

The first Post-war Decade

Towards the end of the war some activities had returned to practically normal. Camping had been resumed on a limited scale, but in the field of 'Administration' - National Service 'call up' still being in operation - the change had been much slower. A 'shifting population' made Local Association organisation very difficult (and County more so). There was some unkind criticism about this in 'Letters to the Editor' in the new Local Association magazine - "THE PATHFINDER" - but the very fact that the magazine had come into being shows that the L.A. was not idle.

Although County Competitions were not resumed till 1948, the District got off to a good start with a Rover Week-end Camp at Bromham Park, 21st.-22nd. July, 1945. Rovers of pre-war vintage will have many pleasant recollections of the Annual County Rover Competitions; which, as with so many other good things, had to be abandoned during the period of the war. As a substitute, however, foreshadowing better things to come, a District Rover Competition was held in Bromham Park. Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Robert Skinner in placing his beautiful grounds so freely at our disposal.

The competition, held on Sunday morning, covered the making of a one-man hike shelter, the first joint of a log cabin and a length of rope, all from natural materials; while there were various nature study and general knowledge tests. The general idea was that the Rovers represented crews shipwrecked on an apparently uninhabited island, on which they had come ashore with very limited equipment. You will no doubt remember that Robinson Crusoe, when in like case - for the island was not desert - was able to ferry across nearly enough stuff to set him up as a "Universal Provider"; but he would nevertheless have made a tolerably useful member of a Rover Crew. (An uneasy reflection assails us, that perhaps no one reads "Robinson Crusoe" nowadays; which is a great pity.)

There were three Crews in the competition, 15th.Beds (St.Mary's, Bedford), 7th.Beds.(Kempston) and 55th.Beds.(Silver Jubilee School), finishing in that order. There was a very successful Camp Fire on the Saturday evening; and the Rovers' Own on Sunday afternoon, held, by the kindness of the Rev: E. B. Gilbert, in Bromham Church, was conducted by the County Commissioner. Among the spare-time activities was swimming by the hardier spirits. This camp was heartily enjoyed by everyone fortunate enough to be present

A local Signalling Competition was held, in Silver Jubilee School Field. The response for this was quite good, ten teams competing. The competition was won by 90th.Beds: (Bunyan)

In the September a Rover Training Course was organised, to which all Scouters were invited, to give them an opportunity to see at first hand what Rovering was all about. A few did attend and thoroughly enjoyed it. The two week-end camps (8th.-9th; and 22nd.-23rd. September) were at Bromham Park; and the two intermediate meetings (12th. and 19th. September) at the Silver Jubilee School. There were talks and demonstrations on: "The New Rover Plan", "Camp Sites and Siting," "The Rover as a Citizen," "Rescue and First Aid," "Stalking, Tracking, Observation and Estimation," "Axemanship," "The Rambler Badge," "Programme Planning," "Looking Wide," "Some Modern Applications of Heraldry," and "The Stars" The last, by the County Commissioner, was one of the high spots, & included looking at craters of the moon through a 3 inch telescope.

A Rovers' Own was held at each of the Camps, one being conducted by Capt. S. H. Storey (C.G) and the other by A.D.C. W. T. Nye. Two Camp Fires on each of the Saturday nights in camp were conducted by D.S.M. Fred Loosley in his inimitable style. Other activities were rambling and swimming. The Rovers were indebted to G.S.M. John Dew of 23rd.Beds; for it was largely through his good offices that use of Bromham Park was obtained.

Not much was done competitionwise in 1946, most of the larger and go-ahead Groups made their own camping arrangements and much use was again made of Bromham Park. The District Whitsun Camp was held at Bromham Park from Friday 7th. to Monday 10th. June. The Camp was not well supported but 5th.Beds:(Bedford School), 15th.Beds:(St.Mary's, Bedford), 18th.Beds:(Modern School), 23rd Beds:(Bromham) and 94th.Beds:(Sea Scouts) sent good representative numbers. The weather was not kind, but in spite of this all enjoyed the camp and most was made of the dry spells. A Baseball match was played against the B.G.M.S. Rang-or Company who were also camping in the Park. The Scout team, chosen from the whole camp, won fairly easily. Also a 'Rugger' match took place between the 18th.Beds: and 23rd.Beds:, the former just winning a close game. Two good Camp Fires were held on the Saturday and Sunday evenings, the former being conducted by the 15th.Beds: Crew, the second by D.S.M. F. Loosley. G.S.M. John Dew was Camp Chief.

For some years Troops had run senior Scout Patrols, meeting separately from the Scout Troop, but in 1946 "Senior Scouts" became an officially recognised Section, and much time was put into Senior Scout activities. (Air Scouting had become an officially recognised Section in 1941. It had not taken on too well in Bedford only four Groups - the evacuated Owen's School, 8th.Beds (Queen's Park), 91st.Beds.(Harpur Central) and 15th.Beds - having started patrols; the latter had the longest continuity. They worked, however, rather with the Rover Crew than as Scouts and eventually became absorbed. The 8th.Beds: too eventually became absorb-ed in the Senior Scout section).

After a good start Rover Scouting had proved rather disappointing, but at the County Rover Moot, Dallow Road Hall, Luton, in January 1947, Bedford had quite a good representation. This was the first Post-war County Moot, and from discussions and observations it was soon obvious that a new pattern was evolving. The anticipated return of members from the Forces and other National Service (which was still in operation) had not materialised and several Groups - or Sections - had been forced to close down, even though they had survived the war. Nor was the New Rover Plan helping matters.

Locally, however, Senior Scouting was making good progress. The Senior Scout week-end (31st.May - 1st.June) was devised to test qualities of endurance, resourcefulness and initiative, with endurance as the keynote. A type of commando course, in fact. Each Scout was permitted a pack of not more than 30 lbs. weight and a team could consist of not less than four and not more than six. Teams were entered from 1st, 5th, 18th, 23rd, 90th. and 94th.Beds. The event was not so much a competition as an attempt to assess each team's prowess, and the placing of teams was judged solely on the journey as far as Milton Ernest, and the pioneering work on Sunday morning. What really mattered was not the placings but the splendid spirit shown by the Scouts, and their powers of endurance.

The test started from the Shire Hall, Bedford, and before setting out each team had to discover the first clue by solving a crossword. This disclosed a message directing them to Bromham Park via Kempston Mill and Biddenham, following footpaths all the way. In order that a crowd of Scouts should not inconvenience anyone, the teams were allowed to set off at five-minute intervals after solving the crossword. At Bromham Park further clues in the form of map references sent them to the river ford at Glapham. On the way they had to estimate the height of

Bromham Church Tower and collect leaves of twelve different trees and specimens of six different edible plants (weeds). At Clapham further clues instructed them to ford the river and make their way to the County Commissioner's house at Milton Ernest. On the way they were stopped by a cyclist who enquired the way to Kimbolton. At Milton Ernest they rested and had their evening meal. They were also visited by the C.C. who had a few words with them. Owing to the lateness of arrival at Milton Ernest, the remainder of the plan for the evening was curtailed and teams were instructed to make their way to Bromham House, where they were to sleep for the night. All but four Scouts arrived at Bromham House, and by 3 a.m. had bedded down without canvas. The four missing Scouts turned up early on Sunday morning, having slept by the wayside. The distance covered was approximately fifteen miles, and had been over rough footpaths and grassland, as was evidenced by the enormous crop of blisters.

Sunday morning was taken up by pioneering tests, a raft, aerial runway and monkey bridge being constructed over Bromham House lake. One team had to devise a means of straining and purifying water, and make a pair of shoes from natural materials at hand. In the afternoon a Cricket match was played against the patients of Bromham House (and the Scouts were only just beaten). Those not playing Cricket made their way to the river for a swim. Mr. Kuhlicke conducted a short Scouts' Own in the afternoon.

Although things did not all run according to plan (some having to be curtailed) it was a successful and enjoyable week-end, and credit was also due to the Scouters who came along to assist. The placings were:- 1. 5th.Beds (Bedford School) 2. 90th.Beds.(Bunyan); 3. 18th.Beds (B.M.S.).

Another Competition Camp was arranged for week-end 12th.- 13th. July, at Bromham Park, but there were only three entries - 1st.Beds.(Oneastons); 8th.Beds: (Queen's Park) and 15th.Beds.(St.Mary's, Bedford). The competition was postponed but the latter Troop camped out and carried through a full programme. The postponed competition camp was arranged for week-end 20th. - 21st.September, but on this occasion the weather was so bad that only two Troops turned up - the 15th.(Juniors) and the 90th.(Seniors) plus some of the 15th.Crew. It was agreed to share the honours. During the year several Troops took part in the national 'Jam Jar Drive'.

The great event of the year was the World Jamboree 'of the Peace' held at Meisson, between Paris and Rouen, France. Bedford had 12 representatives in the County Contingent, which was led by D.C. F. W. Kuhlicke, assisted by A.S.M. Richards

(Bedford School) and A.S.M. Owens (1st.Luton); their camp being in Sub-Camp "Lorraine". Bedford also had representation in the Rover and Scouter Sub-Camp "Zodiaque". One of the most impressive things was the friendship existing in this spot, where but two years previously there had been so much hate. It was a grand tribute to the Scouts (especially the Rover section) of France and the Scout Movement in general.

County Competitions were revived for the first time since the war, in 1948. The response from Mid-Beds: was rather disappointing the only entries being from 18th.Beds: (B.M.S) and 94th.Beds: Their performances, although not supplying a winner, were quite satisfactory:- Cycle Marathon - 18th. were fourth) Wolf Skin: (18th. were second); Woodcraft - Junior: (18th. and 94th. were fourth & fifth respectively). Bedford did not enter for the other competitions.

Locally, however, there was a slightly better response. A Senior Scout Night 'Incident' Hike took place over the week-end 10th-11th.April, six teams (of two) entered :- 1st.Beds; 1st/15th.Beds; 15th.Beds; 90th.Beds "A", "B" and "C". Each Scout carried hike-kit and other necessities for the incidents. Leaving Bedford on the 7.05 train, arriving at Harlington at 7.35 p.m. teams commenced looking for the first clue (in the village churchyard) which gave the order of procedure. Teams left at 5 minute intervals for the first map reference - the top of Sharpenhoe Clapper and the first incident, and so on from one M.R. to another - in all encountering seven incidents and covering a course of 15 miles, mostly over unfamiliar country. The route was from Harlington to Clophill via Sharpenhoe, Barton, Higham Gobion, Silsoe Park and Bedloe. All teams had arrived at Clophill by 2.30 a.m.(Sunday), and, finding a cosy Nissen hut in which to sleep, were in bed by 3.15 a.m. and slept till 8 o'clock. The floor was hard, but all were so tired they could have 'slept on a clothes-line'. After breakfast, prayers etc; results were announced, prizes awarded, and finally, having cleared up all left for the seven miles walk home, arriving about 12 noon. That this venture was a great success was not due to good weather, nature of the country, or the organisation, but to the keenness and grand support of Scouts and Scouters taking part. All who did take part will agree that the Seniors who let this opportunity slide really missed a grand stunt. The winning team was 90th.Beds:"A" (Edwards and Sidwell), with the 15th.Beds:(Daniels and George) second, one mark behind. 90th "B" (Birch and Harbison) were third.

A District Camp was again held in Bromham Park and was quite well supported by the Bedford District Groups and a full programme was carried out. Camp was from Saturday 15th. May to Monday 17th. May. No competitions were held, but Troops were expected to camp according to camping standards, and Troop Camp-sites were inspected and judged to these standards. Certificates were awarded to Troops reaching the required standard. This was very welcome to many of the 'old timers' and revived memories of the Westoning Camps, for the standard of camping since the war had dropped very low. Many of the campers, however, were of post-war vintage, and found the going very hard indeed. They will no doubt appreciate it in later years. Actually the standard of this camp was very high, and at the close Troops who thought they had left their sites spotless were disillusioned soon after by receiving parcels of their 'leavings'.

Camp Fire on the Saturday night was conducted by B.S.M. Fred Loosely, but it was plainly evident that the rising generation of Scouts have much to learn in Camp Fire procedure. Scouts' Own on Sunday was held in Bromham Church, and the address was given by D.C. F. W. Kuhlicke. The Camp was officially closed at 1 p.m. on Monday but Troops were encouraged to stay on and help at the gymkhana in Bromham Park (which started at 2.30 p.m.)

The Camp Chief was A.D.C. John Dew, and the following Troops were in camp :-

1st.Beds:(Oneasters);	7th.Beds:(Kempston);	8th.Beds:(Queen's Park);
15th " (St.Mary's);	90th. " (Bunyan)	94th. " (Sea Scouts)
18th " (Bedford Modern School).		

In ~~October~~^{Autumn} (week-end 11th. - 12th.September) The Eastern Counties Rover Meet took place at Felsted School, Essex. Bedfordshire received early invitation and from the beginning Bedford were very keen, but various circumstances intervened and one by one the Rovers were forced to drop out and in the finish only two of the 15th.Beds. Crew were able to attend. (Luton and South Beds: as it happened had a large representation). It turned out to be a very wet week-end but it was enjoyed by all present. Nine counties were represented in the Inter-County Sports which was won by Herts: and Hants, with Essex runners up. Bedfordshire, with only one victory (by the Bedford rep: let it be added) were last. (The other Bedfordian was loaned to Hants: who were rather short of man power, and recorded a victory)

On 3rd.November thirty Senior Scouts (from 6 Troops:- 5th; 8th; 15th; 18th; 90th. and 94th.Beds) went for a tour of inspection round the County Police Headquarters, Goldington Road, Bedford. A very interesting evening was spent, &

after visiting all departments and viewing "crime maps", finger prints etc., any of the party who may have previously decided upon a criminal career now had other ideas. Not the least interesting part of the visit was the refreshments in the Police canteen.

Again, on week-ending 13th. - 14th. November, Senior Scouts from the 1st; 8th; 18th; 90th. and 94th. Beds. took part in a Night Exercise, the course being a circular one, covering a distance of 20 miles, with six incidents at various points on the route. Fourteen Scouts (from the Groups mentioned) and twelve Scouters and Rovers from the 1st; 15th; and 90th. Beds., left Bedford on Saturday evening at 7 pm. assembling at Warrington Toll Bar, Buckinghamshire, at 8.30 p.m. Six teams of two proceeded to different "map references" all starting at 9.30. None of the teams completed the whole of the hike, but they all must have done at least twenty miles. The reason for packing-in was mostly sore feet. The last^{ly} team arrived back at Warrington Toll Bar at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Although the teams did not complete the hike, several weak points were found. Some teams were not up to the map reading standard, thus walking further than necessary. Some Scouts still get blistered feet after a few miles, mainly through not wearing good strong boots and two pairs of thick socks. The standard at the incidents was excellent, and the Scouts were commended on their alertness and ability. Some having had four hours' sleep (and some none at all) all settled down to a good breakfast before returning to Bedford (arriving by 10.30 a.m.) Thanks to the grand work done by Scouters and Rovers all had a thoroughly enjoyable time. There was one unexpected incident when a village policeman suspected two Scouters (sitting in a car awaiting arrival of the next team) of being poultry thieves. However, they managed to convince him they were Scouts - and sold him a shillingworth of raffle tickets for their Christmas Draw.

The County Whitsuntide Camp was re-introduced in 1949, being held in Ampthill Park (4th. - 6th. June). This camp actually served several purposes. For the younger Scouts it was a new experience; for some of the older ones it renewed old acquaintances and revived happy memories of the pre-war days. It brought the Scouts of the County together as never before (at least for many years). Entries exceeded all expectations, and about 800 were in camp. There were 35 entries for the Woodcraft Flag - and not all Troops entered.

The Camp Chief was Field Commissioner John Sweet, with A.C.C. L. H. Plen-derleath as Deputy, and the Camp divided into three sub-camps - "Henlock" (Luton District), "Harpur" (Mid-Beds) and "St. John" (Rest of County). "Harpur" comprised 1st; 7th; 8th; 15th; 18th; 61st; 90th, and 94th.Beds. and A.B.C.G. E. Parrott was sub-camp Chief. With one exception all these Troops, and 14th.Beds.(Rushmoor) who came out for the occasion, entered for the Woodcraft Challenge Flag. Bedford did not supply a winner but 18th.Beds. came fourth, 15th/61st - seventh and 94th - eighth. The camping standard was very high but most Troops were equal to the occasion. "Alter" fires in most cases had not been previously tackled, but again the Scouts rose to the occasion. There was a Grand Camp Fire on the Saturday night, reminiscent of pre-war days, and a Scouts' Own on Sunday, at which the County Commissioner gave an inspiring address. Even the weather 'toed the line' for after heavy rain on the Friday night, it settled down to a hot week-end, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part.

The other County Competitions were :- Wolf Cub Challenge Skin (18th.Beds: were winners; 19th.Beds - 2nd). Cycle Marathon (1st.Beds: - third in Junior Section; 78th.Beds(Gardington) - third in Rover Section); Signalling Competition (18th. - third in Senior section; 8th/18th.(composit team) second in Junior section) Rover Totem competition (1st.Beds were second).

This latter competition was in two parts; (1) Crew Activity Log for the year (for which none of the Mid-Beds Crews entered), (2) A trek (held on week-end 24th.-25th. September) from the Ampthill - Ridgmont Road, across country to the Baily Bridge at Milton Ernest - approximately 16 miles. Mid-Beds. were represented by two teams from 1st.Beds (Onesters) and one from the 15th.Beds. The former finished in the first two places, to receive the "Elephant" Trophy (and second place overall). The 15th. finished the course but had to withdraw through sickness of one of the team.

Locally it did seem that Senior Scouts and Rovers could not successfully operate separately. Last years Senior Scout functions all included Rovers (who held none) This year Rovers organised several visits - which included Senior Scouts (who held none). By 'none' it refers to an L.A. basis - there was plenty of separate activity in the Groups. Rover visits included Bedford Modern School Museum, The Gas Works, also talks by the Borough of Bedford Sanitary Inspector (Mr. E.J.Constable) and Training for Athletes (by Messrs. 'Joak' and Malcolm Dalrymple (both Olympic Performers)).

It was in 1949 also that "Bob-a-Job" was started. It was received with mixed feelings, but apparently it had come to stay. Also at that time the County Capitation Fee was one penny per head.

Rovering, on a District level, again proved a disappointment in 1950. Individually five or six Crews were operating but rarely were more than three represented at any District or County function. The County Rover Moot was held at Waller Street Youth Centre, Luton, at the week-end 4th./5th. February. The Theme for the Moot was "The Responsibilities of a Rover Scout" (to God, to himself, to the Movement and to the community). Six Rovers from Bedford were present, representing three Crews (1st, 7th. & 15th).

In the County Rover Competition (Milton Ernest, 7th/8th. May) only two Bedford Crews entered. Of these 15th. Beds. easily won the first part but did not turn up for the second. The 1st. Beds (Onesters) however, came second overall and retained the Elephant trophy.

Whitsun Camp was again held in Ampthill Park, and 700 were in camp. This was the occasion of County Competitions. Mid-Beds' best efforts were :- Venturer (18th. Beds: (B.M.S) 3rd), Signalling (18th. Beds "A" and "B" winners and runners-up respectively - a grand effort) Wolf Skin (Ampthill Park, 1st. July) winners 18th. Beds. 27th. Beds (St. Peter's) 3rd.

At the Whitsun Camp of 1951 the County was honoured by a visit from the Deputy Chief Scout - Sir Rob Lockhart (described more fully under "Chief Scouts' Visits. "). In March a District Rover Competition was held, four teams entering 15th. Beds; 94th. Beds; 1st. Beds; 1st/15th. Beds, finishing in that order. The only successes in 'County' were :- 18th. Beds (B.M.S) first in Venturer Competition and second in Group Competition. Rover Totem (1st. Beds: were third). Four Scouts attended the Seventh World Jamboree at Bad Ischl, Austria.

Early in 1952 (6th. February) the District, with the rest of the United Kingdom mourned the death of H.M. King George VI. Otherwise it did not turn out a very eventful year. Whitsun Camp was again at Ampthill Park, and in County Competitions only the Marathon seemed to provide any interest. The 90th. Beds. (Bunyan) were 3rd. in the Scout Section and 4th. in Senior Scout; 114th. (Wilstead) third in Senior Scouts; and 11th. (St. Paul's) fifth in Scout section.

1953 was Coronation Year, and in the Local Coronation Parade Bedford L.A. was represented by a composite Troop of "over 15s", 94th. Sea Scouts entered the Decorated Boats carnival and the District Rovers were responsible for manning the Beacons on Renhold Hill and Grinders' Hill, near Turvey, part of the national Chain.

Bedford was quite well represented at the County Rover Moot ("ROVER QUEST IN ERNEST") held at Milton Ernest Hall at the week-end 27th/28th June, by 1st.Beds.(Onestars), 15th.Beds.(The Fifteenth) and 94th.Beds.(Sea Scouts); also in the Senior Section of the County Marathon 90th.Beds.(Bunyan) entered three teams, two of which came equal second, and the other, third, a very creditable performance.

The big Event of 1954 was the visit of the Chief Scout - Lord Rowallan - to the County Camp at Ampthill Park, during the Whitsun week-end. (This, however, is described more fully under Chief Scouts' visits. Locally a new (or revived) Event was the Local Association Sports on 9th. July, when the Scout Trophy was won by 1st. Beds (Onestars) with 94th.Beds, runners up. The Cub Trophy was won by 18th.Beds.

Over the period of the first ten years after the war several names 'disappeared' including four old established Groups of over twenty years standing :- 5th.Beds.(Bedford School), 14th.Beds.(Rushmoor School), 29th.Beds.(Training College School) and 65th.Beds.(St.Guthberts). Others were 23rd.Beds.(Bromham), 35th.Beds (Stewartby), 41st.Beds (Clapham), 55th.Beds (Silver Jubilee School), 64th.Beds (Roxton), 91st.Beds (Harpur Central School) and 21st.Beds (Milstow Salvation Army). The latter - previously 'Life Saving Scouts' and not members of the 'B.P. Scouts' - having a short existence in the Association, of barely a year.

New registrations were :- 4th.Beds (St.Mary's Church of England), - 1949; 12th.Beds (St.Michael's) - 1953; 40th.Beds (Stewartly School) - 1948; 41st.Beds.(Bedford Roman Catholic) - 1950; and 69th.Beds (Bromham House - Handicapped Troop) - 1948. Groups re-starting were :- 11th.Beds (St.Paul's C of E), 20th.Beds (Goldington), 78th.Beds.(Gardington) - after one 'false start' as 'St.Mary's, Gardington' a Church sponsored Group; 104th.Beds.(Marston) and 114th.Beds (Wilstead). The 15th. & 94th. dropped their titles of 'St.Mary's, Bedford' and 'St.Paul's Methodist' and became 'The Fifteenth' and 'Sea Scouts' respectively.

The last four or five years were rather trying ones. The early signs of a return to a pre-war standard did not materialise, the fact being, of course, that standards in general were changing. The 'beret' began to replace the Scout Hat, 'longs' were permitted and soon began gradually to replace 'shorts' (and neither change received ~~unanimous~~ unanimous approval or acceptance. They were hardly expected to). At one period the School Groups had a particularly anxious time. Also there were several changes in Administration (just when the L.A. seemed to have re-

covered from the war-time and early post-war changes), which did not help. At the 1955 Census, however, the membership was 899 (in 23 Groups) compared with 969 (in 25 Groups) in 1945, which was not too bad considering that at one stage membership had dropped to 780 (in 17 Groups). The Local Association did make some progress in that the Athletic Sports had been re-instituted (this year being held at Fair Field, Clapham Road, on 3rd. September), also a very successful District Camp-Fire was held in Mill Meadows on Friday 8th. July. This year too, was the Eighth World Jamboree (of New Horizons), held at NIAGARA Niagara on the Lake, Canada. This was the first Jamboree to be held outside Europe. Bedford was allotted only two places, which were filled by one Scouter and one Scout.

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4952	1 st	Beds (Inesters)			
26612	4 th	" (St Mary's C of E)	Reg: 1949		
4955	5 th	" (Bedford School)			Disbanded 1952-3
4957	7 th	" (Kempston)			
14489	8 th	" (Queen's Park)			
27929	11 th	" (St Paul's C of E)	Re-Reg: 1950		
30611	12 th	" (St Michaels)	Reg: 1953		
4959	14 th	" (Rushmore School)	Disband: 1948	Re-reg 1949	Disbanded 1953
4960	15 th	" (The Fifteenth)			
4961	18 th	" (Bedford Modern School)			
18626	19 th	" (St Martins)			
25663	20 th	" (Goldington)	Re-reg 1947		
26917	21 st	" (Elstow Salvation Army)	Reg: 1949		
22330	23 rd	" (Bromham)			Suspended 1949
23177	27 th	" (St Peter's Cwn)			
4964	29 th	" (Training College School)			Disbanded 1949
23670	35 th	" (Stewartby)			— " — 1949
26524	40 th	" (Stewartby School)	Reg 1948	Disb: 1949	Re-reg: 1951
27455	41 st	" (Clapham)			Disbanded 1947
27495	41 st	" (Bedford Roman Catholic)	Reg 1950.		
18806	55 th	" (Silver Jubilee School)	Disband: 1948	Re-reg and	Disbanded 1949
18891	61 st	" (Wootton)			
19701	64 th	" (Roxton)			Disbanded 1948
4969	65 th	" (St Bathbert's)			— " — 1947
26523	69 th	" (Bromham House)	Reg: 1948		
24147	78 th	" (Bardington)	Disb: 1948	Re Reg 1950	
9629	90 th	" (Bunyan)			
23746	91 st	" (Harpur Central School)			Disband: 1947
4970	94 th	" (Sea Scouts)			
24660	101 st	" (Kempston C of E)			
19246	104 th	" (Marston Moretaine)	Disband: 1948	Re reg 1950	
27539	104 th	" (Wilstead)	Re-reg 1950		Disband 1954
24300	118 th	" (Granfield)			
23630	6 th	" (Holy Trinity)	Disband 1947	Re-reg 1951	