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LIFE IN THE MARINES

AN engagement in Her Majesty's Royal Marines has meant for me a life of adventure, action, new found friends, good food, pay and accommodation.

My career in the Royal Marines started at the recruiting office in Bridge Street, where I passed an intelligence test and later a thorough medical examination. Having passed this examination, I was given a date to arrive at the Royal Marines Recruit Training Depot at Deal in Kent.

When I arrived, I officially signed the documents engaging me for a period of nine years. The next morning, as part of a squad of recruits, we were all treated to a haircut, and from that time onwards, training started in earnest. We were taught camouflage and concealment, fieldcraft, how to negotiate difficult obstacles, living in the open, and were given training in how to fire a rifle and machine-gun accurately. In between these activities, we were given periods of precision drill, exhausting P.T., and we were taught to swim if we could not already.

From Deal, we moved as a squad to Portsmouth where we learnt the ways of the Navy, including tying knots, shipping rules and rigging deck equipment. After a period of two weeks we left Portsmouth and went to the Infantry Training Centre at Lymington, near Exeter, in Devon.

There the real Commando training started. It consisted of various assault courses, unarmed combat, speed marches, endurance courses through difficult obstacles, advanced field-craft, an acquaintance with various weapons, such as the sub-machine gun, 9 m/m pistol, Carl Gustav rocket launcher, anti-tank hand grenade, and others. All the time, periods of P.T., Drill and lectures were continued. Then we went for a short period to Poole in Dorset where we completed our cliff-climbing training and also training with landing craft. Then we went back to Lymington to give our pass-out parade and demonstration in front of our parents. From that time on, we were all known as Royal Marine Trained Soldiers, and we all went our separate ways, some to specialist courses, others to ships and the remainder to Commandos serving abroad. I went to Portsmouth and trained as a signaller. I am now waiting at Plymouth to go abroad to Singapore in the near future.

MARINE A. J. WARD

TRINITY OLD BOYS' R.F.C.

THOSE of you who follow the fortunes and progress of the Trinity Old Boys' R.F.C. will be pleased to know that last season saw the club grow considerably stronger.

It provided us with by far the best playing record to date in both the 1st and 2nd teams. A winning run at the end of the season gave the 1st XV the encouraging record of having played 30 games, winning 17 of them, losing 10 and drawing 3. The 2nd XV figures are not so impressive, but the quality of opposition they engaged varied enormously. The team played 20 games, won 8, lost 9 and drew 3. This playing record is the best the 2nd XV have returned in their two seasons of rugby football, and it was especially pleasing that they were able to complete a fairly full fixture list.

As is now traditional, an Old Boys' XV played two games against the School First XV, and won them both, the second with comparative ease. The enthusiasm of the School team was dampened somewhat by the fact that M. Adhemar, who was a star School player, had recently left School and was playing for the Old Boys' XV. Not only was Adhemar a leading player in the School XV but he won the distinction of being presented with the Trinity Old boys' Player of the Year Award. This was a great personal achievement and illustrates the fact that the Old Boys' Club can make good use of school players. Many other school-boys earned regular Saturday afternoon games and some excellent performances were given by G. Taylor, J. Giles, D. Shadrach and S. Slinn.

Summer training begins on Wednesday, 8th June, and any T.H.S. boy in the fifth year or above will be welcome to join the Club in this activity. As three teams will occasionally be run next season, there is every chance of winning a place if you are interested in rugby football.

It is hoped that next season will see as much co-operation between the School and the Old Boys' Club, as so much of our current success is undoubtedly due to this.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Trinity Old Boys' R.F.C. would like to congratulate R. Thorogood and P. Tyrer, who recently became fathers for the first time. The Club notes with interest that both were presented with a son.

Congratulations are also extended to D. Inwood on his recent marriage, and J. Boughton and G. Keates on their engagements.

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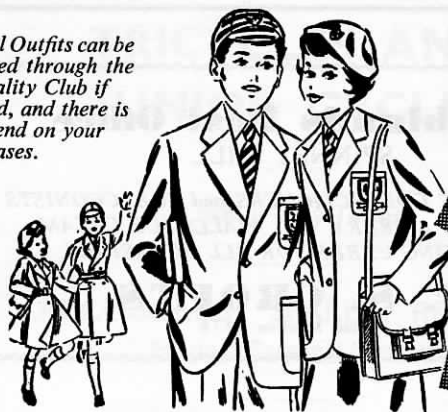
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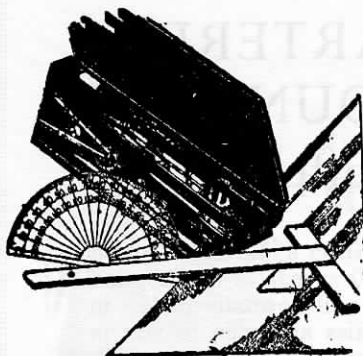
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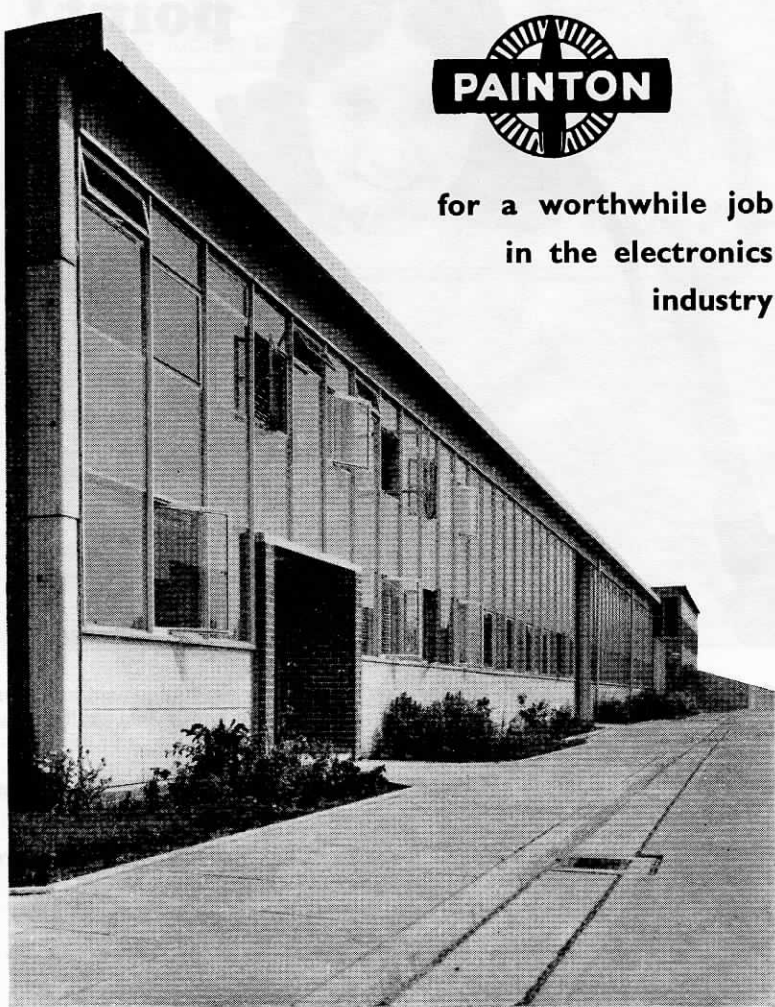
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