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CHRONICLE OF EVENTS

In conversation lately with some of our boys I have found the desire expressed that a Magazine should be started in connection with the Homes, to which all who have the ability and inclination should be invited to contribute articles from time to time. There are plenty who have the ability; whether they would be prepared to assist in this matter with their brains remains to be seen.

There are certain difficulties in the way. In the first place there is the difficulty inherent in all enterprises of this magnitude - the difficulty of making a beginning at all - but I don't think we ought to be stopped by that - "Ce n'est que le premier pas qui conte" - which as so many of our fellows are by this time accomplished French scholars, I need not translate. Then again, most of those who might be able to assist with their pen are now out at the front; this need not prevent them however from writing articles for the Magazine; if only they were allowed to describe some of the operations of war in which they have been engaged what thrilling interest the paper would have for all at home! But there are other subjects on which they may give free expression to their ideas -

"Shoes and ships and sealing wax  
And cabbages and Kings",

or whatever else comes into their heads whilst waiting in the trenches, and which if committed to paper will be eagerly read by their companions.

But what seems specially looked for just now is a

message to the trenches from those at home - a message of sympathy and good cheer, a message telling them what is taking place on Kingham Hill, and lastly, a message giving information about their comrades on active service.

If it is at all possible to comply with such a desire I think we ought to try and do so. Hence this attempt at a first number of what may one day aspire to the dignity of being called a Magazine, but for the present hardly deserves to be called anything more than a Paper.

If possible we will issue a number every month, and contributions from all old boys are very cordially invited.

To those who have left the place, and are doing their duty at home and abroad, let me convey this message of greeting in this first number of the Magazine, a message from the heart of every one on Kingham Hill at this Christmas Season - let us assure you that at this time we do think of you, we pray for you that you may be upheld in all your trials and hardships. Yes, our hearts go out to all of you gallant fellows with the very earnest prayer, may God bless and keep you all, and grant you His presence and peace through the coming year.

C.E.B. Young.

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#### NEWS OF THE HILL

1. The most important events are the visits of our "Old Boys" from the "Front" and "Training Quarters". We were pleased to see such a large number among whom were George Brooks, Percy Floyd, Harold Gerard, Arthur Humphrey, Lieut. Fred James, Sgt. Alfred Jarvis, Robert Jolley, Ray Moulden, Cpl. George Pike, Tom Pitt, Jack Shepperd, Fred Spriggs, William Stiles, George Stubbings, Charles Thomas, George Trinder, Sgt. Cyril Viner, Reg. Viner, Fred. White and Jim Flynn.

2. The boys are still going to the A.O.C. Depot on Thursdays. They do very useful work and are proud to have the privilege of following the example set by the "Old Boys".

3. The School Examination is now in progress. Let us hope that the following words of a Soldier teacher will prove true, "I am sure the results at Christmas will certainly not be what is, in Army Slang, a "wash out"."

4. The House Competition for the Football Cup begins next Saturday, and we hear rumours of a very keen struggle between Durham and Bradford.

5. The School much appreciates Sgt. Board's kind thought in sending photographs of his Gymnastic Squad.

6. Hearty congratulations to Q.M.S. S. Meacher, who, for conspicuous bravery in the field, Nov. 13/16, has been recommended for the D.C.M. Well done! The School Staff!

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS RECENTLY RECEIVED

W. Lambert writes - "After 2 years and 3 months absence from England we are home again. Have been through two campaigns, G.S.W.A. and G.E.A. - no longer German - and then a month ago we were over in ----- . From there we came across to ----- escorting ----- ships - one the ----- . I could not help thinking of the number of old boys that must have walked her decks and quite possibly some may have been on them then."

W. Stone writes - "I am just off to France again (third time) ----- and do not forget to tell me all the news."

Sgt. G. Currie writes - "We are having beautiful weather quite like the English Summer, but we can see snow on the hills in the distance. So we can form some idea as to what is in store for us. We also see a daily paper, 4 pages, as much news as half a page of a paper at home, but we are lucky to get anything."

Tom Pitt writes - "What I do now is police duty, and it is the best job I have had since I joined the Army."

Cyril Viner writes on return from leave - "I am just getting into my stride again after what now appears to

me to have been a dream, and now in my spare time, I again go over each day of that week in "Blighty" and experience a thrill of pleasure in doing so."

Lc. Cpl. Stan Clarke writes - "At last I have got my longed for leave. Sorry I could not come and see you as I only had 10 days and they pass by like lightning. ---- going back Wednesday (Dec. 13th)."

Cyclist E. Bond writes - "I was very sorry to hear of the death of Frank Kennell - he was as you say a good fellow in every sense, and his sacrifice leaves a gap in that little company we used to call "the Staff". The news of the other old boys was very welcome - one often wonders where and how they are." Jones has my congratulations on passing "Oxford Junior".

Thos. W. Scarfe.

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#### BOYS OUT AT THE FRONT.

The following list may be of interest, showing the names of all those of our boys who are known to be out at the front at the present time. The addresses are not given - this might lead to trouble with the Censor! But it may be possible to supply the information by degrees to those who desire it:-

Adams, S.	Coiley, M.	Green, W.	Mariott, W.
Barlow, T.	Cowtan, R.	Griggs, F.	Marshall, S.
Batchelor, L.	Currie, G.	Harwood, J.	Mascot, C.
Beeson, F.	Deards, E.	Hemmings, C.	Meacher, S.
Bond, E.	Dick, A.	Holland, W.	Meehan, E.
Bosworth, R.	Doyle, J.	Hull, T.	Melton, C.
Brazier, W.	Duckering, R.	Isaac, H.	Mitchell, C.
Brooks, G.	Ellacott, L.	James, F.	Moulden, R.
Brown, M.	Ellis, R.	Juniper, H.	Parish, J.
Brown, W.	Farmbrough, J.	Kirk, H.	Pike, G.
Burton, W.	Fawdry, E.	Knox, W.	Pitman, A.
Cheeseman, A.	Gerard, H.	Litchfield, R.	Price, H.
Clapshew, A.	Gosling, F.	Luxton C. (Salonika).	
Clarke, S.	Green, A.	Marriott, F.	Teynolds, G.

Rye, W. Steeple, V. Thompson, G. Walker, G.  
Searle, F. Steeple, W. Townshend, F. Wilson, J.  
Spratley, W. Styles, C. Turner, W. Woods, A.  
Spriggs, C. Thatcher, A. Viner, C. Young, Wilfred.