



1948

# 70th LONDON COMPANY

1908



1978



1977

### THE OBJECT:-

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends toward a true Christian Manliness.

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### COMPANY STAFF 1977-1978

Captain	Peter F. Knights
Lieutenant	Neil W. Pheasant
Lieutenant	George Bartlett
Warrant Offr.	Martin Richardson
Warrant Offr.	James Ballard
Chaplain	Rev Morrison W. Frew

### INSTRUCTORS

Band/First Aid	Michael Davis
P.T.& Gymnastics	Brian Denham
Football teams	Dennis Coles
Naturalists	Arthur Bowbeer
Company pianist	Alan Hemsley

### COMPANY MEETINGS

Sunday 10am	Bible Class
Monday	Band practice
	First Aid/Safety
Wednesday	Pre-Junior Section meeting
	Clubroom
	Table Tennis training
Friday	Drill Parade
	Badge classes
	Junior Section meeting
Saturday	P.T.& Gymnastics
	Football

### SUMMER PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

Athletics.....Arts & Crafts.....Camping..  
Naturalists.....Communications....Swimming



# THE COMPANY ROLL '78

## PRE-JUNIOR SECTION (Imps)

Officer i/c W/O J. Ballard

Andrew Boatwright  
Dean Everson  
Gary Griffiths  
O'Neil Howell  
Roger Tingle  
Peter Williams

## JUNIOR SECTION

Officer i/c Lieut. G. Bartlett

### "Green Hawks"

Jason Allen  
Torquell Allen  
Christopher Howell  
Arthur Howell  
Mark Osbourne  
Desmond Plummer  
Robert Walker  
Adrian Price

### "Red Arrows"

John Evans  
Martin Ewell  
Ted Island  
Mark Love oy  
Dennis Muir  
Jason Murphy  
Stephen Shaw  
Doug. Tingle  
Lancelot Gayle  
Marcus Parrott

## COMPANY

Officer i/c Capt. P. F. Knights

Senior N.C.O. Sergeant Malcolm Sore

### Squad 1

Cpl. Raymond Bachan  
Pte. Robert Prentice  
Pte. Paul Rozan  
Pte. Trevor Reynolds  
Pte. Errol Rochester  
Pte. Ian Lavender  
Pte. Michael Harris

### Squad 2

Cpl. Peter Judd  
Pte. Mark Pate  
Pte. Everal Irons  
Pte. Stephen Ballard  
Pte. Norris Simmons  
Pte. Daren Davidson

### Squad 3

L/Cpl. Andre Belle  
Pte. Kevin Robinson  
Pte. David Coles  
Pte. Philip Charles  
Pte. Carl Osborne  
Pte. Peter Fox  
Pte. Arron Reader

### Squad 4

I/Cpl. Paul Parker  
Pte. Joseph Harris  
Pte. Paul Harris  
Pte. Robert Reynolds  
Pte. David Nembhard  
Pte. Daren Murphy

### Squad 5

L/Cpl. Everton Harris  
Pte. Phillipe Rozan  
Pte. Mark Lewis  
Pte. John McGorry  
Pte. Mark Plummer  
Pte. Maurice Muir

Form No. 1.

**THE BOYS' BRIGADE.**  
*South London* BATTALION.

ENROLMENT OF COMPANY.

*84 Paternoster Row E.C.*  
*December 15<sup>th</sup> 1908*

*W. E. H. Cotrell Esq*  
*80 Manville Road, Tooting Common, S.W.*

SIR,

I am instructed by the BATTALION COUNCIL to inform you that they have enrolled your Company under the designation of the

*70<sup>th</sup> London* COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE,

in connection with *Tooting Junction Baptist Church.*

and have approved of the Appointment of the undernoted Gentlemen as Officers of said Company, in accordance with your Application dated *Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1908.*

NAMES OF OFFICERS.

Captain.	<i>William E. H. Cotrell</i>	2nd Lieut.	<i>Clifford A. Blaydell</i>
Chaplain	<i>Rev. J. Birmingham</i>	4th Lieut.	
1st Lieut.	<i>Frank W. Taylor</i>	5th Lieut.	
2nd Lieut.	<i>Ralph Roberts</i>	6th Lieut.	

I have the honour to be,

Yours obedient servant,

*John S. Prescott*  
*London*  
*Battalion Secretary.*



One of the last pictures taken of the Company's Founder in uniform. Fareham Station, August, 1938, with LEN ORCHARD.

## OUR FOUNDER

THE Enrolment Form reproduced here in miniature, carries the name of our Founder-Captain, W. E. H. Cotrell, always known simply as "C.O." He ran the Company—at one time single-handed—from 1908 to 1938, when he moved to Worthing on retirement. He died in 1958 at the age of 81.

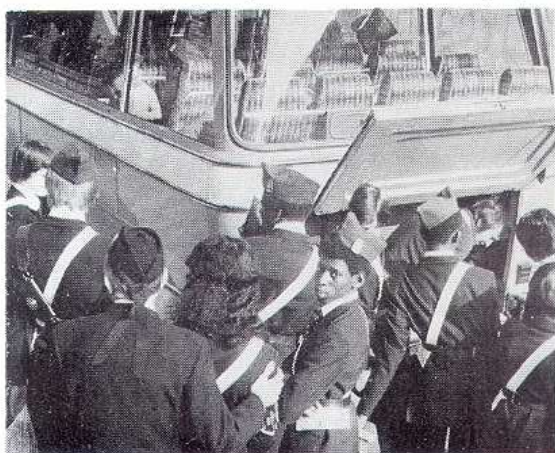
His fellow Officers and the Boys who served under him, all remember with great affection this undemonstrative and devoted man who spent so much of his time with the Boys of the Company. It's B.B.'style' to use a capital 'B' for Boys, wherever it appears today—and 'C.O.' always treated Boys in the same way, so they knew that they mattered. He was a bachelor and a Civil Service Officer, who made his home a meeting place for Boys and introduced them to his Saviour. No. 80 Manville Road, off Elmbourne Road, Tooting Bec Common, was the scene of many a doughnut tea, followed by music from the gramophone and readings from 'C.O.'s' extensive library. At Easter and Whitsun, he would lead parties of Boys to such places as Ferring-by-Sea, the Isle of Wight and Richmond Park, or spend a pleasant day just walking through the countryside. A Boy in the Company during those early years wrote:—"To us, there was always 'C.O.', and as the years went by we honoured him more. He knew us, of course, inside out, and to many of us he meant more than can be put into words."

The following personal tribute appeared in the booklet published when the 70th celebrated its 50th year and it cannot be bettered today. It came from George Alderman, who served as a Lieutenant 1917-1927:—"I gladly pay tribute to the sterling character and winsome personality of 'C.O.', whose life-interest was the B.B.. Through its organisation and constitution he channelled the gifts and abilities with which he was endowed, to the spiritual and moral advantage of hundreds of Boys. He had no time for showmanship: all that he did mattered



because all he attempted was vital. Nothing less than the best and highest was worthy of the cause he served, namely, the extension of Christ's Kingdom amongst Boys. Punctuality at all times was essential to him and his work. I cannot remember a Bible Class starting a minute late: ten o'clock was ten o'clock, and 'fall-in' for Parade was blown 'on the dot' at Franciscan Road School Hall on drill evenings.

There must be hundreds of men living today who are the sort of men they are because they came under the gracious influence of W.E.H.C., to whom they owe a debt they can never repay."



Off to Camp...1977 and 1910

## THE OLDEST 'OLD BOY'?

RANDOM JOTTINGS BY A FOUNDER-MEMBER...Frank Haysom

WITH a tremendous sense of privilege, we are able to reproduce some notes made recently by one Frank Haysom, who was enrolled, No31, when the Company first met.

"I do not remember missing a single Drill or Bible Class meeting...we met in the old tin building, with the small hall at the back".(The original 1880 Church Ed.) "Sgt. Major O'Dair taught us to be side drummers and play B-flat flutes, playing 'Scipio' and 'Barren rocks of Aden'. One one occasion I went with Captain 'C'. to collect a new drum at Kennington and when coming back on the tram I was unwell, so we finished up coming home in a cab. After 64 years, the detail of events is not remembered but the overall impression remains, that the organisation, particularly of the Camp, bore the stamp of efficiency. It was not all sports, or lounging about at Camp - I recall the enjoyable Church Parades at Goring Parish Church. I've been looking at some old Company pictures, but oh how I wish I could name each Boy! We once found a body on the beach. It was a fisherman whose boat had overturned: it was my first, but by no means my last, experience of death."

Frank Haysom goes on to recount the 'C.O.'s' method of keeping Boys dry during torrential night rain...literally to sew them into their groundsheets, and to give credit for the many things learned at B.B. Camp which later proved useful in France during the War. Still talking of Camp, 1914 this time, he says:-"I was successful in winning the mile walk - and was awarded a collar-box, for stiff collars..!" Later, having joined the Army, under-age as many did, Frank quickly became a L/Cpl., because he understood drill, and found himself marching the 'Non-Conformist' Church Parade into Shoreham-by-Sea Baptist Church, only a few miles from his boyhood camp site.



# 70th LONDON COMPANY **70th ANNUAL INSPECTION & DISPLAY**

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

## Bugle call

Warning for Parade **PARADE OF COMPANY**

General Salute **RECEPTION OF INSPECTING OFFICER**  
Gordon Wooderson Esq., Hon.Vice-President,  
The Boys' Brigade.

**INSPECTION OF RANKS**

**OPENING SERVICE**

Conducted by Rev Morrison W. Frew,  
Company Chaplain.

## **HYMN**

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| <p>1 WHEN we were young and helpless, Lord,<br/>For all our needs Thou didst afford ;<br/>Now, as we come to manhood's gate,<br/>We need Thy strength to keep us straight.<br/><i>Help us, O Lord, to play the game,<br/>And ever trust in Thy dear Name.</i></p> <p>2 We thank Thee for The Boys' Brigade,<br/>The Boys it taught, the men it made,<br/>May all its members ever see<br/>Their chief delight in serving Thee.</p> | <p>3 Help us, we pray Thee, to be strong ;<br/>Teach us to turn away from wrong.<br/>When evil thoughts assail our mind,<br/>Temptations, ills of any kind.</p> <p>4 We pray Thee for our Company :<br/>Lord, grant that through it we may be<br/>Throughout the trials we endure<br/>In every way steadfast and sure.<br/><i>Archibald Edward Mitton</i></p> |
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## **PRAYER**

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

<u>Junior Section</u>	Best all-round Boy Sportsman Cup
<u>Company</u>	Recruits Cup Best Drilled Private Medal 'Bateman Cup' - Scripture Esprit-de-Corps Trophy

Reveille **WELCOME TO GUESTS**  
A. Bowbeer Esq., Company Captain 1955-1961

Fall-in **DRILL - Squad, and Company**

Orderly Corporals **THE ROAD TO JERICO** Junior Section

Fatigue **SAFETY ! ! ! FIRST**

Fire call **CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

1st Dinner call **RECIPE FOR CAMP**

2nd Dinner call **GAMES** Junior Section

Double **GYMNASTICS**

Orderly Sergeants **A WORD FROM THE CHAIR**  
H. G. Porter Esq..  
Company Captain 1938-1955

Band call **BAND PARADE**

Officers **INSPECTING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

Retreat **" FINALE - THE 70th "**

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**CLOSING SERVICE**  
Rev Morrison W. Frew, Company Chaplain

**HYMN** (See separate sheet)

**PRAYER**

**B.B. VESPER**

ORDERLY BUGLERS.....37th LONDON COMPANY (Trinity Road Chapel)

# CHURCH PARADE

TO MARK THE  
70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 70th LONDON COMPANY

The 70th, 37th and 47th London Companies will Parade from Figges Marsh, London Road, Mitcham, marching off at 10.40am. The Parade will March Past The London Secretary.

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Service conducted by Rev Morrison W. Frew, Company Chaplain

## RECEPTION OF COMPANY COLOURS

### HYMN

- 1 At Thy feet, our God and Father,  
Who hast blessed us all our days,  
We with grateful hearts would gather  
To begin the day with praise,—  
Praise for light so brightly shining  
On our steps from heaven above,  
Praise for mercies daily twining  
Round us golden cords of love.
- 2 Jesus, for Thy love most tender,  
On the cross for sinners shown,  
We would praise Thee, and surrender  
All our hearts to be Thine own.  
With so blest a Friend provided  
We upon our way would go,  
Sure of being safely guided,  
Guarded well from every foe.
- 3 Every day will be the brighter  
When Thy gracious face we see ;  
Every burden will be lighter  
When we know it comes from Thee.  
Spread Thy love's broad banner o'er us ;  
Give us strength to serve and wait,  
Till the glory breaks before us,  
Through the city's open gate.

*James Drummond Burns, 1823-64*

### PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs Ch.1 vv 1 - 6  
(Living Bible) Read by an Old Boy

### HYMN

- 1 UNDERNEATH the banner  
Of the Cross arrayed,  
Lord ! we ask Thy blessing  
On The Boys' Brigade :  
Thou art our Commander,  
And Thy soldiers, we,  
And in Christian warfare  
We would honour Thee :  
*Underneath the banner  
Of the Cross arrayed,  
Lord, we ask Thy blessing  
On The Boys' Brigade.*
- 2 In each lowly service,  
As on drill parade,  
"Duty" be the watchword  
Of The Boys' Brigade ;  
Make us ever loyal,  
Small or great the foe ;  
Lead us, Saviour ! lead us,  
Everywhere we go.
- 3 We will fight for laurels  
That will never fade ;  
For the Holy City,  
March The Boys' Brigade ;  
What we find unholy  
In our daily life,  
We will try to conquer —  
Help us in the strife.



## SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians Ch.12 vv 4 - 11

Alan Dales New World edition Read by a Company member

## NOTICES and OFFERING

## PRAYERS

## HYMN

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| 1 FATHER, Who hast made us brothers,<br>Binding us to set us free,<br>All Thy gifts of strength and gladness<br>We will give again to Thee. | 3 Take our dreams and make them splendid,<br>Send Thy light upon our face,<br>So that other men in wonder,<br>Find our streets a holy place. |
| 2 Jesus, Who like us didst labour,<br>Humbly with Thy holy hands,<br>Take our daily work and lift it<br>Nearer to Thine own demands.        | 4 Holy Spirit, Who dost send us<br>Every honest thought and joy,<br>Rule the hearts of men among us,<br>Take the hopes of every Boy.         |

*Barclay Baron*

ADDRESS Gerald H. Walker Esq.,  
Secretary, London District, The Boys' Brigade

## HYMN

- 1 To God be the glory ! great things He hath done !  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son ;  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the Life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord ! praise the Lord !*

*Let the earth hear His voice !*

*Praise the Lord ! praise the Lord !*

*Let the people rejoice !*

*O come to the Father. through Jesus the Son:*

*And give Him the glory ! great things He  
hath done !*

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood !  
To every believer the promise of God ;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
- 3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He  
hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son ;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Frances Jane van Alstyne, 1820-1915*

## BENEDICTION

## COLOUR PARTY RECEIVE COLOURS



# THE 70th LONDON TODAY

An extract from the Report presented at the Church A.G.M., 1978.

I am pleased to report that the Company, now entering its 70th Session of continuous activity, is facing the difficulties of the age with an assured certainty. Boys who are members have the freedom to terminate their membership when they wish; but facts speak for themselves, namely that with an average strength of a B.B. Company being approximately 20, the friendship and fellowship found among the members maintains a membership at fifty per cent above average. This provides the Company Staff and the supportive Church with a real positive agency for the development of Boys and to the attainment of the Object, with Boys finding Jesus Christ as their own Saviour and Lord, becoming sound members of His Church. Let us take a glimpse at some details.

The Company has survived two world wars since its founding in 1908 by William E. Cotsell; has had only four Captains and has catered for approximately 2,500 Boys, the figures prior to 1938 being uncertain. Throughout these years the 'anchor-base' has been Tooting Junction Baptist Church, supporting the work among Boys with a praying membership, thus bringing the Company today to this particular and unique occasion.

To be a member today is a privilege, for the heritage and past glories of the Company are the standard which is second to none and attainable only by the best.

The Company, through its life, has been supported by nine Chaplains, the present Chaplain being The Rev Morrison W. Frew, who became our Pastor in September of last year. We give thanks to God for the men who have served the Church and Company through these 70 years and we pray that we, as Staff may continue to be guided by the wise counsel of our Pastor and Chaplain.

The meetings of Drill Parade and Bible Class remain the obligatory 'twin pillars' of the work of any Company. We still meet on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings, with Squad Medal Competition, and Missionary offering at Bible Class, donations being sent to B.M.S., M.A.F., L.C.M. and U.E. with the assurance of prayer support regularly at Bible Class.

In many ways the Company of yesterday is still the Company of today, the Boys being different, the attitude being different, but one thing remains constant. Boys grow, and develop into men, and during the years that a Boy is a member of the Company the Object continues to be to introduce the Boy to Christ - that he may know Him as Lord and that His Holy Spirit may change that Boy into a Christian man. It is my joy to know that my colleague and Officer, Neil Pheasant, is studying in preparation for full time service in the Ministry. One thinks back to a 12-year old, insignificant Boy, entering the Company, and through a period of years being influenced and guided by older Boys and Officers, and all the time being directed by Jesus Christ for selection and placing into the Master Plan.

Peter F. Knights.



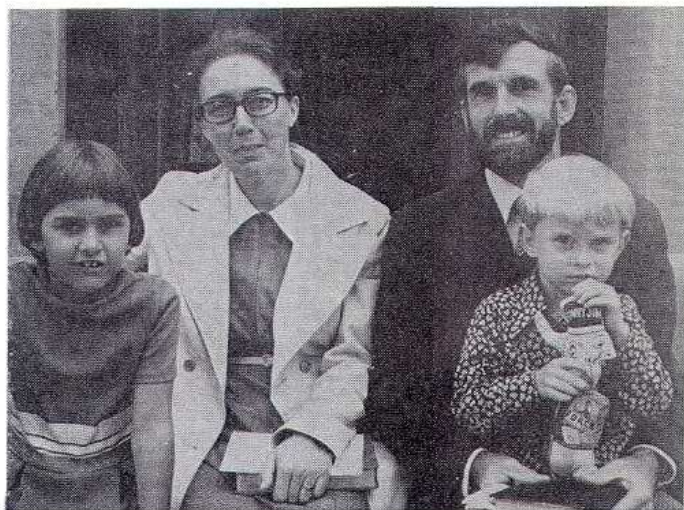
# THE COMPANY — AND MISSIONS

AT Company Bible Class, the Missionary offering is still very much part of the worship and life of Boys. Throughout the years the following Societies have received support, not only financially, but regularly in prayer:-

The Missionary Aviation Fellowship  
The Mission to Lepers  
Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen  
Operation Mobilisation  
Regions-Beyond Mission  
The Baptist Missionary Society  
The B.B. International Extension Fund

Our special interest in the B.M.S. is of course with Owen and Deanna Clark, with their family in Zaire. Owen, son of Rolly Clark, our late colleague and very long-serving Officer, is a regular visitor to Bible Class when home on furlough, when it is a real joy to recall past days.

## 70th MAN ON SERVICE



AFTER serving for 14 years as a teacher and administrator at Kimpese with the Baptist Missionary Society, Owen Clark has recently moved to the address given below, where he has the oversight of finance for the Baptist Church of Zaire.

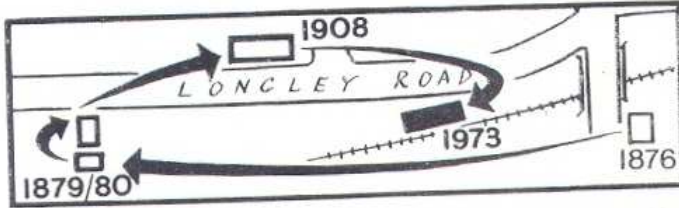
Mr & Mrs O. W. Clark,  
BMS,  
ECZ/CBS Z,  
BP 397,  
Kinshasa 1,  
Republique du Zaire.

## OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

H. G. Porter Esq.,	Chairman
G. H. Wooderson Esq.,	Inspecting Officer
Rev M. W. Frew	Company Chaplain
G. H. Walker Esq.,	Church Parade speaker



# OUR CHURCH TODAY



AS the sketch-map shows, our Church site has moved-around, from those first meetings in the Gorringe Park Hotel, via what is now 122/124 Longley Road (the 1880 church and

'the old tin building') and the corner of Bickersteth Road, (1908), to the present site,, but all in or near to Longley Road. The modern sanctuary, dedicated only in June 1973, once echoed to the lively activity of 70th Boys at P.T. and to the raised-in-praise voices of children of the Senior Department of the Sunday School. The Company was founded at about the time of opening of the 1908 church, the site of which is now occupied by 'Abingdon Court' flats.

## THE CHURCH PROGRAMME

SUNDAY WORSHIP, at 11am and 6.30pm.

PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays at 8pm.

JUNIOR CHURCH (Sunday School), Sundays at 11am.

(Beginners, Primary, Juniors, Seniors and

TAGS -Teen age Group.

WOMEN'S OWN, Wednesdays at 2.30pm

OUTREACH and EVANGELISM, carrying the message of Salvation to anyone seeking a faith...going on all the time, but mainly on Wednesdays, from 7pm.

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE, 7th London Company, Thursdays from 6pm.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE, 70th London Company, Fridays, Sundays and as listed in this brochure.

BUSINESS MEETINGS, Tuesdays at bi-monthly intervals.

We give thanks to Almighty God, for a Church which is united in Christ, and of which the 70th London Company is a vital and honoured part. The Company, in turn, is proud to be part of 'Longley Road' and will be active in the celebrations already being planned for the Church Centenary in 1980. We invite you and your family to worship here at any time.



The Company extends its thanks to the Headmaster of Eastfields School for Boys, for the use of premises and loan of equipment.