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# Celebrating 125 years

**1897 – 2022**

**Clapham College**

**Clapham Old Xaverians**





# 125 Years of Clapham College

## Chapter 3-1910 to 1920



### Clapham College at War



**1. Drill** - One of my top 100 COXA Photographs of all time! Yes, there are that many, that I can have a top One Hundred, and this could be in the "TOP TEN".

First there is our playground [over 100 years ago], the short fire escape, boys in "caps no badges"; shorts, long trousers and knicker-bockers! In close-up leather shoes look fabulous. Some of the boys are unsure of what to do with their hands, the ex-military coach [appropriately dressed] is sharp and at attention. The classrooms look as they did in "our day", and today. Apparently Brother Dunstan [always involved] mixed the chemicals for the playground "net" markings - tennis I think; and helped paint them on. So this was "drill" around 1910-1914. The boys did this after school as an extra lesson, which they paid for. Rowland Bourke [our short-sighted, rather fragile [later to be Victoria Cross winner, had on file that he was to be "excused" drill.

Blow this photograph up on your computer The detail is amazing!

**2. The Programme** for one of the first Prize Days at Clapham College an event which celebrated "The Boys". Whether on the Lawn at the College, at St Mary's or at Battersea Town Hall. Some famous names took the top prizes.

J. M.

J. X.

**XAVERIAN BROTHERS,  
CLAPHAM COLLEGE,**

**Clapham Common, London, S.W.**



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**UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF  
His Eminence the CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER  
and  
His Lordship the BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK.**

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**DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES  
For the Years 1912 and 1913.**

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### 3. More boys with toy guns - Drill [overseen by a Xaverian Brother] - some key dates



<b>1896</b>	19th March: Xaverian Brothers buy Broadoak, Nightingale Hall, Nightingale Lane, Clapham Common (built c.1877).
	Chapel, dormitories and classrooms built.
<b>1897</b>	25th August: Chapel dedicated.
	15th September: School opened for fee-paying day boys and boarders: 30 pupils in first entry.
	Br. Gabriel, Headmaster: Patron Saint, St. Joseph: named 'Clapham College'.
<b>1905</b>	Br. Cuthbert, Headmaster: Chemistry laboratory built: playing fields at Norbury acquired.
<b>1919</b>	Br. Vincent, Headmaster: Hollywood bought (built c. 1783).
<b>1922</b>	Br. Bernardine, Headmaster: 276 on roll.
<b>1924</b>	Vacant possession of Hollywood obtained. A Preparatory department is opened therein.
<b>1927</b>	The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association was established.

1897-1905	Br. Gabriel CFX
1905-1919	Br. Vincent CFX
1919-1922	Br. Cuthbert CFX
1922-1940	Br. Bernardine CFX

**A few key dates names and key events around this decade**

#### 4. 1915—School Play [Macbeth - I assume]



5. Another fine 1915 photograph from the upper floor of Broadoak - Brother Dunstan is the Xaverian Bro. on the left - it is a “staged photo” - but why the cricket kit and tennis racket?



## 6. T J Donovan's article on WW1

**C.C. Clapham College 1909-1914.** The present instalment brings this history up to the close of the Pre-War era. This must sound like History with a vengeance to many of my" readers. During this period that famous " G.O.A.L" of the Xaverian ·Order-Brother Cuthbert was in command of the College, and was assisted by Brothers Bernadine, Mathias, Vincent, Gerald, Dominic, Stephen and Ignatius. These Brothers were the form ·masters. 'There were eight forms, the three top ones being named ·after the summit of their ambitions, namely the Oxford Senior, Junior ·and Preliminary examinations. The late Brother Louis replaced Bro. Bernadine as "O.C. the Seniors," and was subsequently replaced by Brother Raymond. Brother Sebastian replaced Brother Dominic and Brother Dunstan-Brother Stephen. Brothers Edward and Paul were at the College even in those far distant days, and may I be allowed to say that they do not look a year older today. Without a very intimate knowledge of life at the College today it is difficult to indicate all the changes effected by the passage of time. To enumerate a few, however, there were no Houses in the College and the present Concert Stage was Form IV classroom in which the writer commenced his studies (?) at the beginning of the period under review. Another great difference is to be seen in the personnel of the students. At that time about 40 or so per cent of the boys were boarders, many of whom hailed from abroad; Siam, South American Republics (various) Portugal, Persia, Spain, Italy, **France**, Germany-Austria-Hungary, Russia are a few called to mind ; but I am supposed to be writing History not Geography.

Chemistry-known in those days as " Stinks " (I expect it is) was an "extra " subject until about 1912 or 1913 and was taken at night on one or two evenings a week by Mr Wood-house. No other scientific subjects were studied until 1913-14 when the Physics laboratory was opened, and that subject was added to the curriculum. Passing from the Sciences to the Fine Arts is a comparatively easy step in a review such as this. Drawing was taught in the three upper forms on· Saturday morning by Mr. Bartholomew. The piano and violin were "extras" under the direction of Messrs. Hydleman and Ritchie respectively.

Drill was undergone form by form for about an hour one day in each week. Forming fours, etc. was directed by an ex-regular sergeant who had fought in the Boer War. The upper forms were given rifle drill, not shooting of course, but " slope arms " and that sort of thing. The rifles used were old Martine Henrys but nevertheless in the first glow of enthusiasm they seemed very like the real thing which most of his pupils were called upon to carry subsequently.

In 1911 or '12 there came a change in the upper classes in that three Brothers in charge specialised and went from form to form teaching their particular subjects. Brother Louis took the English. subjects, Brother Mathias " Mithymatics and Brother Vincent languages.

## 7. T J Donovan's Article continued

During the last of these five years there was an incipient outbreak of journalism in the three upper classes. The lowest class suffering from what the lawyers call cacoethes scribendi, produced a publication, surreptitiously written and circulated, which rejoiced in the title of "The Preliminary Chronicle. The next form up retaliated with "The Junior Gazette" which slated the miserable worms below them for their cheek in having started the venture without permission. The Seniors, then entered the fray with "The Senior Wrangler" which slated all and sundry. After an article headed "Drill at the College" in which I remember occurred the words "one boy has even been known to have had nearly two thirds of a rifle "the three editors", Cremer, McGrath and the writer were given to understand in no uncertain terms, that publication must be ceased forthwith. We were not sorry as there was by this time (Nov 4) nothing left in the College to slate.

Whilst reminiscing I might perhaps mention what to my mind was the prize excuse for non-completion of homework (task). It was submitted by Jim Murphy and was to the effect that he has been unable to finish as his sister was practising the piano. At the beginning of this period I was, of course, only one of the small fry and I can therefore deal but' sketchily with those "high lights" in the forms physically as well as intellectually above mine. The following are a few of the boys of that period. Among the "day boys" the brothers O'Donoghue, Toole, King, Cummings, Essnie. Young, Boyle, Hawthorne, Cunningham, Bulbeck, Derrington, "Barney" Con, and Peter Precha are among those not already mentioned which spring to the memory. The boarders I remembered were Rudolph Thorn who seemed nearly to "take root," Phil German who played the violin, Derry who played the .piano, Jukes and the brothers Bunting, Yznaga, Brand and Wichelow. At the end of this period while we were sitting for the Oxford Local examinations and puzzling out those extraordinary conundrums which it has ever been the habit of examiners to set for their victims, a petty mid-European Royalty of whom we had never heard was assassinated in an unknown, unpronounceable town in the Balkans. This was however, the spark which touched off the powder magazines of Europe and enacted as its toll the deaths of so many of that generation. The names can be seen on the Roll of Honour [**never found**] so I'll not set them down here.

Of the survivors one hears of them more or less occasionally. The whereabouts of the O'Donohoes for example need no recounting. Eddie Boyle has recently returned from South Africa. Joe Bulbeck and Phil German are still in Clapham, the Cummings are in Brixton .and the Youngs in Balham. I think. Phil Cunningham and Derry were at the last Annual Dinner. Jim Murphy has settled in Norbury and the Tooles in Carshalton. · "History should be documented." I am afraid with only this memory to rely upon the writer must plead forgiveness for any chronological inaccuracies and misspellings T. J. DONOVAN.

## 8. 1914 to 1918 Reminiscences by "A Boarder"

I dedicate these Reminiscences to the ..Xaverian Brothers of Clapham who resided at the College during 1914-1918 and to whose great care we young boarders of those days when war reached London ' owe our safety. After reading "A Myths" Reminiscences in the 1932 June Concordia, I should like to carry on, but to strike out into a different channel, and to ask the "Old Stagers" who take up this Mag. to hark back to those treacherous and troublesome years of 1914-18, when they took the stage, not as warriors, but as youngsters

Let us go back some 18 years when we were " young boarder pests " to dear old Brother Cuthbert. Some 60 boarders, most of us grubby youngsters, but full of pep. Eighteen years! It seems only 18 days ago, so vivid is the memory during those past years. Let us go back to one night in 1916, a memory which will live throughout our lives, Rudolph Thorn now in Brazil, "Scotchie" Drysdale in India, Henry Boas in India, Cavanagh in South Africa TT Tubby" :Masson in France and a dozen others who are now far flung throughout the world-all of these will remember, as they read this Magazine.

The time was somewhere between 1 and 2 in the early hours of the morning. From somewhere in the far distance comes a sullen rumble, then another, nearer. Ignorant of the approaching danger. we sleep on; but only for a few seconds. The dormitory lights flash on for a few minutes. Swiftly but quietly along the cubicles come Bros. Ignatius, Dunstan and Raymond, with the words "down stairs instantly." It flashes upon us, a raid-enemy aircraft are approaching London. Instead of fear comes excitement - danger is not known' to us youngsters. While London trembles, we gloat over it; not in the fact that death is facing many people, but in the fact that we are having coffee at two in the morning in the Refectory (now the College Hall), which was always known to us as our "Dug Out,". Bros. Ignatius and Dunstan, with broom sticks, shoot down Zeps by the dozens amid our cheers.

Thus, we experience our first air raid. Another vivid memory was at ro.45 one Saturday morning in rgr7, when from the playground the whole College witnessed the great air fight over' Central London, while, Leo Walters asked Bro. Raymond if he could go to the City so as to be in the middle of it. How many Old Boys who were boarders during that time remember after air raids, searching the playground for pieces of Zeps / bombs, nine cases out of ten, of course, what we thought to be coveted pieces of war material were only chips off the water pipes or bicycle shed-but " san fairy ann ". Again do you remember how one morning after a raid we saw the College cat (" Peter " I think,) with half its tail missing due to flying shrapnel-at ~east that is what we put it down to. Again let us recollect the holiday in July and August,1918, when some 20 boarders-Rodgers, the Saunders, Yaznki, Thorn and many others, stayed with the Brothers at Felpham-on-Sea. One evening about 7 .30, the Coast guard station reported that an enemy submarine had been caught in the drag nets just a mile or two off Felpham, and we experienced the remarkable sight of destroyers laying depth charges and their effects. Then came the grand Finale November. 1th, 1918 at 11.15 a.m. Bro. Cuthbert announced the Armistice-a day's holiday the mighty yell that rang throughout the College-the crashing of desk lids (many of which were broke)



## 9. 1st Prize Clapham College Billiards Tournament 1913

Clapham College has always stived to reach “sporting excellence”, although for a two-form entry school, his was hard to do. In the realms of football, cricket and athletics we did achieve some notable successes over the years. Tennis and table tennis were never sports to reach notable heights [unless we mention Wilson Bowers and Brian Sanders!]. Golf and skiing seems to be the sport of Clapham “greats” currently and there is always the “Sport of Kings” - Horse Racing which attracts some high rollers from CC. But ...Billiards, never would have crossed my mind. But here we are 1913 Clapham College Gold Medal for First Place in the College Billiards Tournament, strange, strange game [for schoolboys!]. Eddie O’Brien was sold this online, a £10 deal done [from Australia] in a box of junk buttons and medals bought at auction...whose was it - how did it reach Aussie-land?




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1897-1905	Br. Gabriel CFX	
1905-1919	Br. Vincent CFX	
1919-1922	Br. Cuthbert CFX	
1922-1940	Br. Bernardine CFX	
1940-1949	Br. Nicholas CFX	
1949-1953	Br. Joseph CFX	
1953-1970	Br. Peter CFX	[one year Bro. Ambrose - Peter was in the USA]
1970-1975	Mr Cecil Pocock	
1975-1984	Mr Maurice Gleeson	
1985-1989	Mr Roger Sparks	
1985-1994	Mr Brian Snalune	S.F.X.
1994-2009	Mr Bernie Borland	S.F.X.
2009-2020	Ms Stella Flannery	S.F.X.
2020-present	Mr Graham Thompson	

## 10. The 1911 Census

### of Clapham College

**CENSUS**  
OF  
**ENGLAND AND WALES,**  
1911.

  
(Large Schedule with space for 100 names.)

**SCHEDULE.**  
Prepared pursuant to the Census (Great Britain) Act, 1910.

This space to be filled up by the Enumerator.

Number of Registration Districts	26
Number of Registration Sub-District	5
Number of Enumeration District	17
Name of Head of Family or Separate Occupier	The Rev. C. J. Hurrie
Postal Address	Laverign College 11, Nightingale Lane Balham

The 1911 Census on Clapham College, it was entered as one institution, therefore the boys, teachers and Xaverians were entered there on Census Day. As Clapham was a Boarding School, the School was counted as one big "household" of Men and Children; didn't notice a female name there, but then again that was "par for the course" for the majority of time on the Nightingale Lane site.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### For filling up the Columns headed "Profession or Occupation."

**COLUMN 10.**

- 1. DESCRIPTION OF PERSONAL OCCUPATION.**—Describe the Occupation fully in Column 10. If more than one Occupation is followed, state that by which living is mainly earned.
- 2. DEALERS, SHOPKEEPERS OR SHOP ASSISTANTS** as distinct from **MAKERS, PRODUCERS OR REPAIRERS.**—All such persons should be so described as to leave no doubt whether they are Dealers or Makers. In many cases "Tailors," "Bootmakers," "Hatters," "Watchmakers," "Goldsmiths," "Silversmiths," "Jewellers," "Chemists," "Bakers," "Seedsman," "Florists," &c., and their Assistants are not Makers or Producers: in such cases the word "Dealer," "Shopkeeper," or "Shop Assistant" should be added to the occupational name. A person who both makes and deals should be described as "Maker," if chiefly Maker, or "Dealer" if chiefly Dealer.
- 3. OUT OF WORK.**—If out of work or disengaged at the time of the Census, the usual occupation must be stated.
- 4. THE OCCUPATIONS OF WOMEN** engaged in any business or profession, including women regularly engaged in assisting relatives in trade or business, must be fully stated. No entry should be made in the case of wives, daughters, or other female relatives wholly engaged in domestic duties at home.
- 5. CHILDREN AT SCHOOL AND STUDENTS.**—For all persons over ten years of age attending school write "School," and for those attending colleges, evening schools, or other instructional classes, or receiving instruction privately, write "Student." If studying for any profession, state the profession, as "Law Student," "Medical Student."  
If attending school or other classes half time or part time only, write "School part time," or "Student part time."  
If also engaged in any employment state the employment, as "School, Newsboy"; "School, Grocer's Errand Boy"; "School part time, Cotton Roving Frame Doffer."
- 6. RETIRED OR PENSIONED.**—If retired or pensioned state the fact, and add former Occupation, as "Retired Farmer," "Retired Butcher," "Police Pensioner," &c. The present occupation, if any, of pensioners should also be stated in all cases, as "Army Pensioner, Bank Porter," &c.
- 7. PRIVATE MEANS.**—For persons neither following nor having followed a profession or occupation, but deriving their income from private sources, or allowances, write "Private Means."
- 8. VAGUE OR INDEFINITE TERMS MUST NOT BE USED ALONE,** such for example as Apprentice, Assistant, Canvasser, Collector, Contractor, Foreman, Inspector, Labourer, Machinist, Manager, Manufacturer, Mechanic, Millhand, Overlooker, Superintendent (see also paragraphs 4 to 7 below). Care should be taken that no occupational name common to different industries is used without a full and distinctive description; an Enameller should be described as a "Pottery Enameller," "Watch-dial Enameller," "Cycle Enameller," &c.; a Painter as a "Painter (Artist)," "Ship Painter," "House Painter," &c.; a Rivetter, as a "Boiler Rivetter," "Ship Plate Rivetter," "Boot Rivetter," &c.

No.	SEX				MARR.	FEMALE	AGE	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	
	1.	2.	3.	4.																
1	Cuthbert John Lumsden	Head	♂	X	Single								Principal of College 444						English	059
2	John Hill	Assistant	♂	X									Teacher 441						"	050
3	John Prescott	"	♂	X									Sailor 240						"	062
4	John Michael Brown	"	♂	X									Domestic 471 470						"	088
5	Anthony Ratch	"	♂	X									Domestic 470						German	231
6	Henty Carrington Hoyle	"	♂	X									Teacher 441						"	117
7	Gerold Treiser	"	♂	X									"						"	240
8	William Selwyn	"	♂	X									"						"	806
9	William Cottridge	"	♂	X									"						"	062
10	Wlas Laylot	"	♂	X									Domestic 471 470						"	240
11	Denis M. Stenna	"	♂	X									"						"	806
12	Otto Lyden	"	♂	X									Teacher 441						"	062
13	Raphael Baggett	"	♂	X									Domestic 471 470						"	806
14	Alwynus Parkinson	"	♂	X									Teacher 441						"	062
15	Francis Harrington	"	♂	X									Teacher 441						"	806
16	Woods Phillips	"	♂	X									Domestic 471 470						"	805
17	Martinus de Haan	"	♂	X									"						"	062
18	Joseph Taylor	"	♂	X									"						"	817
19	Markus Sanchez	Student	♂	X									380 Student 380 380						Spanish	817
20	Roberto Lopez	"	♂	X									"						Portuguese	813

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# 11. Details of the College Census 1911

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21	Francis Scott	Student	♂	X	Single															281
22	Charles Grand	"	♂	X																807
23	Anthony Mead	"	♂	X																805
24	Charles Viora	"	♂	X																
25	Robert	"	♂	X																
26	George Latis	"	♂	X																
27	Andre Bellis	"	♂	X																
28	Sean Marone	"	♂	X																
29	Cyril Martin	"	♂	X																
30	John Robert Brown	"	♂	X																
31	Robert Smith	"	♂	X																
32	Edward Gibson	"	♂	X																
33	Bernard Coleman	"	♂	X																
34	Arnold Brito	"	♂	X																
35	Deats	"	♂	X																
36	Hugh Smith	"	♂	X																
37	Valentine Smith	"	♂	X																
38	Maurice Puzic	"	♂	X																
39	Maurice Cook	"	♂	X																
40	John Aubrie	"	♂	X																
41	Antoine Proulx	"	♂	X																
42	Bernard Swinney	"	♂	X																
43	Antonia Baccade	"	♀	X																
44	Paula Picta	"	♀	X																
45	Yvonne Ygnaga	"	♀	X																
46	Kenneth Brown	"	♂	X																
47	Bernard Lethell	"	♂	X																
48	Patrick McLean	"	♂	X																
49	Eric Cantanaka	"	♂	X																
50	Joseph Brantley	"	♂	X																

NAME AND SURNAME	HEAD OF FAMILY		UNITS SURVIVORS		PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE					AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS AGED TEN YEARS AND UPWARDS					COUNTRY BORN IN	COUNTRY OF EVERY PERSON	INFIRMITY			
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51 Philip Germain			14		Single											0			English	230
52 Justin Jakes			12																"	825
53 Radolph Jahn			13																Brazilian	1
54 Augustus Pivora			14																Brazilian	
55 Thomas Thichelow			14																English	823
56 Noel Ynaga			13																Cuba	823
57 Carlos Thettar			14																San Salvador	825
58 Eli Ramos			17																Brazilian	825
59 Michael Rodda			15																Brazilian	825
60 Harold Todd			19																English	281
61 Alexander el Paso			19																Mexican	823
62 Marie Johnston			10																Trinidad, A. W. Indies	733
63 Joseph Thichelow			10																Trinidad, A. W. Indies	
64 Gerald Taylor			12																Kent, Canterbury	091

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Write under the Number of Rooms in this District the kitchen as a room not used for ordinary cooking, the bathroom, the wash-house, and the closet.

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(1) I certify that the schedule returned in the proper columns.  
 (2) I have compared the names and families in Columns 2 and 4 separately and have compared their rates with the rates in Column 5.  
 (3) Abstracts and summaries of facts as reported by the Enumerators.

Signature: C. F. Unwin  
 Postal Address: American College, 11, Regent's Park, London, W. 1.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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### 13. Jackson and Pereira two Clapham heroes from the decade



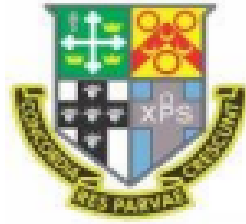
John Jackson.

**JACKSON, JOHN**, Private, 168th Brigade, Machine Gun Corps, 6th s. of the late John Jackson, by his wife, Jane (11, Offerton Road, Clapham, S.W.); *b.* Clapham, London, S.W., 19 Dec. 1891; educ. Xaverian College there; was employed in a City office; joined the London Scottish 31 Aug. 1914; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 5 March, 1915, transferring to the Machine Gun Corps in 1916, and died 16 Aug. 1917, from wounds received that day in action at Hooge. Buried in Perth Cemetery, on the Ypres-Menin Road. He was just coming to England to take his commission. His Section Officer wrote that he was a good soldier and a great loss to the company, and his friend who was with him when he fell said he was brave to the last.

**JACKSON, L.**, Private, No. 7368, 2nd Batta. The Worcestershire Regt; served with the Expeditionary Force in France; died of wounds 4 Nov. 1914.

106 Clapham College pupils died in World War one. We have their names, the majority are on the Rolls of Honour on our Chapel Wall. A huge percentage of those who "served" died, many were just foot-soldiers many never engaged the enemy but died in No-Mans-Land. We have two dozen photos of those early students [mainly in group shots NONE with names. So many of the WW1 dead are in our picture [but which ones?]. John was found "mentioned in dispatches", thus the photo and very poor quality "London Gazette" article. Helios' is a great story, Aidan and I visited Bapune, France, to see Helio Pereira's' grave and there on top was this photo. Obvious left there recently by his family. A great photo, a great surprise.





# The Somme

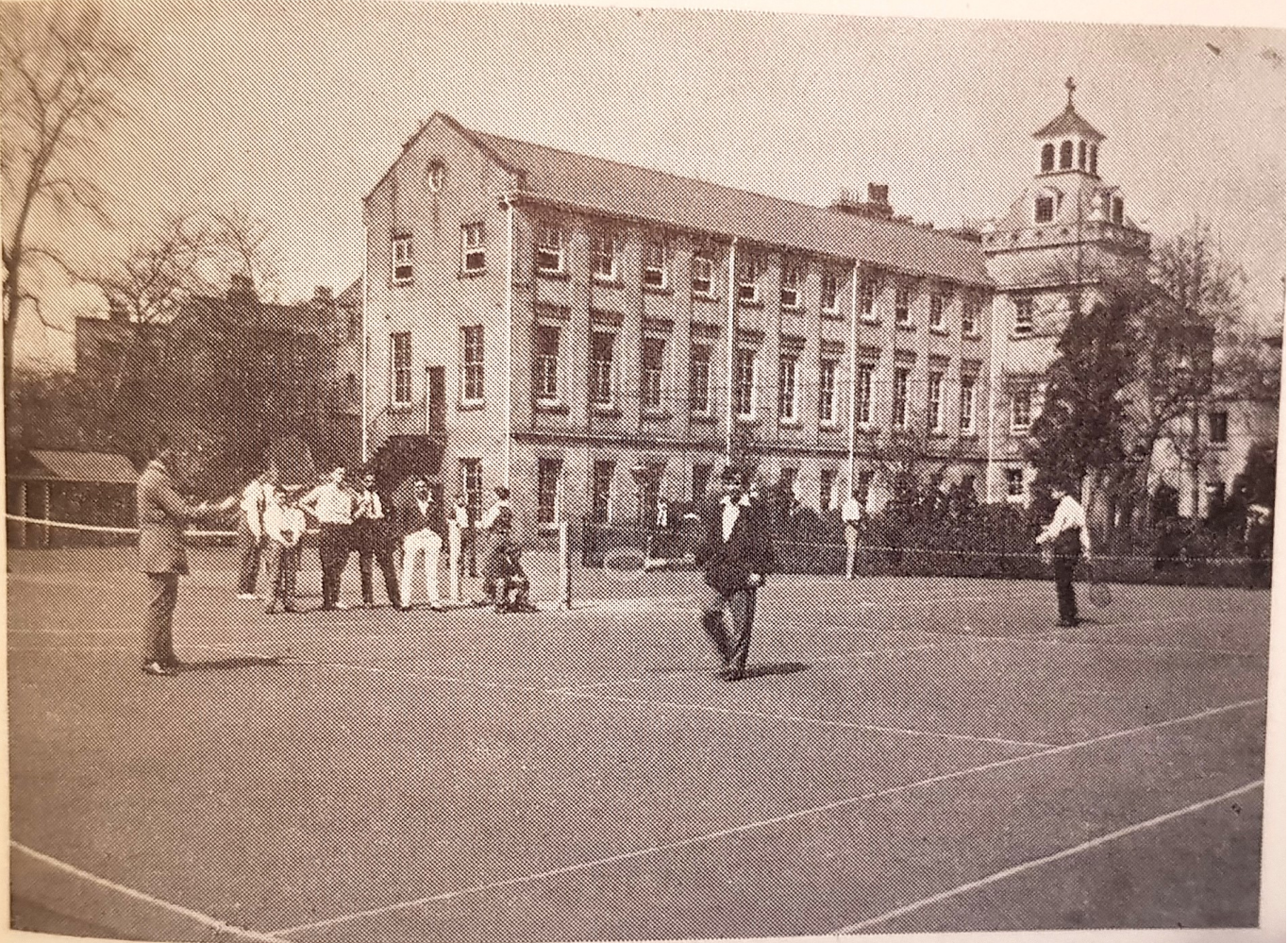
## A Place to Remember



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**Aidan Coletta**, has visited and researched both the exploits and deaths of the many Clapham College Boys who fought in the First World War. Aidan focussed his research on the Battle of the Somme and produced the above booklet "**The Somme, a Place to Remember**". Aidan has produced copies of his Booklet for any Old Boy who wants one. It can be seen in full on either of the COXA Websites.

## 15. Tennis - the College Playground - Dunstan obviously there.



Tennis at Clapham 50 years ago. The photograph was taken shortly after Brother Dunstan and Brother Gerald, who stands 4th from the left, hands on hips, had marked out the two courts.



This photograph was only “unearthed” in 2022, it shows the boys “At Ease”, during their after school Drill Lesson - unbelievably they paid for “Drill”!

16. Grim-looking photograph of the Main Teaching Block [with Fire Escape to the top floor].



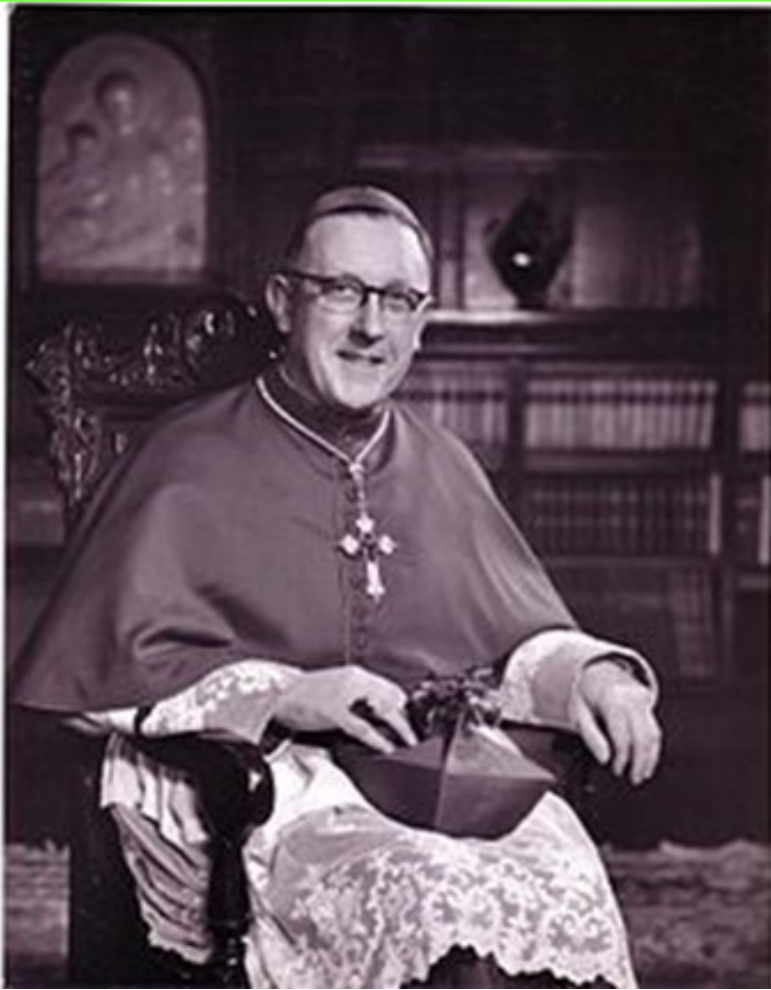
17. Very poor quality, but great content, Tennis at Norbury





## 18. Archbishop of Liverpool Andrew Beck

Clapham College 1915 to 1922



### PERSONALIA—STOP PRESS

His Holiness, the Pope, has appointed the Very Rev. Father Andrew Beck, A.A., Headmaster of the Beckitt School, West Bridgford, Notts, to the Titular See of Tigia, and Coadjutor Bishop of Brentwood. Father Beck, who is 44 years of age, was educated at Clapham College and St. Michael's College, Hitchin. He joined the Society of St. Edmund in 1922 and transferred to the Augustinians of the Assumption in 1925. He was ordained in 1927. He obtained a B.A. degree, with honours in history, at London University in 1934.

Congratulations to Surgeon Lieut. J. C. (Chris) Higginson, R.N., on his marriage to Miss Mary Price at Brompton Oratory on the 11th August, 1948.

**REMEMBER ?** On Sunday, 24th October, 1948—A.G.M. in College Hall—please do your best to attend.

The Monastery Press, Ramsgate

# 19. Sir Cyril George Xavier Henriques Lord Chief Justice of Jamaica CC 1919

Westinghouse REFRIGERATORS  
 The Daily Gleaner  
 MORRIS 1100  
 LARGEST CIRCULATION  
 KINGSTON, JAMAICA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1963  
 EIGHTEEN PAGES

• Jamaica's Ambassador to Washington honoured in Queen's New Year list •

## ASHENHEIM GETS KNIGHTHOOD

C.G.X. Henriques, too; Crosswell made CMG

Dr. A. L. McFARLANE,  
 F. M. JONES NOW OBE

Orange price jumps from 3/- to 5/- a box

Live Customer Su

He won several open tennis events with his brother Leslie and other partners in All-Jamaica tournaments and represented Jamaica vs visiting tennis teams.

Sir Neville married on November 19, 1923, Leonie, daughter of the late Mr. Michael Delevante. They have three sons—Messrs. Richard Edward and George, all solicitors of the Supreme Court.

Sir Cyril Henriques has been Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Leeward and Windward Islands since 1963.

### Crown course

Born in Kingston on July 3, 1908, he is a son of the late Cyril C. Henriques, a produce merchant. Following a brief period in school here, his parents took him to England where he continued his schooling at St. Francis Xavier's College, and University College, London, where he gained the LL.B.

He was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) on May 8, 1935, and was admitted to practice here in August of that year. He continued in private practice until 1939 when he was appointed Crown Counsel. In 1944 he was promoted Resident Magistrate and acted as Solicitor General in 1950.

He was appointed Attorney (Please turn to Page 2, col. 2)

Nice to see "Sir Cyril" managed to get "Xavier" into his name!



## 20. "Our Hero" Rowland Bourke Victoria Cross



ROWLAND BOURKE V.C.  
28.11.1885 – 29.08.1952

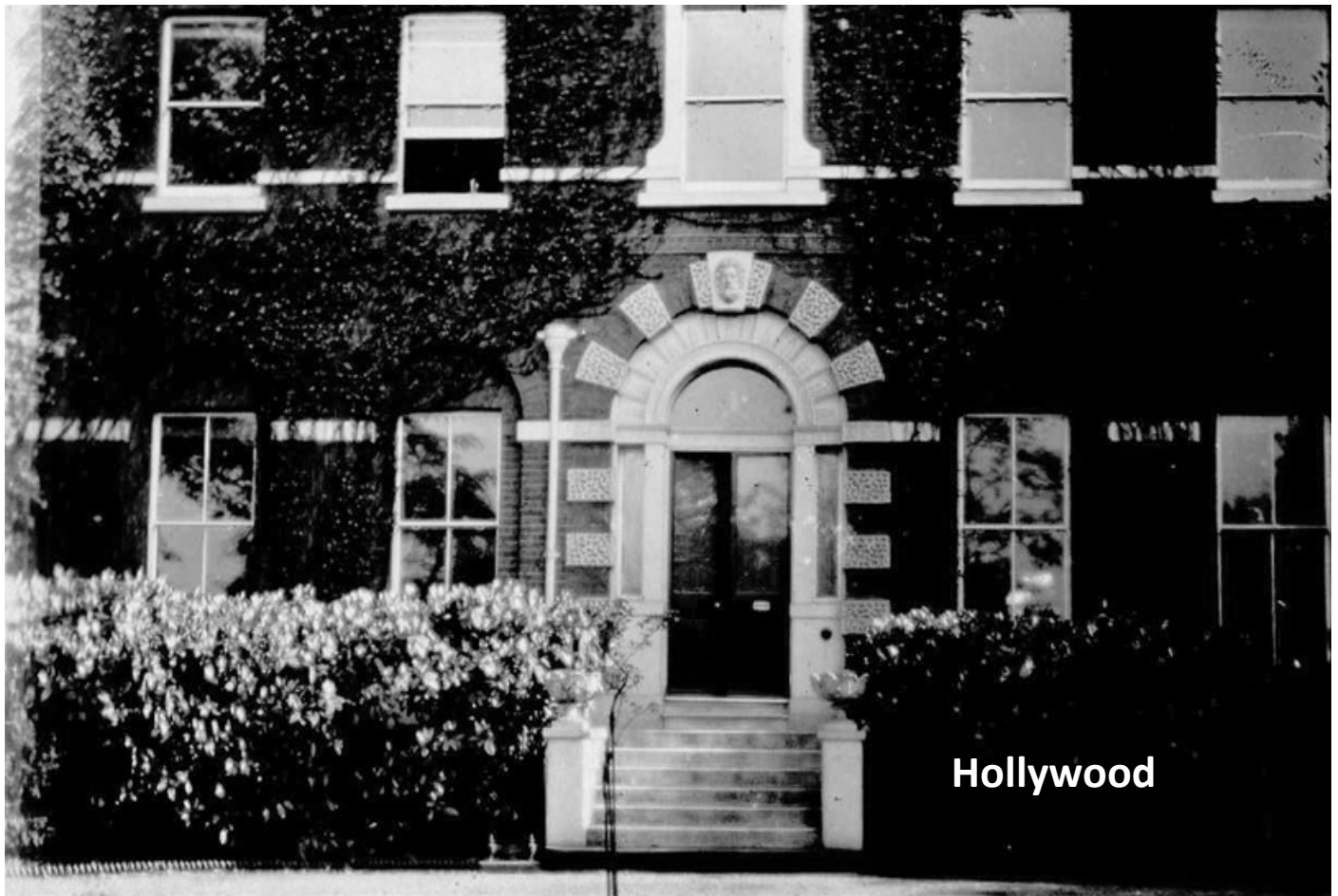


COMMANDER ROWLAND BOURKE,  
VICTORIA CROSS, DSO,  
FRENCH LEGION OF HONOUR

CLAPHAM COLLEGE 1899 – 1903  
AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS 9TH MAY 1918  
"FOR VALOUR"

*The V.C. was awarded at Zeebrugge - Ostend, Belgium in WWI where Rowland Bourke's launch picked up 38 sailors from the sea and towed the crippled launch ML 532 out of the harbour. After the raid, he heard cries from the water. Bourke made a prolonged search of the area amid very heavy gunfire at close range. He found a Lieutenant and two ratings badly wounded in the water. Bourke's own launch was hit 55 times and two of the crew were killed. Nevertheless, he managed to bring out his vessel in one piece.*

21. Very early, poor quality Photos of the College



22. Statue of Jesus in the College grounds opposite Broadoak.  
Does anyone remember this statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
it was there in 1916 - unsure whether it lasted until the 1960s?



## 23. PERSONALIA - OLD BOYS AND THEIR BOYS

This decade attracted scholars from all over the world. These boys arrived with a variety of differing skills [and languages]. Few of these were the “Souff London boys” that get together at the Oval each year. They had wealthy parents from countries al over the world. These parents had unique skills/talents and were employed in a host of different jobs from all sectors of society.



### The “boys” starting at the College between 1910 and 1920

Table below 1918 and 1919 “caught my eye”

Woodcraft Albert Charles	RIP 1989 Reading Aged 83	born Clapham - lived in High Street
Yates Kenneth Bernard	RIP 1990 Croydon Aged 82	Tooting Bec
Anton Leslie George Rogers	RIP 1974 Merton Aged 66	Journalist - New York lived Mitcham
Ardin Arthur James	RIP 1971 Chichester Aged 62	Father worked in the Royal Mint
Ardin James William	RIP 1938 London Aged 33	Father worked in the Royal Mint
Ault Charles Frederick	RIP 1977 Camberwell Aged 72	Born/lived Southwark
Barling Thomas Henry	RIP 1993 Hastings Aged 86	RAF Substantive Flying Officer
Barnes Leslie William	RIP 1968 Northants Aged 60	born Tottenham
Barthorpe Eric James Scott	RIP 1997 Brighton Aged 86	RAF Pilot Officer WW II had Coat of Arms
Birdseye Lawrence	RIP 1990 Lambeth Aged 79	boarder
Bloom Morris Eric	RIP 1979 Brent Aged 75	born Terenure
Bond Charles Henry	RIP 1978 Sutton Aged 73	boarder
Clerc Norman		Father professional singer
Culpitt Cyril Frederick Willis	RIP 1972 Lambeth Aged 67	Father Music Hall Artiste

We have a COXA database “built” from the “Class Registers” that you Xaverians help to create, This register is the last two names of boys starting at Clapham in 1918 and the first dozen names on the “Class of 1919”. All the boys seem very “local” as against many of the other boys [boarders] at the College. Their dates of birth and ages shocked me. They lived such long lives, the **AVERAGE AGE AT DEATH** being **74**. The **AVERAGE** age of soldiers who **died** serving on the Somme was 26 years old, the average time the survived in those “Killing Fields was only six weeks. The Boys who started at Clapham College in 1918 and 1919 on average lived 50 years longer than those “plucked” almost from behind their school desks and sent to War. Their fallen” schoolfriends gave their lives for this to happen.

## 24. Personalia on the boys starting College 1910 to 1920

**Talented Parents** - The boys had parents working in London at a number of diverse jobs .... A few were **Music Hall** singers and “artistes”, a professional comedian [who had servants], a coal merchant, a **ostrich feather curler**, a **human hair merchant** [wow!] a tram driver, a lace merchant, Some parents wealth lead them to have 3 servants, another had a “parlour” maid and a live-in cook! Another was a **cowman** at Guildford [assume that’s not a grown-up version of a cowboy, but someone looking after cows!], Having a father who was a **famous Film Director** was not you usual Clapham “dad”. Michael Mularkey’s father was a musician in the Coldstream Guards. There was the usual dads as doctors, dentists and a Headmaster. Francis Green’s dad ran his **own Dogs Home** [The Carman].

Most **famous** dad:- Jack and Leonard Hobbs were the sons of **Sir Jack Hobbs**, the famous England Cricketer, He was the first cricketer to be Knighted the family lived in a house overlooking Clapham Common.

Brothers Reginald and Harold Ridgeway had possibly the swankiest address of all Clapham College boys, the Waldorf Hotel Aldwych, where their father was the Chief Chef.

The boys at Clapham in this decade were fortunate in most cases to miss the War in France and Belgium [unless they lied about their age!]. However, they were moving towards middle age during WWII in the 1940s. With middle age approaching they took on different roles in the Armed Forces than the “Tommie's” in WW1. **Michael James Tully** served as a Brigadier in the Royal Artillery, in the far East, he was demobbed in 1945 and went on to run a successful Accountants firm in Havant Hants. **Fernand Goetgluck** [great name] served as a captain in the Belgium Navy, he rose to the rank of Commandant and with his vast naval talent ended up as a military advisor to NATO, in Brussels. More typical of the roles of this cohort in WWII was working on “Home Soil” in the Civil defence, **Brian Eames** was one of these, working for the British Red Cross. He was born in Portsmouth, returned there before WWII to serve in the Red Cross, and died there. What makes Brian more notable was that in the 1920s he only played five games for the Old Xaverians, scoring SEVENTEEN goals [Two x FIVES]. **Joseph Skelton** worked in the Metropolitan Police in WWII. Joseph loved his cricket and became captain of Walsingham in the 6th Year. He ended up coaching at Alf Gove's Cricket School in Wandsworth. **J.P. O’Sullivan** was another talented cricketer who took 101 wickets in a season for the Old Boys. He went into banking and eventually emigrated to Australia.

## 25. More Clapham Boys Pen Pictures 1911 to 1920

John Jones lived in Bromley and travelled to the college every day from 1919 to 1925. Again nothing too spectacular in his Clapham record apart from the fact that in 1949 he became Secretary of the COXA Cricket Section [whilst living in a caravan!]

Cumano Lazaro	Riva San Petro, Faro Portugal
de Clerq Jean	Avenue Brugmann, Brussels
de Santos Oscar	Caixa Pernambues, Brazil
de Silva Fernando	Madrid Spain
de Uribarri Jose	Bilbao, Spain
Del Paso Alexander "Alec"	Brazilian
Delius Edward	Malaga, Spain - [Mexican]
Garmendia Augustus	Carmelite Church, Kensington [Argentine]
]Irala Antino [Priest]	Bilbao, Spain
Irala Narcisso [Priest]	Bilbao, Spain
Woel Gaston	Gonawes, Haiti
Woel Theophile	Gonawes, Haiti
Camelynck Andre	Passchendaele, Belgium

Earlier in this review of the Years 1910 to 1920 I pulled a list of names out “in situ” of boys who started at Clapham who lived beyond pensionable age - a contrast to the boys who joined up and lasted on average 6 weeks at the Front. Just look at the “richness of names” above and their places of origin. Clapham College was a truly cosmopolitan school a decade after it was opened.

The **Irala twin brothers Antino and Narcisso**, from Bilbao, were ordained as priests. They were Jesuit priests and whilst Antino went to China on a lecturing tour, Narcisso on the other hand authored a book “Achieving Peace of the Heart”. We seemed to have grown a reputation in South and Central America, for once I can’t even hazard a guess why! - any ideas? **Andre Camelynck** was taught by the Xaverian Brothers in Bruges before moving onto Clapham College. His place of birth was the “world-famous” Passchendaele in Belgium.

**James O’Grady** lived in Machuria Road whilst at Clapham, interesting as in WW2 he served in the Far East, unfortunately he was taken prisoner by the Japanese and poorly treated. He was incarcerated in a PoW Camp 100 miles north of Benotok deep in the jungle in awful conditions. Amid all this pain and suffering there was a bright light, James bumped into **Derek Cosgrove** another Clapham Old Xaverian, who was in the camp when he arrived. James spent 3 years detained at that jungle camp. Hard to imagine.



## 26. The Brothers Dunstan and Peter Hairs MBE



### Sad to Report - Peter Hairs MBE RIP [Clapham College 1924 to 1931]

Scotty, this month's Catenians' magazine, Catena, reports the death of a **Peter Hairs**, who has died aged 99. He went to the College in 1924, and left in 1931. Needless to say, he flew Hurricanes in the Second World War! He was surely our oldest Xaverian! He was mainly training pilots in Britain, Canada, etc Peter's obituary refers to him living in Poole. Eric, or Brendan, or John Rayer and myself are Catenians. John Rayer presented him with a medal not long ago !! Colin Garvey



Putting Peter's birth date into perspective - in 1916. The light switch is invented by William Newton. Remember Peter would have been born in the middle of the 1st World War - there was the famous Battle of Jutland between the British Royal Navy's Grand Fleet and the Imperial German Navy's High Seas Fleet in the North Sea, the War's only large-scale clash of battleships. The Battle of the Somme was ongoing in France. Robert Baden-Powell publishes *The Wolf Cub's Handbook* in the U.K., establishing the Wolf Cubs (modern-day Cub Scouts).

Back to Peter - he fought in the Battle of France 1940, also over the Channel Islands and the Battle of Britain throughout 1940. Flt. Lt. Peter Raymond Hairs MBE worked as a junior clerk at Barclays bank before the War, he joined the RAFVR in October 1937 as a Pilot (741206) and carried out his early flying training at Gatwick in 1939, awarded his wings, and commissioned as Pilot Officer.

The squadron flew to France on the 10th. May to join the Advanced Air Striking Force and had their first experience of combat. On the 15th Hairs shared in probably destroying a Do 17. On the 3 June he was shot down, but fortunately not seriously hurt. On the 17 June the squadron flew to the Channel Islands from where patrols were carried out over Cherbourg to cover the evacuation of Allied troops; on the 19 June they returned to England where the squadron was re-formed and during this period Hairs destroyed Bf 109 on September 5. Hairs was posted to 15 FTS, Kidlington on October 13 1940, as a flying instructor. The later to Canada In November 1943 Hairs returned to the UK and after a short course on Spitfires joined 276 Squadron at Harrowbeer. In 1945 he was posted to RAF Kinloss - final posting was to India in 1945 Peter was released from the RAF on 30 October 1945, as a Flight Lieutenant. He received a Mention in Despatches (14.6.45) and was made an MBE (1946). He then returned to Barclays Bank retiring in 1975 on his 60th birthday.

## 27. Edward Delius - 1916 Clapham



Edward was from Malaga in Spain, he arrived as an older boy at Clapham and stayed on until he was eighteen. He took a leading part in the School Play - "The Ghost on Jerry Bundler" - PTO for more of the cast....

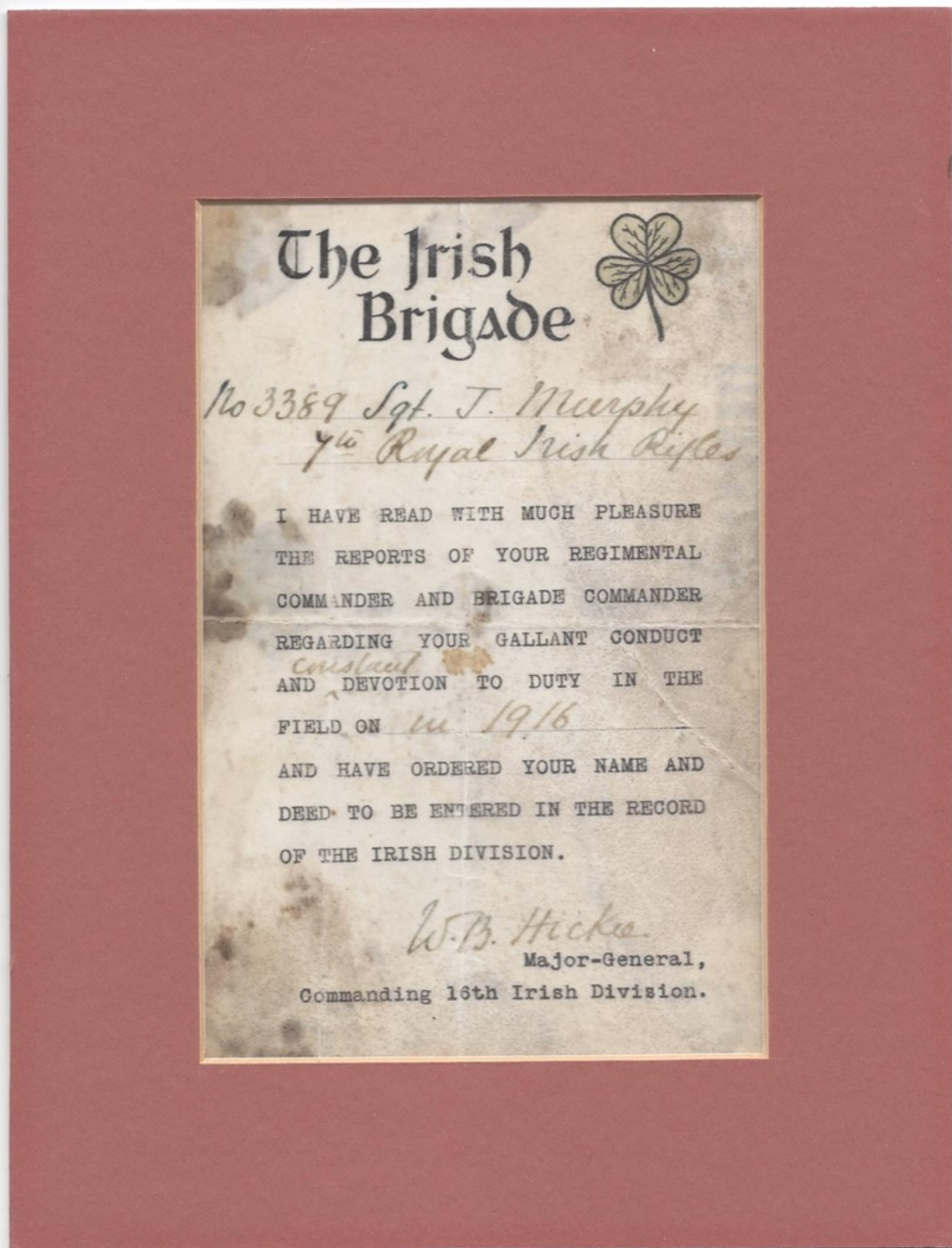
28. The cast of "The Ghost of Gerry Bundler" - School Play 1915/16



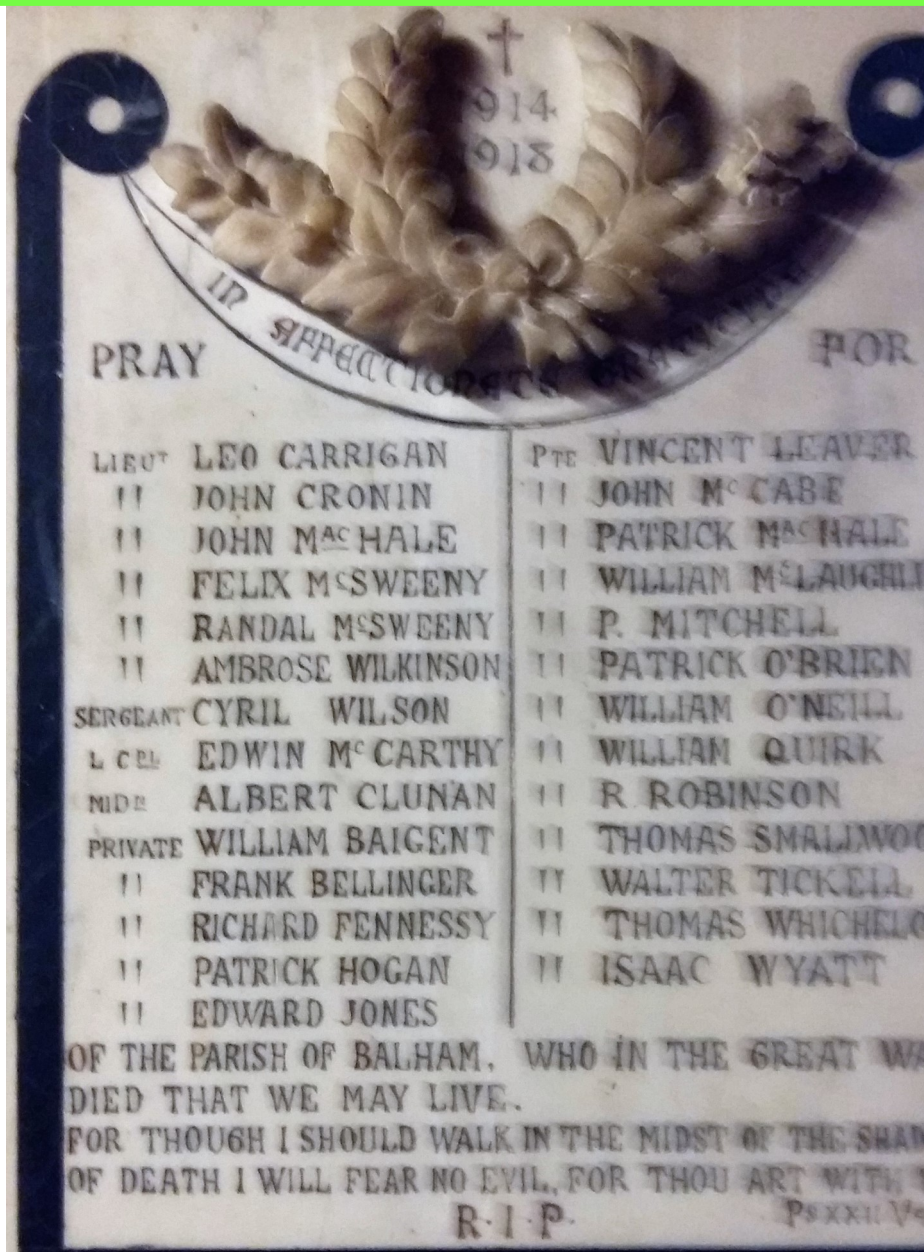
THIS WAS A PERFORMANCE OF THE WELL-KNOWN ONE ACT PLAY 'THE GHOST OF JERRY BUNDLER' PERFORMED BY THE TOP FORM OF CLAPHAM COLLEGE IN 1915. THE ACTORS ARE B.R. LEFT TO RIGHT - AUSTIN JUKES - RUSSELL THORN - JOHN PHELPS - (descendant of the famous actor) - JOHN DERRY BATTING - KEITH KENTON - EDWARD DELUIS - VIVIAN DIAZ?



## 29. James Joseph Murphy Clapham College 1911



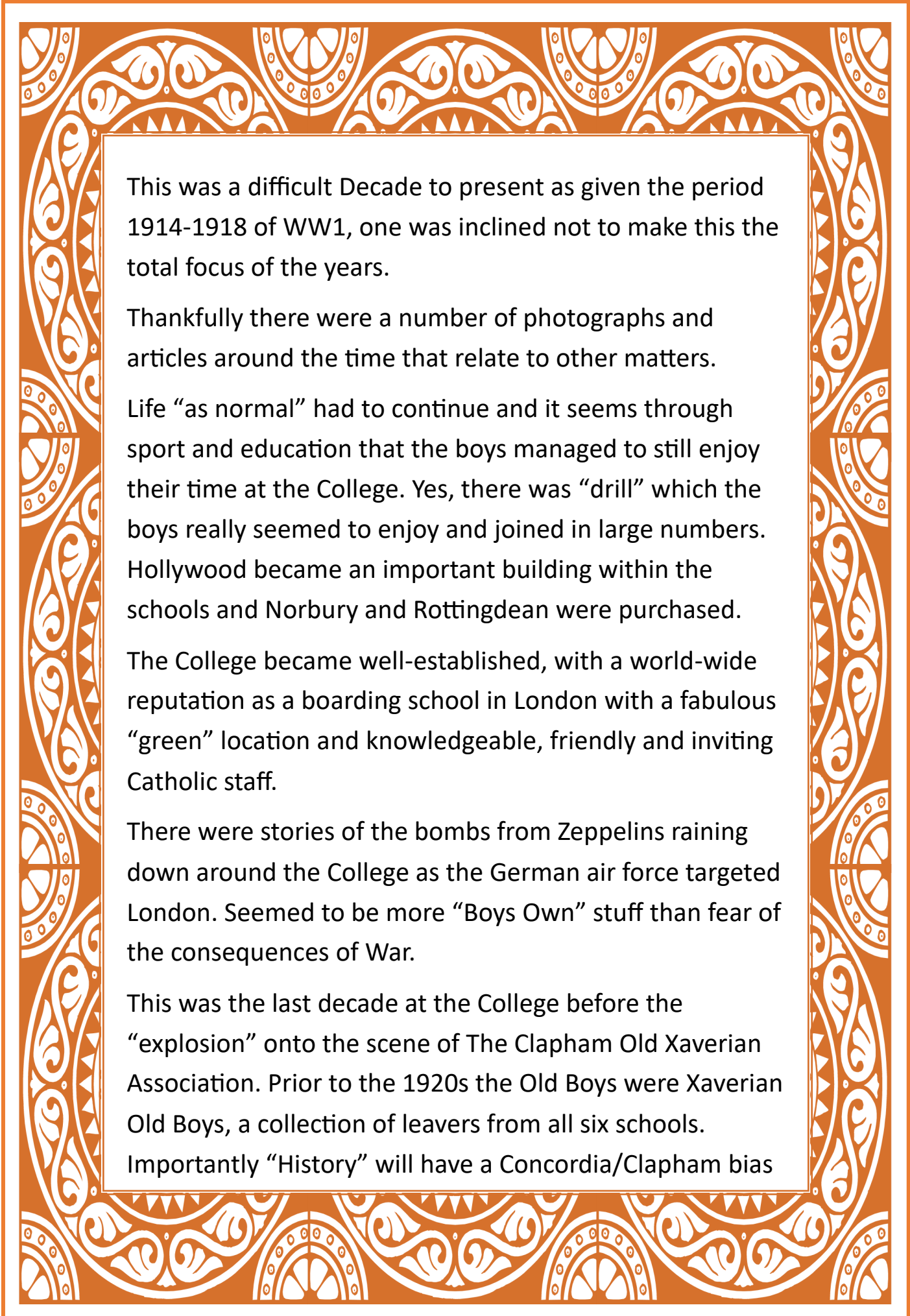
James Joseph Murphy lived with his family in Fitzwilliam Rd, SW London. He was born in Mile End and after the War became a Van Driver. He died in Brighton in June 1969 Age 72. 7th Royal Irish Rifles - He gained the citation above for Gallant Conduct



1914/ 1918/ IN AFFECTIONATE GRATITUDE/ PRAY FOR/ (NAMES)/ OF THE PARISH OF BALHAM, WHO IN THE GREAT WAR/ DIED THAT WE MAY LIVE./ FOR THOUGH I SHOULD WALK IN THE MIDST OF THE SHADOW/ OF DEATH I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR THOU ART WITH ME. R.I.P. PSXXII V4  
 RECTANGULAR WHITE MARBLE TABLET WITH INSCRIPTION IN BLACK LETTERING BROAD BLACK LINE BORDER AROUND THREE SIDES OF THE INSCRIPTION. LAUREL WREATH AND LEAVES CARVED IN RELIEF AT THE TOP OF THE TABLET.  
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**Clapham College boys of The Holy Ghost Parish, recognised on their Roll of Honour**

Baigent, William	CC	1902-1905
Hogan, Patrick	CC	1906-1907
McLaughlin William	CC	1898-1902
McSweeney Felix	CC	1902-1907
McSweeney Randal	CC	1907-1912
Mitchel Patrick	CC	1915-1916
Whichelow Thomas	CC	1909-1911
Wilkinson Ambrose	CC	1899-1908



This was a difficult Decade to present as given the period 1914-1918 of WW1, one was inclined not to make this the total focus of the years.

Thankfully there were a number of photographs and articles around the time that relate to other matters.

Life “as normal” had to continue and it seems through sport and education that the boys managed to still enjoy their time at the College. Yes, there was “drill” which the boys really seemed to enjoy and joined in large numbers. Hollywood became an important building within the schools and Norbury and Rottingdean were purchased.

The College became well-established, with a world-wide reputation as a boarding school in London with a fabulous “green” location and knowledgeable, friendly and inviting Catholic staff.

There were stories of the bombs from Zeppelins raining down around the College as the German air force targeted London. Seemed to be more “Boys Own” stuff than fear of the consequences of War.

This was the last decade at the College before the “explosion” onto the scene of The Clapham Old Xaverian Association. Prior to the 1920s the Old Boys were Xaverian Old Boys, a collection of leavers from all six schools. Importantly “History” will have a Concordia/Clapham bias