDER JOHN LOFT PRITCHARD

WILFRID BEAUGIÉ QUÉRÉE

Wilfrid Quérée, younger son of H.C. Quérée (O.V. 2297) and brother of E. C. (O.V. 3488), was at College from 1920 to 1927. He entered the Midland Bank in Jersey. Leaving Jersey in June 1940, shortly before the German occupation, he joined up in the Royal Artillery.

In July 1942 he went to Africa with his battery and went through the 1943 campaign, in the course of which he was promoted Sergeant. From Tunis he went to Sicily, and thence to Italy, where in February 1944 he was killed at the Anzio landing. He had just passed his 33rd birthday.



WILFRID BEAUGIÉ QUÉRÉE

GEOFFREY ERSKINE SANDYS

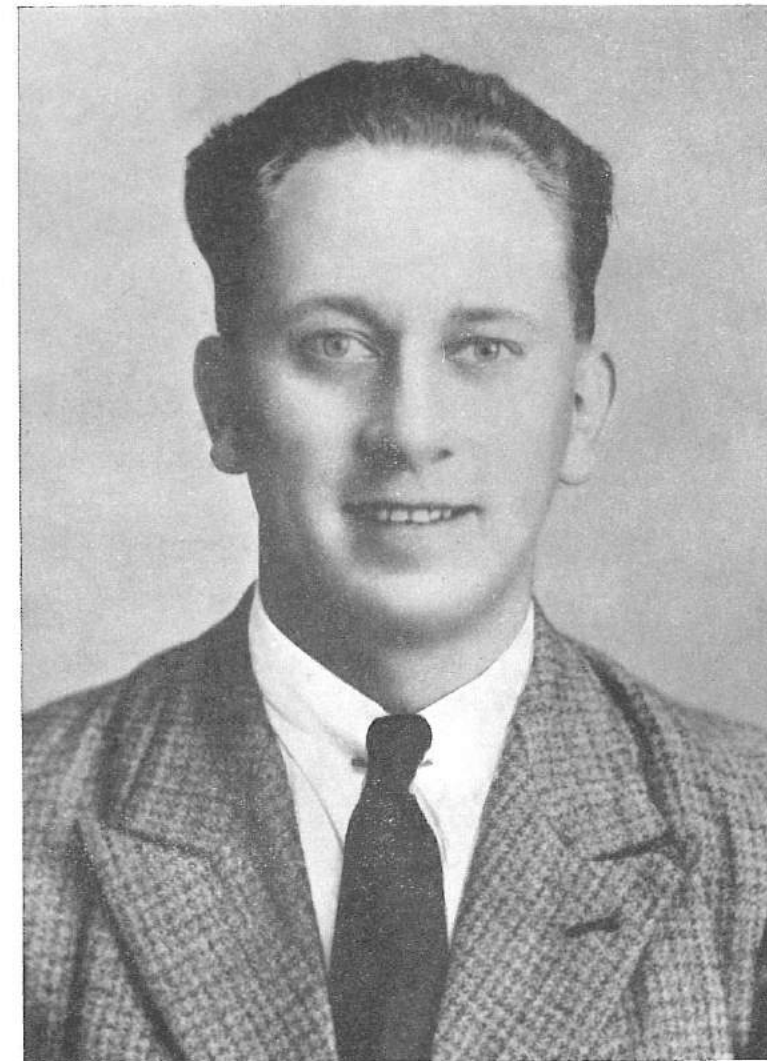
Geoffrey Sandys was in College House 1923-29. On leaving School he went to Faraday House for four years' training as an electrical engineer and subsequently held appointments in London. In 1938 he joined the Territorial Army, and in September 1939 went to France as a Lieutenant in the 56 Field Regiment R.A.O.C. He was promoted Captain in the following January. He was with a convoy which was being heavily bombed in the retreat towards Dunkirk, and was killed by a bomb splinter. He left a widow and two daughters. Age 29.



GEOFFREY ERSKINE SANDYS

HENRY DURELL STARCK

Starck was at College 1923-29 and then went as an Aircraft Apprentice to Halton. He remained in the R.A.F. and would have come out of the service in 1942, when he planned to settle in his beloved Jersey with his wife and baby daughter. The war however changed all that. He had seen a good deal of overseas service, but was stationed in Sussex when he was killed in an Air Raid on August 18th, 1940. Age 27.



HENRY DURELL STARCK

AUBREY SPENCER TRAVERS SWAN

Aubrey Swan was killed in Italy in September, 1944, aged 35. The youngest son of Lieut.-Col. C. T. Swan, 64th Pioneers, I.A., he was at College from 1920 to 1927. He won the Gold Medal for Classics, and also the Girard de Quetteville Gold Medal by virtue of being Head Prefect in his last year. His elder brother Dermot, who entered with him, was Head Prefect in 1926. Dermot, it will be remembered, perished, together with his young wife, in the Jersey air disaster of November 1938. They were a splendid pair of brothers. The years 1921-29 stand out from any other period in the history of the School. It was a period of almost unbroken success against Elizabeth College, and the English school matches, against Canford, Weymouth, Ardingly and Chigwell, were all won. And no two boys did more than, or as much as, the two Swans. Aubrey though not a "class" cricketer on Dermot's level, was a useful member of the XI for four years. Captain his last year, two years in the Football XI, three in the Hockey, two in the Athletic team, Captain his last year. On leaving he went up to Oxford with a Channel Islands Scholarship at Exeter. He took a second in Mods and a third in Greats, in each case a class lower than we had hoped. His tutor said that in Greats he was the only man that he had taught who was most certainly given the wrong class. He had the makings of a fine scholar. Thoughtful, clear-minded, possessed of a refined taste and a real appreciation of the beauties of literature, he had no use for loose thinking or slovenly writing. To teach him was a delight. In the scholarship examination the Exeter examiners said that his Critical Paper was a model of its kind.

From Oxford he became a schoolmaster. After a short period at Ripon School, followed by three years at Glasgow Academy, he joined the staff of King Edward VI School, Birmingham. His good work in command of the O.T.C. there led to his appointment, immediately on the outbreak of war, to an instructorship at the Sandhurst O.C.T.U., with the rank of Captain. On the termination of that appointment he went to the 11th (Jersey) Battalion of the Hampshires. He soon had his company, and not long afterwards was promoted Major and appointed Second-in-Command. A little later he was posted as Second-in-Command to a regular unit, the 2nd Essex, with whom he remained till he went overseas. He then went as a Company Commander to the 2/5th Leicesters in the Eighth Army. After the fighting at Cassino they went to Palestine to reorganize, returning to Italy in the summer of 1944. His C.O. wrote: "Since we came back into action Aubrey was my best and steadiest Company Commander. His men speedily grew to respect his courage and coolness, and I always knew that, as long as he was there, I could rely on one firm corner. We were part of a team that has done great things in the last month. Without Aubrey and the spirit he fostered in his men, such success could not have been won."

Aubrey Swan's charming personality, his handsome face and dignified presence will be affectionately remembered by all his friends.

He had been recommended for the M.C., and his widow treasures the King's Certificate and Oak Leaf.



AUBREY SPENCER TRAVERS SWAN

RAYMOND LOUIS TANGUY

Raymond Tanguy, Douglas's elder brother, was at College 1931-35. In 1940 he went to England and joined the R.A.F., going overseas a year later. He was taken prisoner in the early stages of the fighting with Japan, and on November 29th, 1943, was in a transport which was sunk while transferring prisoners from Java to another camp. Age 27.



RAYMOND LOUIS TANGUY

JOHN WILLIAM JAMES TAYLOR

Jack Taylor was the eldest of the three sons of Colonel W. J. Taylor. He was at College 1920-24 and on leaving took a three years' course in carpentry. He went to Africa in 1927 and did various jobs of a practical kind, but always with flying as his chief interest. After a course of flying at Germiston aerodrome he got his Commercial Pilot's Certificate and joined an Air Transport firm at Ndola, North Rhodesia. He left Ndola the day after war was declared and returned to Salisbury, where he joined the Air Force. He was commissioned immediately and promoted Flying Officer a little later. He was killed in action on the Eritrea front in February 1941 while on a bombing mission. Age 32.



JOHN WILLIAM JAMES TAYLOR

MAURICE FRANK TAYLOR

Maurice, the second of the three brothers, was at College 1922-24. On leaving he went to South Africa and did clerical work, but his vocation had always been music, and in 1932 he returned to England and studied at the Royal College of Music. Having taken his A.R.C.M. and L.R.A.M., he was appointed Music Master at Twyford Preparatory School, Winchester, in 1937. There he remained until he joined the R.A.F. early in 1941. He was commissioned in the same year and was Aerodrome Controller in Scotland, the Shetlands, and West Africa. Promoted Flight Lieutenant, 1942. He was killed in an air crash in February 1943. Age 32.



MAURICE FRANK TAYLOR

ARTHUR EDWIN THOMAS

Arthur Thomas was in College House for eight years, 1919-27. When he left he joined his father in Thomas and Edge, the building firm of London and West Africa. We saw something of him some years later when the firm was building the Forum Cinema in St. Helier. Less than ten years from leaving school he became President of the Woolwich Chamber of Commerce, and on his father's death, while still under 30, he became Governing Director of the Firm.

But King and Country came first. In 1940 Thomas joined the R.A.F. and got his Wings the following year. He gave his life in the first round of the fight for the atom bomb. Scientists knew that the two essentials for splitting the atom were uranium and "heavy water." The Norwegians were producing large quantities of the latter at the vast hydro-electrical works at Rjukan, fed by the famous Hardanger Falls. In 1940 the Germans occupied the factory, but the Norwegian Chemist had burned the precious research records and escaped to Scotland, where with his little group of assistants he continued his researches. There was no time to lose. The Germans were doing the same. And the fate of the world was hanging in the balance. By November 1942 the Germans were producing large quantities of heavy water at Rjukan, and something had to be done about it. Four Norwegians, in white camouflage, were parachuted on to the Hardanger plateau. They carried radio equipment with which to guide our airborne attacks, and they managed to survive in unendurable hardships till the factory was destroyed three months later. Flight Lieutenant A. E. Thomas was the navigator of one of the two Halifax bombers which set out on November 19th towing gliders in which were twenty-five specialists chosen for the hazardous task. Their job was to wreck the factory and destroy all the heavy water that the Germans had made. A day of fair weather had been chosen, but before sunset a terrible storm broke. Thomas's plane succeeded in landing its glider and its occupants were subsequently shot in cold blood after surrendering. The plane itself crashed and all the crew were killed.

The rest of the story is briefly told. At the end of February 1943 a further attempt was completely successful and the Germans were left without heavy water or laboratory. Nevertheless by April 1944 they had repaired the factory and had made 12 tons of heavy water and were about to ship it across the 1,200 feet deep Lake Tinsjoe to where the first atomic bombs were to be manufactured in Austria. A magnetic charge attached to the hull of the ferry boat sank the whole of the precious cargo, and the battle of Rjukan was over.

Arthur Thomas's brief and shining career was the manifestation of a vivid personality. He was endowed with an inspiring quality of leadership, the faculty of quick decision, initiative and organizing ability, and withal a cheery and friendly disposition that endeared him to a very wide circle. He left a widow and two little sons.

After the liberation of Norway the villagers carried the bodies down from the mountain, where they had temporarily buried them, and on November 1st, 1945, the seven white coffins were interred in the churchyard of Helleland. The whole population of the district had gathered to pay their last tribute to the men who had given their lives for them, and the Chairman of the Commune gave an assurance that the graves will always be tended, adorned with flowers and honoured.



ARTHUR EDWIN THOMAS

RONALD STUART VINCENT

Ronald Vincent was at School eight years, winning the Gold Medal for Classics. In 1939 he went up to Exeter with a C.I. Scholarship. Before taking his degree in 1941 he joined the R.A.F. and was sent to Canada for training. After getting his wings he returned to England and was trained as a night fighter. He was sent to W. Africa to fly his plane, a Beaufighter, across Africa to Egypt. From there he went to India and Burma. On November 16th, 1943, he and his Wing Commander were engaged on an important road and river strafe in Southern Burma. They parted company and Vincent's aircraft was never seen again. It was probably struck by anti-aircraft fire and crashed. The jungle in that area is extremely dense.

Vincent's commission had just come through. His Wing Commander wrote that he was an operational pilot of outstanding ability. Age 22.



RONALD STUART VINCENT

RICHARD HERBERT WHITE

White was at College 1921-26. He was in the Cricket, Football and Hockey XI's. Dicky White and his terrier were familiar features of the landscape in the middle twenties. The terrier may be seen in more than one group faithfully posing in front of his master.

From Sandhurst White went to the Indian Army and was commissioned in the Jats. He was killed in the Burma Campaign in January 1944, while a Lieutenant-Colonel commanding a battalion of his regiment. Age 36.



RICHARD HERBERT WHITE

MICHAEL JOHN WHITELEY

Michael Whiteley, the younger of two brothers, was at College 1934-38 and went to Gresham's School, Norfolk, for his last three years of school. Joining the R.A.F. at the earliest age, he was sent to Cambridge for six months, followed by O.C.T.U. and training in Canada as a rear-gunner. From Canada he was flown direct to India and his operational flights were over Burma, which by an odd coincidence was his birthplace. He was posted missing on November 11th, 1944, from a mine-laying raid on the Salween River. In two more flights he would have finished his operational tour. He was within a few days of his 21st birthday.



MICHAEL JOHN WHITELEY

DESMOND GORDON WILLIAMS

Desmond Williams, who lost his life in action while attacking the enemy at a height of 18,000 feet on October 10th, 1940, came to College rather late but soon made his mark by his sterling character and athletic prowess. In 1938 he won the cross-country, the mile and the half, the last in record time. He was also a member of the Cricket XI and a useful football and hockey player.

On leaving he obtained a Short Service Commission in the R.A.F. and proved himself over and over again in the Battle of Britain. He was awarded the D.F.C. Age 20.



DESMOND GORDON WILLIAMS

FREDERICK EDWIN WOODCOCK

Woodcock was at College 1920-27. After leaving he was on the staff of the Impôt. He joined up in the Royal Navy in 1940 and served in various ships, H.M.S. Leonian, H.M.S. Cumberland, H.M.S. Bullen. He lost his life when the last of these was torpedoed in northern waters on December 6th, 1944. Age 35.



FREDERICK EDWIN WOODCOCK

WILLIAM JOHN WRIGHT

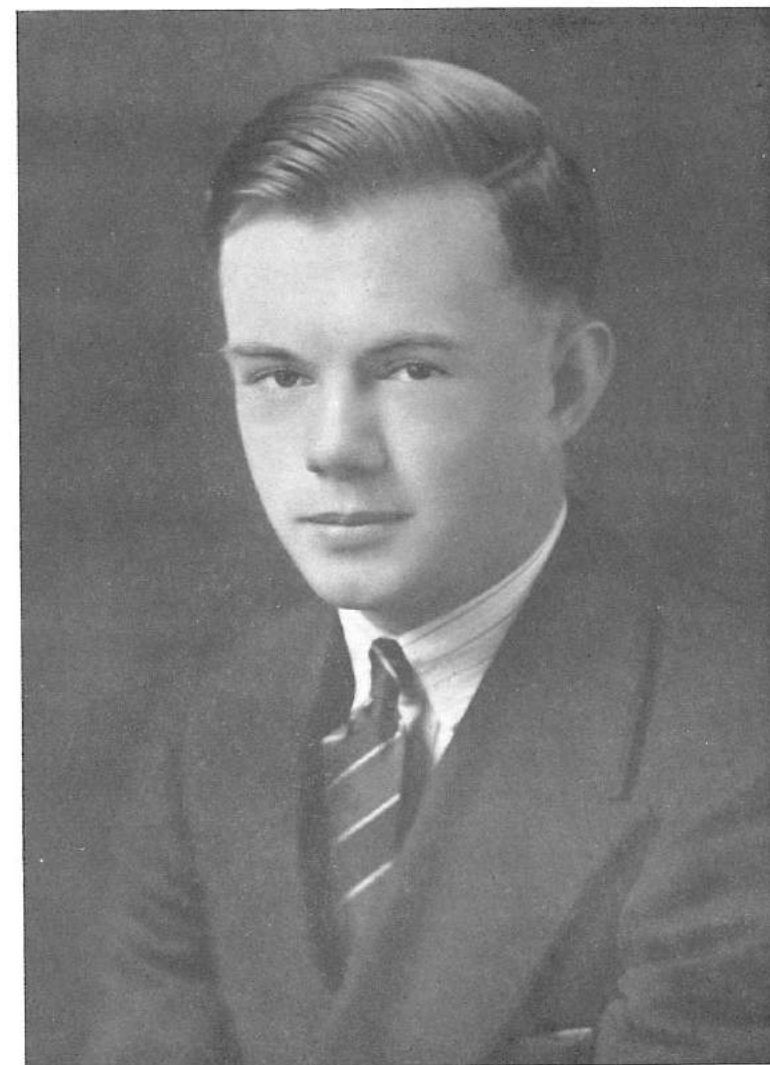
Wright was at College 1914-21. He got his colours for football and hockey, and had an exceptional gift for throwing the cricket ball. On leaving school he went into Lloyds Bank, and subsequently held various business appointments in England. He was commissioned in the R.A.F. early in the war and was killed in Iceland in 1943. Age 39.



WILLIAM JOHN WRIGHT

DONALD HARRY YULE-MACLEOD

Macloed was at College 1929-1937. From the first he showed a natural aptitude for games. He became a prominent member of the cricket, football, hockey and athletic teams. He had an uncanny habit of doing well when his colleagues were failing, or when the occasion demanded something better than usual. From school he went to Sandhurst, and from Sandhurst to the 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles. The outbreak of war found him in India, and he went with his regiment to the Middle East. He had already been promoted Captain at the age of 22 when, on July 7th, 1941, he died as the result of an accident.

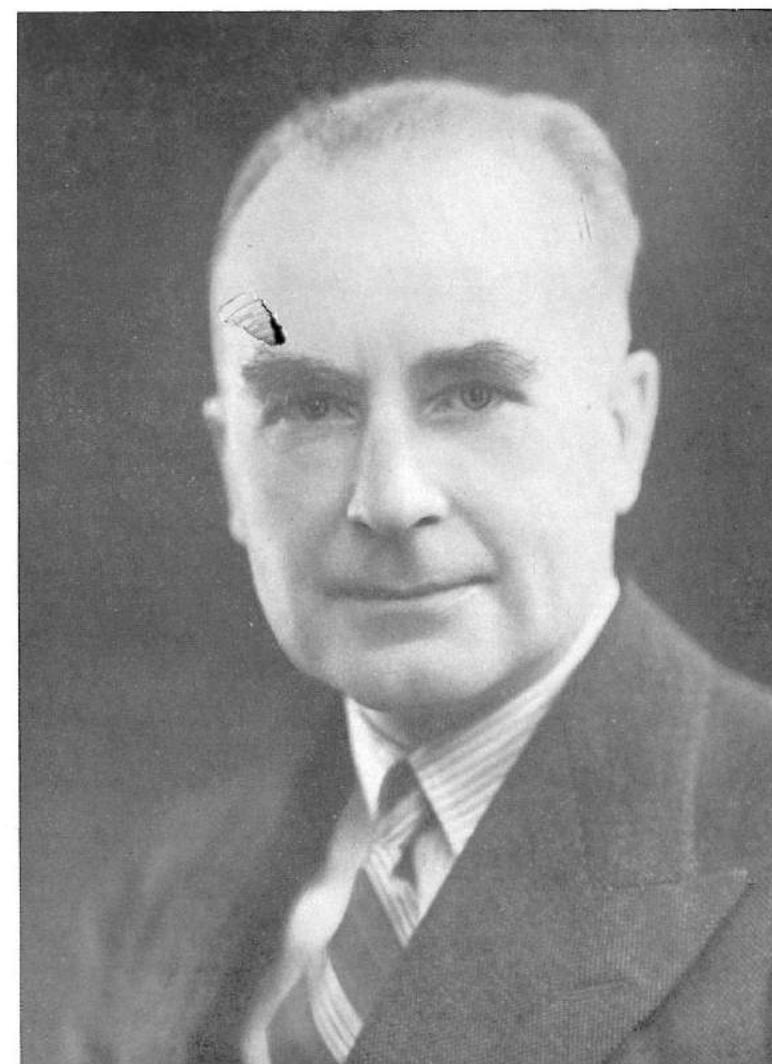


DONALD HARRY YULE-MACLEOD

HAROLD JOHN BLAMPIED.

Harold Blampied entered in 1903. He won the King's Gold Medal for Modern Languages. Leaving at Christmas, 1911, he went up to St. Thomas's Hospital. He completed his qualifications, M.B., B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., in the course of the First World War, and served for the remainder of it as a Captain in the R.A.M.C. From then on he practised in the Island. He was parish doctor and police surgeon for St. Helier, in addition to an extensive private practice. Wholly unsparing of himself and conscientious to a fault, he enjoyed the complete confidence of his fellow doctors and his many patients. During the long laborious years of the German Occupation he never failed to respond to a call and cycled or walked endless miles while his strength was being sapped by strain and privation, with the result that, by the autumn of 1945, he had become a complete invalid. He died on August 15th, 1949, aged 56. He as surely laid down his life for his fellow-islanders as any man or woman in the fighting forces, and that is why it was the unanimous decision of the Council of the O.V.A. that his name should be added here.

He leaves a widow, sister of the six de Faye brothers, a son John Edward de Faye, who is farming at La Rocque, and a daughter Mary, who took her London B.Sc., from Wye Agricultural College and has just been married in South Africa.



HAROLD JOHN BLAMPIED

